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Annexes: 2

Subject: Eightieth session of the Executive Council (EC-80)

Action required: Inform on participation and pre-register for the EC-80 session

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the eightieth session of the Executive Council (EC-80) will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 22 to 26 June 2026.

Members and non-Members of WMO interested in following the discussions of the above-mentioned Executive Council session may register their representatives for the session. In accordance with [Rule 3.5](#) of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council (WMO-No. 1256), these WMO Members and non-Members shall not be entitled to take the floor. Governmental and non-governmental international organizations are also invited to follow the session as observers.

The provisional agenda prepared by the President of the Organization in consultation with the Bureau is provided in [Annex I](#).

The explanatory memorandum of the Secretary-General is provided in [Annex II](#).

Please note that the provisional annotated agenda, documents for the session, as well as information on the videoconferencing arrangements, will be posted on the [session website](#) in due time.

For registration for the session, the link to the online [Event Registration System \(ERS\)](#), the username and the password that were sent by email to the Permanent Representatives with WMO remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings. To pre-register for the meeting, non-Members and international organizations should send their letters of representation to [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int); Members can use the ERS for pre-registration. Please note that online registration is now open and will close on **5 June 2026**.

The submission of information through the online ERS does not exempt participants from the need to inform the Secretariat of their participation through a letter signed by an appropriate government official or the competent authority of the relevant organization or by a Note Verbale sent via email to [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO (limited distribution)  
Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
Invited governmental and non-governmental international organizations (limited distribution)  
Permanent Missions of Non-Members of WMO which are Members of the United Nations (limited distribution)

cc.: Hydrological advisers (limited distribution)

For all communications and further information concerning online registration, please contact the WMO Secretariat by email at [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Saulo', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

**Eightieth Session of the Executive Council  
(22–26 June 2026)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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| <b>4</b> | <b>COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>   |
| 4.1      | Strengthening National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS) integration in national delivery through the United Nations system and UN80 progress update  |
| 4.2      | Conclusions of the sixteenth session of the Consultative Meetings on High-Level Policy on Satellite Matters (CM-16)  |
| 4.3      | Recommendations from the Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board (JCB) on governance arrangements, including the quadrennial WMO-IOC collaborative strategy and priority areas of work, and governance of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) |
| <b>5</b> | <b>GENERAL, LEGAL, POLICY, REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</b>   |
| 5.1      | External evaluation of effectiveness and efficiency of WMO bodies and structures   |
| 5.2      | International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize and other WMO awards   |
| 5.3      | WMO international scientific and technical conference  |
| 5.4      | Theme of World Meteorological Day 2027   |
| 5.5      | Preparations for the Twentieth World Meteorological Congress   |
| 5.6      | Outcomes of the WMO Investor Forum 2025 and implementation of the WMO Resource Mobilization Strategy   |
| 5.7      | Financial Statements for 2025, Report of the External Auditor and Management Action Plan on the recommendations of the External Auditor  |
| 5.8      | Review of the request for proposals for the WMO External Auditor 2028–2031   |
| 5.9      | Consideration of oversight reports and risk management   |
| 5.10     | Human resource report, including progress on the Human Resources Strategy, views of the Staff Association and Procurement report   |
| 5.11     | Designation of acting members of the Executive Council   |

| Item     | Title  |
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| <b>6</b> | <b>STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING AND MAJOR PROGRAMMES</b>   |
| 6.1      | Task Force for development of recommendations for the modification of the Strategic and Operating Plans for 2026–2027 as a result of the ongoing liquidity challenges of WMO |
| 6.2      | Draft Strategic Plan 2028–2031   |
| 6.3      | Process of preparation and elements of maximum expenditure for the twentieth financial period (2028–2031)  |
| 6.4      | Updated descriptions of the Regional Programme and the Capacity Development Programme  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>REVIEW OF PAST RESOLUTIONS AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES</b>  |
| 7.1      | Review of previous resolutions of the Executive Council  |
| 7.2      | Subsidiary bodies and focal points reporting to the Executive Council: Structure and membership  |
| <b>8</b> | <b>DATE AND PLACE AND PROVISIONAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</b>  |

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

### I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the consideration of the Executive Council, the following observations and proposals regarding the organization and conduct of the eightieth session of the Executive Council.

### II. Organization of the session

2. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the convening of the eightieth session in person with online participation as outlined in this circular letter.

3. Where a vote is required by an indication of preference as outlined in the provisions of [Rule 5](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256), a voting procedure will be organized by the Secretariat through a real-time email voting session in order to facilitate online participation. The process is described in detail in INF. 5.2 (1). If a real-time voting session turns out not to be feasible, the Executive Council will consider voting by correspondence.

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the naming convention that will be employed to facilitate the participation of online participants in the session. Details may be found in the [Appendix](#) of this explanatory memorandum.

#### *Opening and closing dates*

5. In accordance with the provisions of [Article 15](#) of the WMO Convention (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), the Executive Council, upon proposal of the President, decided in [Decision 16 \(EC-79\)](#) – Date and place of next sessions of the Executive Council, provisional items on the agenda of the next session of the Executive Council and tentative programme of sessions of additional bodies and subsidiary bodies, that the eightieth session of the Executive Council would take place from 22 to 26 June 2026.

#### *Plenary and committees*

6. The President shall invite the Executive Council to work in plenary except for the selection committees or other committees that may be established in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 24](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)). Committees shall meet separately and may include an online platform to facilitate online participation, if needed. All matters to be discussed by the committees shall be determined by the plenary.

7. In accordance with [Rule 2.4](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256), members of the Executive Council or their alternates should be present during plenary meetings to ensure the required two-thirds majority quorum for decision-making at any time. The quorum for the session will be calculated based on Executive Council members physically present combined with any participating members online.

8. Confidential matters should be discussed in camera, confined to the members of the Executive Council or their duly designated alternates, to additional such persons as may be agreed by the President and to the Secretariat staff designated by the Secretary-General.

9. In accordance with [Rule 2.9](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256), the Secretary-General will designate senior officials of the Secretariat to act in the capacity of Secretary in plenary meetings and committees.

### *Rationalization of work*

10. Based on [Annex IV](#) to the *Fifteenth World Meteorological Congress: Abridged Final Report with Resolutions* (WMO-No. 1026) and [Resolution 40 \(Cg-19\)](#) – Measures to Foster Inclusive, Transparent and Environmentally Sustainable Governance, the nineteenth World Meteorological Congress confirmed the role of the Bureau and its primary role in the planning, organization and coordination of the work of the Congress and the Executive Council. In this latter respect, the Bureau may recommend documents to the Executive Council for approval without debate.

11. In order to optimize discussion of documents and facilitate a balanced treatment of agenda items during the Executive Council session, members of the Executive Council are encouraged to submit comments on documents to [plenary@wmo.int](mailto:plenary@wmo.int) prior to the session, preferably one week before the opening of the session, to allow for the possible incorporation of comments into the new drafts to be published before the opening of the session.

### *Seating arrangements*

12. In accordance with established practice, ex officio members of the Executive Council, that is, presidents of regional associations, will be seated in the first row in Salle Obasi, in the numerical order of their regional association. Regional hydrological advisers (RHAs) will be seated next to the respective ex officio members. The seating will then be in alphabetical order by surname of the Executive Council members. It shall be recalled that Executive Council members are participating in the Council as representatives of the Organization and not as representatives of particular Members.

13. In accordance with established practice, the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary-General and members of the Executive Management will occupy the seats at the podium during formal plenary meetings.

14. Following the seating for Executive Council members, designated seating will also be available for specially invited participants including the presidents of the technical commissions, Chairs of WMO bodies and invited experts.

15. Observers and representatives of WMO Members will be seated towards the back of the room, on the basis of available seating. In the event of a greater number of observer participants, additional seating arrangements will be available in Salle C1, with video conference and interpretation facilities.

### *Schedule of meetings*

16. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the tentative workplan for the session, which will be available through the EC-80 session website.

### *Conduct of business*

17. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the relevant regulations regarding the conduct of business in meetings of constituent bodies, namely [General Regulations 77 to 91](#) and [119 to 129](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) and to the [Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council](#) (WMO-No. 1256).

### *Records of meetings*

18. The Secretary-General wishes to remind members of the Executive Council that in accordance with the provisions of [Rules 4.3 and 4.4](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256), approved documents posted on the session website constitute the provisional report of the session. In

accordance with [General Regulation 95 \(a\)](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), adopted resolutions, decisions and recommendations are recorded in the final report of the session and are published after the session by the Secretariat. Information documents and statements are also included in the final report.

19. When requested by the plenary, in accordance with [General Regulation 95 \(b\)](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), summarized minutes of the discussion at plenary or in camera meetings will be prepared after the session and adopted by correspondence.

20. In addition, and in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 95\(c\)](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), audio recordings of plenary meetings of constituent bodies shall be prepared by the Secretariat.

#### *Resolutions, decisions and recommendations*

21. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 126 \(7\)](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), and [Rule 12](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256), resolutions in force should be reviewed at each ordinary session of the Council.

22. Past resolutions should be incorporated as far as possible in any subsequent resolution adopted on the same subject. Resolutions thus incorporated will not be kept in force. Resolutions which are partly obsolete should be replaced by revised texts containing only those parts which are maintained. When the date on which a resolution ceases to be in force is not specified, that resolution should be cancelled on the date on which the session closes.

23. As far as appropriate, the substance of the Executive Council resolutions should be included in an appropriate WMO publication, such as Technical Regulations, Working Arrangements, Rules of Procedure or Staff Regulations, provided that the publication has the required status.

24. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 118](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), provided that the conditions of [General Regulation 94\(c\)](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) have been satisfied, the Executive Council may adopt resolutions arising out of recommendations of associations and commissions, in accordance with [Article 14 \(c\)](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) or in application of the last paragraph of that article of the Convention.

25. Recommendations from constituent bodies and other bodies established by Congress or the Executive Council of a strategic and policy nature should normally be submitted to the Executive Council after consideration by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), accompanied by a draft recommendation.

#### *Documentation*

26. The Secretary-General reminds members that documents for the session will be made available and managed following normal practice through the EC-80 session website.

27. In addition, and in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 92](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), any document shall be made available in sufficient time, before the opening of the plenary meeting at which it will be discussed. The time should be specified by the constituent body concerned.

28. Other international organizations with which the Organization has concluded arrangements or agreements may submit documents to sessions of constituent bodies or subsidiary bodies on agenda items of direct interest to them within the time fixed for the different bodies. In this case, such documents should be made available to the Secretary-

General for circulation in accordance with [General Regulation 93](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)).

29. In accordance with the provisions of [Rules 4.1 to 4.3](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256), the non-confidential documentation (decision documents, information documents, presentations and daily journals) is made available through the public WMO website.

30. Confidential documents should be distributed only to the members of the Executive Council or their designated alternate in case of absence of members. Confidential documents are distributed either through the password protected section of the EC-80 session website or in sealed envelopes.

#### *Webcasting*

31. In accordance with [Resolution 40 \(Cg-19\)](#) – Measures to Foster Inclusive, Transparent and Environmentally Sustainable Governance, the session will be webcast live on a suitable platform. The webcasting will not allow any viewer to interact with the session. Such interaction will be possible only to registered participants through a dedicated platform.

### **III. Adoption of the agenda**

32. In accordance with the provisions of [Rule 2.2](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256), the provisional agenda for the eightieth session has been prepared by the President in consultation with the Secretary-General in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulations 126 to 128](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)).

33. The provisional agenda shall be submitted for approval at the opening of the meeting. In the course of the session, the agenda may be amended at any time.

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**Appendix**  
**NAMING CONVENTION FOR ONLINE PARTICIPANTS AT EC-80**

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| <p><b>Executive Council (EC) members and accompanying participants</b></p>  | <p>President, Vice-Presidents of WMO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President of WMO: <b>P/WMO</b></li> <li>- Vice-Presidents of WMO:<br/><b>1st VP/WMO; 2nd VP/WMO; 3rd VP/WMO</b></li> </ul> <p>EC members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EC member: <b>EC MEM/Surname</b></li> <li>- Alternate/ Adviser:<br/><b>Alternate or Adviser/Surname</b></li> </ul> <p>Presidents of regional associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>P/RAI (II, ..., VI)</b></li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Regional hydrological advisers, presidents of technical commissions, chairs of WMO bodies and invited experts</b></p> | <p>Regional hydrological advisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>HA/RA I (II, ..., VI)</b></li> </ul> <p>Presidents of technical commissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>P/INFCOM, P/SERCOM</b></li> </ul> <p>Chairs of WMO bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>C/body acronym</b></li> </ul> <p>Invited experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expert/Surname</b></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Regional association/technical commission vice-presidents</b></p>   | <p>Vice-presidents of regional associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>VP/RA (I, II....)</b></li> </ul> <p>Vice-presidents of technical commissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>VP/INFCOM/Surname</b></li> <li>- <b>VP/SERCOM/Surname</b></li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Observers and representatives of WMO Members</b></p>  | <p>Members: <b>Member name/Surname</b></p> <p>Representatives of international organizations/non-Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Organization name/Surname</b></li> <li>- <b>Non-Member name/Surname</b></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>WMO Secretariat</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Secretariat/Surname</b></li> </ul>   |