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Subject: WMO Survey on the Role and Functioning of Regional Associations

Action required: To respond to the online survey **by 16 April 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In line with the decisions at the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress to examine the functioning of Regional Associations, the reform and support of regional business by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), I have been consulting widely with Regional Association presidents, Permanent Representatives and important WMO stakeholders. I have taken into account the views and suggestions of the Executive Council (EC) Task force on Regional reform in consultation with the Chair, Dr Agnes Kijazi, and I am now in a position to issue a consolidated survey to all WMO Members.

My Secretariat staff have designed a short survey asking key questions to Members to understand their views and perceptions, and enhance the functioning of the Regional Associations and WMO Regional Office support for Member priorities.

This survey will be an important element for discussions at our Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and our forthcoming meetings of governance bodies such as EC in June and our Extraordinary Congress in mid-October. On the basis of the analysis of the survey results and our working groups we will make proposals and recommendations to be presented to Members for discussion at our various governance body meetings culminating in important decisions at Congress later this year.

We would ask you that, as far as possible, the survey is completed by (or on behalf of) the WMO Permanent Representative in order to be an official submission that represents the clear views of Members.

The link to the online survey is available [here](#). It will remain open until **16 April 2021**. The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete and is available in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. For technical reasons Arabic is not available online but will be provided in Word or pdf format upon request (please contact [rdevillier@wmo.int](mailto:rdevillier@wmo.int)).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers  
Chairs of WMO constituent bodies

I thank you all very much for your active discussions and engagement so that we can enhance our regional approach for the 21st Century in support of the overall reforms mandated by Congress in 2019. I count on your participation to this important collection of data to inform our further decisions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke at the top, a shorter horizontal stroke below it, and a small, curved flourish underneath.

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General