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Annexes: 3 (available in English only)

Subject: National Focal Points for Education and Training (NFP-ETR)

Action required: Confirm or update NFP-ETR nominations by **31 October 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Education and training are fundamental to the work of WMO, supporting Members in developing and sustaining the competencies required for the provision of weather, climate and water services.

At its eightieth session (EC-80), the Executive Council approved the updated description of the Education and Training Programme (ETRP), which emphasizes continuous professional development, implementation of WMO competency frameworks, identification of Members' capacity gaps and priorities, and a strengthened exchange of education and training knowledge, resources and expertise.

In support of these objectives, WMO maintains a network of **National Focal Points for Education and Training (NFP-ETR)** to facilitate communication and coordination between Members and the Secretariat on education and training matters. The Terms of Reference for NFP-ETRs are provided in [Annex I](#).

To ensure that the network remains effective and that contact information is up to date, Members are kindly requested to review their current NFP-ETR nominations and confirm or update them, as appropriate, by **31 October 2026**.

The current list of NFP-ETRs is provided in [Annex II](#) for reference and is also available through the [WMO Contacts Directory](#). Members are encouraged, where possible, to make any required updates directly in the Directory. Guidance on designating focal points is available in the [WMO Contacts Directory Guidelines](#), in particular in Chapter 7 (slide 27).

Where a direct update in the WMO Contacts Directory is not possible, Members may use the **Confirmation and Nomination Form** provided in [Annex III](#) to confirm or update their NFP-ETR nomination. Completed forms should be returned to the WMO Secretariat at tra@wmo.int by **31 October 2026**.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

For a new nomination or a change of e-mail address, the nominated focal point is also requested to send a brief confirmation message from the designated e-mail address to tra@wmo.int.

Your cooperation in maintaining an up-to-date and effective NFP-ETR network is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Saulo', written over a horizontal line.

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

TERMS OF REFERENCE
National Focal Points for Education and Training (NFP-ETRs)

- (a) Keep under review and communicate national education and training needs, capacity gaps, priorities and opportunities, including emerging competency and workforce-development needs, in consultation with relevant national stakeholders.
- (b) Promote awareness and facilitate national follow-up on relevant WMO Qualifications, Basic Instruction Packages and Competency Frameworks, including their application, as appropriate, to education, training, continuing professional development and human-resource development.
- (c) Keep under review relevant developments and opportunities in education and training, including appropriate learning approaches and scientific and technological developments that may affect the competencies and training needs of personnel.
- (d) Collaborate with relevant national experts, training institutions, universities, professional associations and other stakeholders on education and training matters, and facilitate the exchange of relevant knowledge, expertise, resources and opportunities.
- (e) Liaise with WMO, WMO Regional Training Centres and other relevant regional and WMO entities on education and training matters and facilitate the dissemination of relevant education and training opportunities at the national level.
- (f) Facilitate timely responses to WMO inquiries, surveys and other requests for information on education and training needs, capacities, activities and opportunities, and provide relevant national feedback to WMO.
- (g) Undertake appropriate follow-up on WMO fellowship matters and other relevant education and training opportunities.

**CURRENT NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS
FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING (NFP-ETR)
IN THE WMO CONTACT DIRECTORY**

(As recorded in the [WMO Contacts Directory](#))

Members are requested to review the NFP-ETR(s) currently listed below and provide updated details using the WMO Contacts Directory or, where this is not possible, the form provided in [Annex III](#).

No.	Member	Current NFP-ETR
1	Afghanistan	
2	Albania	
3	Algeria	
4	Andorra	
5	Angola	Mr Matumona FERNANDO
6	Antigua and Barbuda	Dr David FARRELL; Mr Keithley MEADE
7	Argentina	Dr Moira DOYLE
8	Armenia	
9	Australia	
10	Austria	Dr Andreas SCHAFFHAUSER
11	Azerbaijan	
12	Bahamas	Mr Jeffrey W. SIMMONS
13	Bahrain	Eng. Adel DEHAM
14	Bangladesh	Mr Huque S.M. MAHMUDUL
15	Barbados	
16	Belarus	
17	Belgium	Mr Jozef LETEN; Mr Raf WINDMOLDERS
18	Belize	Ms Catherine CUMBERBATCH
19	Benin	
20	Bhutan	
21	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina	
23	Botswana	
24	Brazil	Ms Camila ARAUJO LOPES; Ms Helenir TRINDADE DE OLIVEIRA
25	British Caribbean Territories	Dr David FARRELL
26	Brunei Darussalam	Ms Kelly Ng Swee Moi
27	Bulgaria	Assoc. Prof. Anna YORDANOVA
28	Burkina Faso	Mr Guillaume NAKOULMA
29	Burundi	
30	Cabo Verde	Ms Graciete Margarida Lima Tomar

No.	Member	Current NFP-ETR
31	Cambodia	
32	Cameroon	Eng. Christelle Arièle NGOM
33	Canada	Mr Stephen KERR
34	Central African Republic	Mr Athanase YAMBELE
35	Chad	Ms Minde NGAKOUGNON
36	Chile	Ms Pilar CARRILLO
37	China	Eng. Zhanghang DONG
38	Colombia	
39	Comoros	Eng. Saifidine MOHIBACA BACO
40	Congo	
41	Cook Islands	
42	Costa Rica	Dr Erick R. RIVERA FERNÁNDEZ
43	Côte d'Ivoire	
44	Croatia	Dr Petra MIKUŠ JURKOVIĆ
45	Cuba	
46	Curaçao and Sint Maarten	
47	Cyprus	Ms Sophia LOUCA
48	Czechia	
49	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Eng. Hyon Chol JANG
50	Democratic Republic of the Congo	
51	Denmark	
52	Djibouti	
53	Dominica	Mr Fitzroy PASCAL
54	Dominican Republic	Eng. Segura Soto HUGO DEL JESUS;
55	Ecuador	
56	Egypt	Mr Mohamed Tawfik ABD EL DAYEM
57	El Salvador	
58	Eritrea	
59	Estonia	
60	Eswatini	
61	Ethiopia	Eng. Kassa FEKADU
62	Fiji	
63	Finland	Ms Lisa HAGA
64	France	
65	French Polynesia	
66	Gabon	Eng. Martin ONDO ELLA
67	Gambia (The)	Eng. Kebba AWO
68	Georgia	Mr Irakli JEIRANASHVILI

No.	Member	Current NFP-ETR
69	Germany	Dr Markus ZYGMUNTOWSKI
70	Ghana	
71	Greece	
72	Guatemala	
73	Guinea	
74	Guinea-Bissau	Ms Feliciana MENDONÇA
75	Guyana	Dr Garvin CUMMINGS
76	Haiti	
77	Honduras	Eng. Francisco OBED ESCALON CARUAJIAL
78	Hong Kong, China	
79	Hungary	Dr Ildikó DOBI
80	Iceland	Mr Borgar Ævar AXELSSON
81	India	Mr S.N. Pande
82	Indonesia	
83	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Dr Saviz SEHATKASHANI
84	Iraq	Dr Sajidah ALI HASAN
85	Ireland	Ms Josephine PRENDERGAST; Mr Eoin MORAN
86	Israel	Dr Lilach LEV
87	Italy	Attilio DIDIODATO
88	Jamaica	
89	Japan	Mr Akihiko SHIMPO
90	Jordan	Mr Abdel Menem AL GARALEH
91	Kazakhstan	Ms Aliya TUSSUPZHANOVA
92	Kenya	
93	Kiribati	
94	Kuwait	Dr Hasan A. ALDASHTI
95	Kyrgyzstan	
96	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Eng. Abdulwahab S.M. MASHAT
97	Latvia	Mr Kristians PAPS
98	Lebanon	Eng. Abed-El-Rahman ZAWAWY
99	Lesotho	Eng. Felisian MANANABISA
100	Liberia	
101	Libya	
102	Lithuania	
103	Luxembourg	
104	Macao, China	Mr Man Son LO
105	Madagascar	Ms Nirivololona RAHOLIJAO
106	Malawi	Eng. Fredrick KOSSAM
107	Malaysia	

No.	Member	Current NFP-ETR
108	Maldives	Mr Aishath UMAR
109	Mali	Mr Sekou N'Faly SISSOKO
110	Malta	
111	Mauritania	
112	Mauritius	
113	Mexico	
114	Micronesia (Federated States of)	
115	Monaco	
116	Mongolia	Mr N. GALTSOG
117	Montenegro	
118	Morocco	Karam ESSAOUINI
119	Mozambique	Eng. Mussa MUSTAFA
120	Myanmar	Eng. Khin KHIN CHO CHO SHEIN
121	Namibia	
122	Naoero	
123	Nepal	Dr Indira KADEL
124	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Ms Heleen TER PELKWIJK
125	New Caledonia	
126	New Zealand	Mr Christopher WEBSTER
127	Nicaragua	
128	Niger	Eng. Moussa LABO
129	Nigeria	Prof. Ovuyovwiroye Peter ODJUGO
130	Niue	
131	North Macedonia	
132	Norway	
133	Oman	Ms Zamzam AL RAWAHI
134	Pakistan	Mr Muhammad Akram ANJUM
135	Panama	
136	Papua New Guinea	
137	Paraguay	MG. Jorge Aníbal SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA
138	Peru	Eng. Teresa GARCÍA VILCA
139	Philippines	
140	Poland	Dr Michal ZIEMIANSKI
141	Portugal	
142	Qatar	Mr Abdulla Mohamed A. AL-MANNAI
143	Republic of Korea	Mr Seonghoon CHEONG
144	Republic of Moldova	
145	Romania	Dr Florinela GEORGESCU
146	Russian Federation	Dr Anna TIMOFEEVA

No.	Member	Current NFP-ETR
147	Rwanda	Eng. Didace MUSONI
148	Saint Lucia	Mr Thomas AUGUSTE
149	Samoa	Mr Ausetalia TITIMAEA
150	Sao Tome and Principe	
151	Saudi Arabia	Ms Abeer ALASIRI
152	Senegal	Eng. Mamadou NDIAYE
153	Serbia	Ms Diana MIJUSKOVIC
154	Seychelles	Mr Vincent Josee AMELIE
155	Sierra Leone	
156	Singapore	Mr Lesley CHOO
157	Slovakia	Dr Branislav CHVÍLA
158	Slovenia	Mr Maja JEROMEL
159	Solomon Islands	
160	Somalia	
161	South Africa	Dr Winifred JORDAAN
162	South Sudan	Mr Juma Ali Mohammed TARADAIN
163	Spain	Javier Fernández VILLARES
164	Sri Lanka	Mr Kehelella Herath Mudiyanseelage Sarath PREMALAL
165	Sudan	Mr Hazim SURAG
166	Suriname	Ms Sukarni SALLONS-MITRO
167	Sweden	Ms Paulina HELLGREN
168	Switzerland	Ms Claudia STOCKER
169	Syrian Arab Republic	Eng. Srou EL HAZIM
170	Tajikistan	
171	Thailand	Ms Phanumat LEWCHAROENTHRAP
172	Timor-Leste	
173	Togo	
174	Tonga	
175	Trinidad and Tobago	
176	Tunisia	Ms Ilhem HAJJEJ
177	Türkiye	
178	Turkmenistan	
179	Tuvalu	
180	Uganda	
181	Ukraine	Mr Anatolii GAVRO
182	United Arab Emirates	Mr Khalid Al Obaidli
183	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
184	United Republic of Tanzania	

No.	Member	Current NFP-ETR
185	United States of America	Mr Fredrick BRANSKI; Mr Richard JEFFRIES
186	Uruguay	
187	Uzbekistan	Mr Anapashsha RAJABOVA
188	Vanuatu	Mr Joham Napat NAUKA
189	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	
190	Viet Nam	Mr Dinh Thai HUNG
191	Yemen	Eng. Ahmed Sami ALI SALEH
192	Zambia	Ms Lilian MZYECE; Mr Edson NKONDE
193	Zimbabwe	Ms Rebecca MANZOU

CONFIRMATION AND NOMINATION FORM
National Focal Points for Education and Training (NFP-ETR)

When to use this form: Please complete and return this form only if the required confirmation or update cannot be made directly in the [WMO Contacts Directory](#).

Guidance on designating focal points is available in the [WMO Contacts Directory Guidelines](#), in particular in Chapter 7 (slide 27).

Return to: tra@wmo.int for a new nomination or an update.

1.	MEMBER AND ACTION REQUESTED
Country/Territory	
Action requested (please select as applicable and provide the NFP-ETR details below in all cases)	☐ Keep existing NFP-ETR(s) and update/confirm their details ☐ Remove existing NFP-ETR(s) and nominate new NFP-ETR(s) ☐ Nominate additional NFP-ETR(s) while keeping existing NFP-ETR(s)
2.	NFP-ETR DETAILS
Title	☐ Dr ☐ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Other: _____
First (Given) Name	
Surname (Family Name)	
Present Position	
Organization	
Full address	
Telephone no.	
E-mail address	
3.	ENDORSEMENT
Name of Permanent Representative	
Signature	
Date	