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Subject: Call for proposals for hosting the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Consolidated El Niño/La Niña Information Mechanism

Action required: Submission of proposal to host the WMO Consolidated El Niño/La Niña Information Mechanism **by 30 September 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is the most significant drivers of global climate variability, influencing weather and climate patterns across all regions and affecting agriculture, water resources, food security, health, disaster risk management and many other climate-sensitive sectors. Timely, reliable and coordinated ENSO information is therefore essential for supporting preparedness, anticipatory action and climate-informed decision-making at global, regional and national levels.

Over the past three decades, WMO has been regularly issuing the [El Niño/La Niña Update](#) on a quasi-regular basis based on global expert assessment. The El Niño/La Niña Update provides consensus information on the current state and predicted evolution of ENSO. As demand has grown for more comprehensive, operational and frequently updated information related to El Niño and La Niña, WMO Members and partners have identified the need for a sustainable operational mechanism that complements existing products and strengthens coordination across the global climate services community.

Following recommendations of the Standing Committee on Climate Services under the WMO Services Commission, the WMO Executive Council, at its seventy-eighth session, through [Resolution 10 \(EC-78\)](#), endorsed the establishment of the WMO Consolidated El Niño/La Niña Information Mechanism.

The mechanism is intended to consolidate and complement existing operational activities rather than duplicate them. It will build upon information provided by WMO Global Producing Centres, WMO Regional Climate Centres, research institutions and other recognized operational institutions to provide consistent, authoritative and user-oriented ENSO information. The mechanism is expected to deliver:

- Regular ENSO status and outlook updates
- Quarterly consensus ENSO statements
- A centralized information gateway providing access to ENSO products, datasets, historical information, teleconnections and impacts
- User-oriented documentation, methodologies and guidance to support interpretation and application of ENSO information

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

- Operational support for WMO Members, Regional Climate Centres, Regional Climate Outlook Forums and Regional Climate Forums, United Nations agencies, humanitarian organizations and other climate-sensitive sectors.

To implement this initiative, WMO is launching an open call for proposals from Members willing and capable of hosting the mechanism. The selected host institution will be expected to:

- operate the mechanism on behalf of WMO in close coordination with the Secretariat
- consolidate information from designated WMO centres and other agreed contributors
- maintain the operational information platform and associated products
- ensure timely dissemination of agreed outputs
- work closely with WMO technical commissions, Regional Climate Centres and relevant partners
- maintain transparent operational procedures and documentation
- support the continued evolution of the mechanism in response to Member needs.

The host of the WMO Consolidated El Niño/La Niña Information Mechanism will be selected through an open, transparent and competitive evaluation process based on technical capability, operational experience, institutional commitment, sustainability and ability to coordinate with the global WMO community. Members interested in hosting the WMO Consolidated El Niño/La Niña Information Mechanism are invited to submit their proposals in accordance with the instructions provided in the attached [annex](#). The annex contains detailed information on the application process, proposal requirements, submission procedure and evaluation criteria.

Proposals should be submitted electronically to Ms Sarah Diouf (sdiouf@wmo.int), Scientific Officer, Climate Prediction section, with copy to Mr Wilfran Moufouma Okia (wmokia@wmo.int), Chief, Climate Prediction section, by **30 September 2026**.

WMO encourages all Members with the necessary technical expertise, operational capability and institutional commitment to consider submitting a proposal.

Looking forward to the active engagement of Members in this initiative and to your valuable contributions towards the successful establishment of the WMO Consolidated El Niño/La Niña Information Mechanism, which will strengthen the provision of coordinated, authoritative ENSO information in support of climate services and early warning systems worldwide.

I would like to express my appreciation for your continued support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

WMO Call for Proposals Hosting the WMO Consolidated El Niño/ La Niña Information Mechanism

Issue Date: 30/07/2026

Closing Date: 30/09/2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) invites proposals from technically capable WMO Members and qualified institutions to host the WMO Consolidated El Niño/La Niña Information Mechanism.

The establishment of this mechanism was endorsed by the WMO Executive Council through [Resolution 10 \(EC-78\)](#) as a key step toward strengthening the global provision of authoritative information on El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions.

The selected host institution will operate the mechanism under the auspices of WMO and in close coordination with the global community of operational climate centres. The mechanism will serve as the authoritative global platform for monitoring, synthesizing, and communicating ENSO conditions and outlooks, supporting WMO Members, United Nations agencies, humanitarian actors, and climate-sensitive sectors.

The mechanism will provide:

- regular monitoring and outlook updates on ENSO conditions
- consensus-based expert assessments
- access to consolidated ENSO datasets and forecasts
- guidance to Members for interpretation and application of ENSO information.

These functions will directly support the WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027, the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), the United Nations Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative, and the WMO Coordination Mechanism (WCM).

The mechanism may operate either as:

- a single operational centre, or
 - a distributed network of collaborating institutions coordinated by a designated lead host.
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1 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

At its 78th session (Geneva, June 2024), the WMO Executive Council endorsed the establishment of a WMO-accredited entity to consolidate and sustain global El Niño/La Niña information.

For more than 25 years, WMO has coordinated the preparation of El Niño/La Niña Updates in collaboration with the International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI) and numerous operational and research centres worldwide.

These updates have become a globally recognized reference used by:

- WMO Members
- Regional Climate Centres (RCCs)
- Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs)
- United Nations agencies
- climate-sensitive sectors
- humanitarian partners.

ENSO information produced under WMO coordination is also used within the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) anticipatory action framework, where ENSO updates serve as triggers for early preparedness and response actions.

However, increasing demand from Members, humanitarian actors, and sectoral stakeholders requires a more structured, operational, and sustainable mechanism capable of delivering more frequent updates, enhanced synthesis products, and improved accessibility to ENSO information.

The WMO Consolidated El Niño/La Niña Information Mechanism will therefore institutionalize the current process within an operational framework aligned with:

- WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (WIPPS)
- Climate Services Information System (CSIS) of the GFCS
- WCM supporting humanitarian decision-making.

2 SCOPE OF WORK

The selected host institution(s) will implement the following four functional components, consistent with WIPPS and CSIS frameworks:

- (i) **ENSO status monitoring and outlook** – Issue monthly and quarterly updates on ENSO including monitoring and prediction information, rapid alerts, and ensure alignment with the WMO Global Seasonal Climate Update (GSCU) produced by the WMO Lead Centre for Seasonal Prediction Multi-Model Ensemble (LC-SPMME).
- (ii) **ENSO information gateway and synthesis** – Maintain a web-based data portal consolidating ENSO-related datasets with links to reliable and authoritative sources, regional and sectoral impacts, forecast plumes, probability charts, climate change implications and expert assessment.
- (iii) **Member support and collaboration** – Provide interpretation guidance, support capacity development, communication, media engagement and facilitate user feedback and collaboration.

- (iv) **Documentation and transparency** – Develop and maintain methods, definitions, and multilingual user manuals ensuring traceability and openness.

3 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Mandatory

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a WMO Member institution or a technically capable entity officially endorsed by the Permanent Representative with WMO of the host country.
- Demonstrate at least five years of operational experience in climate monitoring, prediction, and information dissemination, including work related to ENSO.
- Provide evidence of a qualified technical team capable of implementing the mechanism.
- Demonstrate the capacity to sustain operations for at least five years, including confirmed financial and institutional commitments.

Preferred

Additional strengths include:

- demonstrated regional or global leadership in ENSO monitoring or services
- established collaboration with operational or research institutions involved in ENSO prediction
- experience collaborating with WMO programmes, UN agencies, or international climate initiatives.

4 HOSTING ARRANGEMENTS

Two operational configurations are eligible:

- Single-centre model: One institution assumes full responsibility for all operational functions.
- Distributed-network model: Multiple institutions collaborate under a lead coordinator with clearly defined governance, data-sharing, and reporting arrangements.

5 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following documents:

Technical proposal (maximum 5 pages)

The proposal should include:

- institutional profile and relevant experience
- operational implementation plan
- description of the proposed ENSO information gateway
- data sources and analytical methodologies

- communication and stakeholder engagement strategy
- quality assurance procedures
- governance and partnership arrangements
- risk management strategy.

Financial proposal (maximum 2 pages)

The financial proposal should include:

- resource commitments
- sustainability strategy
- description of infrastructure and human resources.

Requested documents and letters

The following documents must be included:

- submission letter
- endorsement letter from the PR of the host country with WMO
- letters of support from collaborating institutions or ENSO experts, if any.

6 EVALUATION PROCESS

Proposals will be assessed according to the following weighted criteria:

Criterion	Weight
Technical merit and alignment with scope	40%
Institutional capacity and governance	25%
Sustainability of operations and funding	20%
Added value and innovation	15%

7 INDICATIVE TIMELINE

Milestone	Date
Call for proposal issued	30 July 2026
Submission deadline	30 September 2026
Evaluation period	October–November 2026
Selection announcement	December 2026

8 SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format to Ms. Sarah Diouf (sdiouf@wmo.int), Scientific Officer, Climate Prediction section, with copy to Mr. Wilfran Moufouma Okia (wmokia@wmo.int), Chief, Climate Prediction section, with the subject line "WMO-ENSO-CENTRE-2026 – [Institution Name]".

All proposals must be written in English. Supporting annexes may include certified translations where necessary.

9 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Submission of proposal implies acceptance of the terms and conditions of this call.

All outputs produced under the mechanism will:

- carry WMO branding
- follow WMO open data and attribution policies
- comply with relevant WMO technical standards and guidelines.

10 INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

For all enquiries and clarifications, please contact Ms. Sarah Diouf (sdiouf@wmo.int).
