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Subject: WMO State of Global Water Resources report

Action required: Nomination of focal points for the 2025 WMO State of Global Water Resources report

Dear Sir/Madam,

WMO is preparing the 2025 State of Global Water Resources (SoWR) report to be published in the third quarter of 2026. We greatly appreciate the contributions of our Members which have been instrumental in producing this crucial report during the last four years. The report provides an insight into the global water resources status supporting operational water management, policy development and climate action. Following Members' request, the 2025 SoWR report will feature regional statements for all WMO regions and a five-year summary of hydrological conditions around the globe.

The participation of Permanent Representatives, Hydrological Advisers and Water Report focal points in the report is vital, enhancing the visibility of Members' hydrological activities and demonstrating collective expertise in producing a reliable assessment based on the best available data. In 2025, we noted a significant increase in the number of Members sharing in situ data and products (from seven in 2022 to 60 in 2025), which represents a promising trend. The SoWR report 2024 was featured in over 2000 media outlets and was the most downloaded WMO report in the fourth quarter of 2025, underscoring the significant public interest in comprehensive annual assessments of global water resources.

The operational framework, the Global Hydrological Status and Outlook System (HydroSOS) for continuous and standardized status and outlook products, is currently being implemented in several countries along with the WMO Hydrological Observing System (WHOS) as part of WMO Information System 2.0 (WIS2.0) for interoperable and standardized data sharing.

To further strengthen the report, Members are requested to nominate focal points and provide their CVs (unless the previously nominated ones listed in the WMO Expert Network are still valid) to support its development. In line with the definition of Associate Expert contained in the *Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions* (WMO-No. 1240), [Annex IV](#), focal points are expected to dedicate five days per year to the related duties and will be responsible for sharing observational data (for example, streamflow, groundwater and soil moisture).

Your nomination of focal points will also ensure their automatic inclusion in the WMO Expert Network.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

For effective data management and processing, WMO encourages data sharing through the following global centres:

- Global Runoff Data Centre (GRDC) — streamflow;
- International Soil Moisture Network (ISMN) — soil moisture;
- International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) — groundwater;
- Hydrology of Lakes and Reservoirs (HYDROLARE) — lakes and reservoirs;
- GEMS/Water Data Centre (GWDC) — water quality;
- Global Precipitation Climatology Centre (GPCC) – precipitation.

Dr Sulagna Mishra (Scientific Officer, WMO Secretariat) coordinates the preparation of the report. It would be appreciated if you would send your focal point nominations, together with their CVs, to Dr Mishra (smishra@wmo.int) with a copy to hydrology@wmo.int.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General