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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: WMO/UK Met Office Aviation Meteorology Training Seminar in Alanya, Türkiye, from 11 to 15 May 2026

Action required: The following actions are to be completed not later than
20 February 2026:

- (1) Nomination form to be completed and submitted online by each nominee;
- (2) Nomination letter endorsing each nominee (or group of nominees), and indicating whether financial support is requested, to be sent to WMO by the Permanent Representative;
- (3) Where applicable, a copy of an English language proficiency certificate to be emailed to WMO by each nominee.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the UK Met Office, in collaboration with WMO and the Turkish State Meteorological Service (TSMS), will organize an Aviation Meteorology Training Seminar in Alanya, Türkiye, from 11 to 15 May 2026.

The Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom with WMO has called upon WMO to support the event and to invite Members, on her behalf, to nominate potential participants to this seminar, which is an in-person only event.

The aim of the seminar is to provide participants, in particular aeronautical meteorological forecasters from Regional Associations I (Africa), II (Asia) and VI (Europe), with training, guidance and practical examples of several key aspects of meteorology and forecasting for aviation. The seminar will focus on the topics of aviation hazards and Significant Meteorological Information (SIGMETs). Please find attached the Provisional Programme ([Annex](#)) for this seminar.

Presentations will be delivered by experienced Operational Meteorology (OpMet) Learning Consultants using science-backed content aligned with current learning best practices. Participants will be encouraged to share feedback on the ideas discussed throughout the seminar and will be asked to actively participate in practical sessions designed to reinforce understanding and application.

It is desirable that the cost of selected participants' accommodation and travel to attend this seminar will be borne by the nominating country. However, the UK Met Office and WMO could consider funding requests for a limited number of cases, with priority given to applicants that meet the following criteria:

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association I
Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association II
Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association VI

cc: Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom with WMO

- The applicant is from a least developed country (LDC);
- A financial contribution to the overall cost of their attendance is offered by their National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS) or employer.

Each nominee should complete and submit a Microsoft Forms online nomination form (in English only) not later than **20 February 2026** through the following link (<https://forms.office.com/e/y1VMEdbEQ3>). Nominees from countries where English is not an official language are also required to email a copy of their certificate of English language proficiency to WMO (aviation@wmo.int) by the same deadline. The working language of the seminar will be English; it is therefore essential that nominated participants have a good understanding of and fluency in the English language.

In addition, a letter endorsing each nominee (or group of nominees) should be sent by the Permanent Representative with WMO to wmo@wmo.int with copy to aviation@wmo.int not later than **20 February 2026**, after which a selection process will take place. Any request for financial assistance should be clearly indicated in the letter, including the details of the assistance required, that is travel costs or meals and accommodation, or both.

Please ensure that **no more than three (3) nominations** are submitted from each country. Please also note that a nomination form submitted online without an endorsement letter from the Permanent Representative will not be considered, and vice versa. Nominees selected from amongst the nominations received will be notified by **6 March 2026**.

In order to clarify WMO insurance coverage for non-staff members, please inform your nominee(s), before they undertake travel, of the following:

Non-staff members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, and accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events.

WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides limited coverage for medical, emergency, and supplementary official travel expenses.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat, Services for Aviation Division (aviation@wmo.int).

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General

**WMO/UK Met Office Aviation Meteorology Training Seminar
Turkish State Meteorological Service (TSMS), Alanya, Türkiye
11 to 15 May 2026**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Topics to be covered will include:

1. Aviation hazards – techniques for forecasting thunderstorms, severe convection, tropical cyclones, volcanic ash, fog, turbulence and icing;
 2. SIGMETs – the creation of accurate and compliant SIGMET messages for airspace users;
 3. Competency – good practices in personnel competency assessments;
 4. Open forum on training priorities – the most pressing training needs for aeronautical meteorological service providers;
 5. Practical sessions – ample opportunities for participants to take part in practical sessions and to share knowledge and experience.
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