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Subject: WMO Centennial Observing Stations

Action required: Submit information for WMO recognition of up to eight centennial observing stations at your earliest convenience but **not later than 12 February 2027**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to draw your attention to Resolution 28 (Cg-19) which includes – in addition to the existing criteria for meteorological observing stations – the recognition criteria for centennial marine and hydrological observing stations as well as the mechanism and criteria for national recognition of 75+ years long-term observing stations.

To date, 562 centennial observing stations (451 meteorological, 92 hydrological and 19 marine observing stations) have been recognized by WMO, covering all six WMO Regional Associations and Antarctica. Several well-received national and local celebratory events and media activities have been organized by Members in recent years to help maintain in operation the centennial observing stations by raising their profile as science and service enablers and societal treasure.

Information on the WMO recognition mechanism for long-term observing stations including lists of recognized stations and WMO *Guidelines on the WMO Recognition of Long-term Observing Stations* (WMO-No. 1354) and so forth, are available on the WMO Centennial Observing Stations webpage. Furthermore, WMO regularly issues the brochure *Centennial Observing Stations – State of Recognition Report* (WMO-No. 1296).

In this regard, I would like to seek your continued collaboration on this important initiative and invite you to submit information for up to eight (additional) long-term observing stations of your country or territory, which meet the criteria according to the *Guidelines on the WMO Recognition of Long-term Observing Stations* (WMO-No. 1354). Please note that meteorological candidate stations can only be accepted if assigned with a WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) Station Identifier, and that every effort should be made to attach WIGOS station identifiers to hydrological and marine candidate stations.

The Advisory Board for the Recognition of WMO Long-term Observing Stations will assess responses and submit recommendations for consideration by the twentieth session of the World Meteorological Congress in June 2027 (Cg-20). WMO will provide by email, certificates and a standardized model for a metal/brass plate (to be manufactured by the Member if desired) for each recognized station.

I would be grateful if you would kindly submit your response at your earliest convenience, but preferably **not later than 12 February 2027**. Please use one self-assessment template for each individual observing station (the WORD-version templates for meteorological, hydrological and marine candidate stations can be downloaded from the WMO Centennial Observing Stations webpage under 'Recognition criteria and templates').

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat, Mr Peer Hechler, Scientific Officer, at wcdmp@wmo.int.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General