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Annexes: 4 (available in English only)

Subject: Global Climate Services for Health: Integrated Health Services Information Form, Focal Point Updates, and Call for Expressions of Interest for Health-Met Desks

Action required: (1) Complete the NMHS Weather and Climate Services for Health Information Form  
(2) Nominate or update WMO Health Focal Point(s)  
(3) Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for a Health-Met Desk Grant (only interested and eligible LMICs – Listed in Annex IV)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to [Resolution 33 \(Cg-18\)](#) and [Resolution 17 \(Cg-19\)](#) of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth sessions of the World Meteorological Congress regarding WMO Implementation of Integrated Health Science and Services, and with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Wellcome Trust, and The Rockefeller Foundation, WMO has launched the Global Climate Services for Health Accelerator. These resolutions provide the mandate for an integrated systems approach to accelerate the delivery of climate and weather information to support public health decision-making regarding extreme heat, infectious diseases, and air quality.

To initiate the activities of the Accelerator and ensure national priorities are fully integrated into its implementation, I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the following three activities: (Please refer to [Annex I](#))

- (1) National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) Weather and Climate Services for Health Information Form
- (2) Nomination of WMO health focal points, as follow-up to Circular Letter [20782/2019/CLW/GFCS](#), dated 2 September 2019
- (3) Optional for Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) only: Expressions of Interest: Establishment of Health-Met Desks

I look forward to your organization's participation in this landmark initiative to enhance collaboration with health partners for healthier, more climate resilient communities.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Ko Barrett  
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers  
Regional offices

## 1. National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) Weather and Climate Services for Health Information Form

All Members are encouraged to provide this information on the current demand, capabilities and needs to support the health sector via the online form. This baseline is essential to ensure national and regional priorities are represented in the Accelerator's initial activities and inform future technical guidance and priorities for Accelerator investments. For any institution submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) under Item 3 below, completion of this form is a required supplement. The form can be accessed [here](#).

### Nomination of WMO health focal points

Maintaining an active network of experts is critical for the integration of weather and climate information into health policy. In accordance with [Resolution 33 \(Cg-18\)](#) – Advancing Integrated Health Services, and [Resolution 17 \(Cg-19\)](#) – Implementation of Integrated Health Science and Services, and further to Circular Letter [20782/2019/CLW/GFCS](#), we wish to affirm that all WMO Members, the Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) and the Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) can and should nominate at least one member of their staff as a health focal point. Designated focal points will be invited to participate in collaborative activities with the Accelerator Network. We encourage you to review your current designation in the [WMO Dashboard of Focal Points](#) and provide any updates or new nominations to the Secretariat following the process indicated on the [Health Focal Points website](#).

## 2. Optional: EOIs: Establishment of Health-Met Desks (only LMICs eligible for potential funding)

A core component of the Accelerator is the establishment of three demonstration Health-Met Desks within NMHSs in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). See [Annex IV](#) for details on eligibility. We invite interested NMHSs to submit EOIs according to [Annex II](#).

Overview: successful host institutions are estimated to receive funding on the order of 300 000 US dollars (US\$) total over a two-year implementation period. This amount is indicative, and the final grant may be adjusted based on specific requirements and performance milestones. A complete application will include:

- A completed NMHS Weather and Climate Services for Health Information Form (referenced in Item 1 above), which serves as a technical supplement to the EOI
- An EOI document (e.g. Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF, four pages maximum)
- Letters of support from relevant health partners and other key stakeholders

### 2.1. Submission Guidelines and Review Process

To facilitate the review process, EOIs are kindly requested in English. To ensure fairness, the EOI must not exceed four (4) pages; only the first four pages will be reviewed. All Expressions of Interest will be evaluated according to the selection criteria provided in the Call for Expressions of Interest ([Annex II](#)). The review will be conducted by the Secretariat and technical experts in the field. Following receipt of the application packages, WMO may invite select applicants to provide more detailed follow-up information.

Detailed requirements are provided in the attached Call for Expressions of Interest ([Annex II](#)), Terms of Reference ([Annex III](#)), and Eligibility Note ([Annex IV](#)). Submissions of the EOI and any letters of support should be sent to: [climatehealthoffice@wmo.int](mailto:climatehealthoffice@wmo.int) with the subject line "EOI Health-Met Desk" **no later than 31 March 2026**. This application package will be matched with your respective NMHS Weather and Climate Services for Health Information Form to form a complete package.

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## Call for Expressions of Interest



## Create a national Health-Met Desk to drive leading innovations

February 2026

Climate change is intensifying health risks and exposing the need for stronger collaboration between meteorological and health institutions at national levels.

To address this, the World Health Organization - World Meteorological Organization Climate and Health Joint Programme, together with support from Wellcome and The Rockefeller Foundation, is launching the Global Climate Services for Health Accelerator, which will support the establishment of at least three Health-Met Desks at National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in Low-and Middle-income countries. These will be complemented by institutional support and training at regional and global levels.

The Health-Met Desks will respond to national needs by serving as national multidisciplinary hubs where experts in climate science, public health, data analytics, and policy work together to transform climate and weather information into actionable insights that support health decision-making. These desks will help better position NMHSs to be the go-to experts for reliable science and expertise in climate risk management and adaptation.

Specifically, the Health-Met Desks will:

- **Serve as technical and operational bridges**, translating climate information into formats and insights relevant for public health planning and response;
- **Co-develop tools, products, and protocols** with end-users in the health sector to address local and regional priorities;
- **Build institutional capacity** through training, mentorship, and knowledge exchange between meteorological and health professionals; and
- **Inform evidence-based policy and decision-making**, contributing to more climate-resilient health systems.

Through these functions, the Health-Met Desks will enhance national capacities and contribute to the Global Climate Services for Health Accelerator, advancing shared standards, best practices, and innovations in climate services for health.

[climatehealth.info](https://climatehealth.info)

### Available Funding

Grants of ~\$300,000 USD are available for successful applicants to establish a Health-Met Desk from 2026-2028.

### Application Process

Eligibility is restricted to National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries that are WMO members.

Interested institutions are invited to submit an application package that includes:

- A completed NMHS Weather and Climate Services for Health Information Form;
- Letters of Support from relevant partners;
- An Expression of Interest (EOI) (4 page max) addressing the following:
  - Motivation and Vision
  - Primary Health Focal-Areas
  - Key Activities and Deliverables
  - Core Team Structure and Partnerships

Applications should be submitted with subject line EOI Health-Met Desk to: [climatehealthoffice@wmo.int](mailto:climatehealthoffice@wmo.int)

### Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Institutional capacity and experience in climate and/or health services;
- Maturity of partnerships and commitment to cross-sector and regional collaboration;
- Operational feasibility of proposed activities in the given timeline;
- Potential for impact and long-term sustainability;
- Opportunity to leverage other resources and partnerships;
- Geographic diversity and strategic relevance.

### Timeline

- Application deadline: 31 March 2026
- Selection announcement: April 2026
- Inception phase begins: May 2026

## TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

### Establishment and Operation of National Health-Met Desks Under the Accelerator Network Climate Services for Health Initiative

#### 1. Background and Rationale

Climate change presents a profound and growing threat to global health, necessitating institutionalized mechanisms to deliver actionable weather and climate information. The Global Climate Services for Health Accelerator, run by the WHO-WMO Joint Office for Climate and Health, is establishing a network of high-functioning units to bridge this gap. This ToR specifically governs the three demonstration Health-Met Desks based within National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in low- and middle-income countries. These desks are envisioned to serve as national multidisciplinary hubs, positioning NMHSs as the authoritative experts in translating climate science into public health insights.

#### 2. Objectives

The primary objectives of each National Health-Met Desk are to:

- Act as a cross-sectoral platform linking Earth system science with public health needs;
- Co-design and deliver tailored climate-health products and services addressing local priorities;
- Serve as an operational “proof-of-concept” model for scaling integrated climate services for health;
- Strengthen institutional and professional capacity through training, mentorship and workforce development;
- Contribute to the global Accelerator Network by sharing innovations and advancing service standards.

#### 3. Scope of Work

Each Health-Met Desk (unit) will implement a core set of activities across the following strategic areas:

- A. **Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)** – Desks will prioritize the establishment of a MEL framework upfront, informed by the initial readiness assessment (covered in paragraph B). This framework will define clear benchmarks and performance metrics to track technical competencies and service impact. Regular evaluation reports will be produced to refine operations and contribute to the network-wide learning agenda.
- B. **Institutional and Strategic Development** – Over the course of the project, the Desk will formalize its role within the NMHS and within the broader institutional context with national partners – including establishing formal collaboration agreements (e.g. Memorandum of Understanding) with health sector partners. A key starting output is a Weather and Climate Services for Health Readiness Assessment, which will explore the landscape for climate services for health in-country, including demand for services, institutional roles and governance, existing capabilities and needs. The assessment will vary by desk based on local context; it will inform the later development of a Weather and Climate Services for Health Strategy, which serves as a final deliverable for the unit.

- C. **Core Service Package Delivery** – Desks will co-develop a package of climate/weather/or environmental services for health impacts relevant to their jurisdiction, such as vector-borne diseases, nutrition, air quality and extreme weather. One priority focus will be the development or enhancement of Heat Health Early Warning Systems (HHEWS). Services may include co-developed risk dashboards, health-impact-based forecasts and outlook bulletins, and regular co-design sessions with health stakeholders.
- D. **Capacity Building and Mentorship** – The Unit will drive professional development by participating in and co-developing structured training programmes through the Accelerator Network. Efforts include on-the-job mentoring for staff and potentially strengthening the internal workforce through strategic secondments to and from the health sector.
- E. **Knowledge Sharing and Regional Engagement** – The Desk will act as a national exemplar, engaging with networks such as the Global Heat Health Information Network (GHHIN) and other relevant health-climate communities. While heat is a priority, the desks will share expertise across a broad range of climate-sensitive health outcomes to improve service reach across the network.
- F. **Communications and Visibility** – The Unit will implement a strategic communications plan and develop outreach materials, including tailored bulletins, infographics and technical briefs. These products aim to market NMHS capabilities to health officials, funders and the public, demonstrating the value of integrated climate-health information.

#### 4. Structure and Governance

- **Unit Lead and Focal Points:** as appropriate to each institution, the NMHS will nominate an individual, who will serve as a designated WMO health focal point. The NMHS may nominate additional health focal points.
- **Steering Group:** A multisectoral group will provide guidance, including representatives from the NMHS, the Ministry of Health, public health agencies and other relevant ministries, as well as regional stakeholders such as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academic institutions and research bodies.
- **Cohort Collaboration:** The WHO-WMO Joint Office will act as a core partner. Desks are expected to work together as a cohort, participating in Accelerator Network discussions and shared learning events. Desks are also expected to be an exemplar in region and collaborate with peer NMHSs on climate and health topics, capacity building and Regional Climate Forums.

#### 5. Financing and Support

Successful applicants will receive a performance-based sub-grant of approximately US\$ 300 000 for a 24-month award term (2026–2028). Support includes limited technical assistance from the Joint Office and strategic communications support to promote unit achievements.

#### 6. Tracked Deliverables

Specific deliverables will be discussed and agreed upon per Health-Met Desk. At a minimum, these will include:

- Signed Letter of Agreement (LOA);
- Completion of a Climate Service Readiness Assessment;

- Finalization of a Training and Mentoring Plan;
- Full implementation of the Minimum Service Package (including HHEWS components) and formal agreements with health partners;
- Regular Evaluation Reports (as part of MEL) and the final Weather and Climate Services for Health Strategy.

## **7. Selection Criteria**

Host institutions will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the global call for applications:

- Institutional capacity and experience in applied climate and/or health services;
  - Maturity of partnerships and commitment to cross-sectoral collaboration;
  - Operational feasibility of proposed activities within the 24-month timeline;
  - Potential for long-term sustainability and the opportunity to leverage additional resources;
  - Geographic diversity and strategic relevance to global health goals.
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**ELIGIBILITY NOTE: ELIGIBLE NMHS COUNTRIES**

To be eligible to apply for funding to become a Health-Met Desk, NMHS applicants must be both a member of WMO and considered Lower-, Lower-Middle, or Upper-Middle-Income country. LMIC membership is defined by the [Wellcome Trust list](#)\*, sourced from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The WMO membership status is available on the [WMO website](#). The list below contains countries that meet both criteria.

Afghanistan	Gambia	Pakistan
Albania	Georgia	Panama
Algeria	Ghana	Papua New Guinea
Angola	Guatemala	Paraguay
Argentina	Guinea	Peru
Armenia	Guinea-Bissau	Philippines
Azerbaijan	Guyana	Plurinational State of Bolivia
Bangladesh	Haiti	Republic of Moldova
Belarus	Honduras	Romania
Belize	India	Russian Federation
Benin	Indonesia	Rwanda
Bhutan	Iraq	Saint Lucia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Islamic Republic of Iran	Samoa
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Jamaica	São Tomé and Príncipe
Botswana	Jordan	Senegal
Brazil	Kazakhstan	Serbia
Bulgaria	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Somalia
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyzstan	South Africa
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	South Sudan
Cameroon	Lebanon	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Sudan
Chad	Liberia	Suriname
Colombia	Libya	Syrian Arab Republic
Comoros Islands	Madagascar	Tajikistan
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	Malawi	Thailand
Congo (Republic of)	Malaysia	Timor-Leste
Costa Rica	Maldives	Togo
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Tonga
Cuba	Mauritania	Tunisia
Djibouti	Mauritius	Türkiye
Dominica	Mexico	Turkmenistan
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Ecuador	Montenegro	Uganda
Egypt	Morocco	Ukraine
El Salvador	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Eswatini	Namibia	Vanuatu
Ethiopia	Nepal	Viet Nam
Federated States of Micronesia	Nicaragua	Yemen
Fiji	Niger	Zambia
Gabon	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
	North Macedonia	

\*The Wellcome Trust cannot fund activities in mainland China due to the [Chinese Overseas NGO Law](#). As such, China (People's Republic of) is not eligible for this funding.