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Subject: Annual Global State of the Water Report  
Invitation to provide focal points in order to facilitate information sharing

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a pleasure to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is currently in the process of preparing its first Annual Global State of the Water Report for the year 2021, as formulated in the WMO operational plan. This report is designed to gather key hydrological information about changes in our water environment. It is planned to publish this report annually from now on. Operational water management, policy development and climate change mitigation and adaptation action will benefit from this report.

The Annual Global State of the Water Report will help us quantify the effect of environmental change and anthropogenic influence on the hydrological state. This annual stocktake of the gathered information on the global freshwater resources will help Members to monitor, compare and understand the changes in their hydrological status, and thus allowing them to monitor and compare these variations in the hydrological status in each river basin on a spatial and temporal scale.

Today, I would like to ask you to nominate experts to support us with the information needed to ensure the report is attractive, informative and actionable. The first report will comprise a presentation of the previous calendar year's observed and modelled streamflow/runoff utilizing maps and graphs. The scope of the report will be amended in future to cover additional parameters and processes under the guidance of the Hydrological Coordination Panel.

WMO Members' ownership (especially National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and basin organizations) is crucial to make this report a WMO flagship publication.

Once the WMO Hydrological Status and Outlook System (HydroSOS) is implemented, the information necessary for the annual state of the water report, can be derived directly from the HydroSOS portal which is currently under development.

Ms Sulagna Mishra, Scientific Officer, WMO Secretariat, will coordinate and lead the preparation of the Global State of the Water Report and the further integration with HydroSOS. Please submit your nominations to Ms Mishra at [smishra@wmo.int](mailto:smishra@wmo.int), with a copy to Dr Johannes Cullmann, Director, Water and Cryosphere, WMO at [jcullmann@wmo.int](mailto:jcullmann@wmo.int).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

Please accept my gratitude, in advance, for your willingness to assist in this important endeavour, and I look forward to the participation and cooperation of your national services in the development of the WMO Annual State of the Water report.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Petteri Taalas.

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
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