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Subject: Launch of WMO's First State of Global Water Resources Report 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Firstly, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) would like to thank all Members for their support and active participation in the preparation of the State of the Global Water Resources, as formulated in the WMO operational plan. It is our pleasure to invite you to the launch of WMO's First State of Global Water Resources 2021 Report, **on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 from 1100–1200 CET** at the WMO Headquarters (Salle Obasi) in Geneva. To attend the launch in-person, please register [here](#). For on-line participation, kindly find the [Zoom link](#) and details here: Meeting ID: 823 2692 5427, Passcode: 888085.

This milestone report is designed to gather key hydrological information about changes in our water environment. WMO plans to publish this report annually. Operational water management, policy development and climate change mitigation and adaptation action will benefit from this report.

The State of Global Water Resources Report will help us quantify the effect of environmental change and anthropogenic influence on the hydrological status. This WMO flagship report will present an overall picture of the available water resources in different basins globally during the previous year and allows for the assessment of water resources and threats with respect to mean conditions. It also provides an insight into the change in current conditions compared to historical water data. Complementing WMO's State of the Climate Report, the water report will allow assessing the impact of activities targeted at integrated water and climate action at the global level, and hence help Members and other organizations in better planning and management of their resources.

The agenda of the event is as follows:

1100 – 1105 Opening and Welcome

1105 – 1115 Launch of the State of Global Water Resources Report by Prof. Petteri Taalas, WMO Secretary-General
(Followed by a short presentation of the key findings, and next steps)

1115 – 1140 Panel Discussion
(Representatives from Members and International Organizations)

1140 – 1155 Q & A

1155 – noon Closing

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

The Secretariat of the WMO looks forward to welcoming you at the launch of this crucial report and thanks you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General