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Subject: WMO Research Board new leadership

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you on the appointment of Professor Amanda Lynch (United States of America) as Chair of the Research Board.

Professor Lynch is Lindemann Distinguished Professor at Brown University, USA. Her experience is at the nexus of weather and climate, of natural and social sciences, and of research and policy. She is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and of the American Meteorological Society, and has been a member of WMO's Scientific Advisory Panel for the past two years. She has provided advice to the US National Science Foundation, the US National Academy, the World Bank, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the Australian Government, and acted as a delegate to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Professor Lynch had served as Vice-Chair of the Joint Scientific Committee of the World Climate Research Programme from 2015 until 2020.

The new Research Board Chair shares the vision of ensuring that the best knowledge and information is available to secure safety and prosperity in the face of weather, climate, water and related environmental shocks. This will be achieved through transcending silos that prevent effective decision support, across research and operations, across disciplines, and across sectors. The new Research Board leadership is committed to the 'Science for Service' approach and the inclusive co-design of science-based solutions to societal challenges. Realizing this vision requires innovation in weather, water, climate and allied sciences, it also requires engagement with the needs and capabilities of developing countries, an open and inclusive workforce, partnerships and promotion of young scientists worldwide. It requires strong linkages between WMO's technical commissions, United Nations organizations, academia, research centres, and funding agencies.

I would like to thank Professor Celeste Saulo, First Vice-President of WMO, who served as initial Chair of the Research Board until the Extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext(2021)) for her significant contribution and leadership in setting up and launching this new WMO body since the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18).

Yours faithfully,

Dr Elena Manaenkova
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

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