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Annex: 1

Subject: External Evaluation of the WMO Constituent Body Reform

Action required: Respond to the Stakeholder Survey to be distributed by Ernst &amp; Young (EY)

Dear Sir/Madam,

In implementation of [Decision 4 \(EC-73\)](#) – Evaluation of the Constituent Body Reform, and Recommendation 1 of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU/REP/2021/1), an independent and external evaluation of the WMO Constituent Body reform was initiated under the guidance of the Executive Council Task Force on the Evaluation of the Reform (EC TF-Eval) and in line with the [Terms of Reference](#) (TORs) endorsed by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). The purpose is to ensure that the objectives of the WMO governance reform are on the right path to being achieved. The evaluation will further look at the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the reform and assess whether it is relevant and fit for purpose. It will identify any barriers or constraints and provide recommendations accordingly.

Following a competitive selection process, the consulting firm Ernst & Young (EY) was selected to conduct the external evaluation. In line with the TORs, EY developed a rigorous methodology involving a wide spectrum of data collection tools: a stakeholder survey, interviews, focus groups, documentation review, and direct observation. At its recent meeting, the EC TF-Eval endorsed EY's Inception Report, which marks the beginning of the data collection process of the evaluation. The objective is to have preliminary findings for the seventy-fifth session of the Executive Council (EC-75), with the final evaluation report due in August 2022. The full timeline of the evaluation is contained in the Annex. The Inception Report is [available here](#).

I would like to draw to your attention the imminent launch of **an online Stakeholder Survey** which will be disseminated to all WMO Members, members of the WMO governance, partners, and relevant Secretariat staff. This survey shall be launched directly by EY in the coming weeks and shall be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. With a view to ensuring that you all have the opportunity to participate, WMO shall be sharing your contact details with EY. If you wish for us not to share these details, please inform us directly of your wish. Your contact details shall only be used for the purpose of the survey. The responses of the survey shall be entirely confidential. Only aggregate analysis of the survey shall be shared in the Evaluation Report. A sample of stakeholders will also be approached for interviews (to be informed in a separate communication by email).

A high response to the survey shall guarantee that the views of all Members and partners are heard and that your wisdom informs the way forward. To this end, I earnestly

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

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Members of the INFCOM and SERCOM Standing Committees  
Chair and Members of the Research Board  
Chair and Members of the Scientific Advisory Board

encourage you to respond to the Stakeholder Survey and make yourself available for interviews, if requested.

I thank you in advance for your involvement.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a wavy line underneath.

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General

# Annex: Timeline of the External Evaluation of the WMO Governance Reform (based on the Inception Report)

