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Annex: 1

The Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States with WMO to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to the notification of the second phase of the nineteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) (RA I-19(II)) and associated meetings which will take place, at the kind invitation of the Government of Ghana, in Accra, Ghana, from 1 to 5 February 2027, with the possibility of online participation.

The Secretariat has the further honour to request the Permanent Missions' kind assistance in transmitting the attached letter from the Secretary-General, Professor Celeste Saulo, together with its annexes, to their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

The WMO Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States with WMO to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



18 November 2026

To: Permanent Missions of Members with WMO to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

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Annexes: 2

Subject: Notification of the second phase of the nineteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) (RA I-19(II))

Action required: (1) Inform on participation

(2) Pre-register for RA I-19(II) and associated meetings

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of Ghana, the second phase of the nineteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) (RA I-19(II)) and associated meetings will take place in Accra, Ghana, from 1 to 5 February 2027, with the possibility of online participation.

The Regional Conference (RECO) will take place on 1 and 2 February 2027, concluding on the morning of 2 February 2027. The RA I-19(II) plenary session will be held from the afternoon of 2 February to the morning of 4 February 2027. The African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET) Technical Segment will take place in the afternoon of 4 February and in the morning of 5 February 2027. An AMCOMET special high-level event will also be held in the afternoon of 4 February 2027. The AMCOMET Ministerial Session will follow on 5 February 2027.

The provisional agenda is provided in Annex I. Please note that the provisional annotated agenda as well as documents for the session will be posted on the RA I-19(II) session website in due course.

I would further like to recall that elections of RA I officers are constitutionally due to be held during the session, based on the provisions of General Regulations 10 and 62 (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)). In this respect, it is recommended that, should voting be required under the agenda item concerning the election of officers, representatives of Members of the Association with voting rights be physically present in Accra. Members who will not be able to send delegations to Accra should, for the purpose of voting, consider arrangements for representation through their respective diplomatic representation (that is, Embassies or Consulates) in Accra or, if this is not feasible, through the delegation of vote by proxy.

To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Members of the World Meteorological Organization

cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
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Further details regarding the organization and conduct of the session, including the election process, are provided in the Explanatory Memorandum of the Secretary-General, included as Annex II to this letter. Pursuant to General Regulation 22, all proxy forms and credentials must be submitted to the Credentials Committee for examination and validation to ensure compliance with the WMO *Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15).

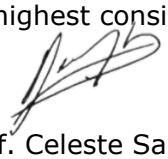
In view of the limited time available during the session to discuss documents, Permanent Representatives and delegates are invited to submit comments and proposed amendments on the documents posted on the RA I-19(II) session website in advance of the session via plenary@wmo.int, preferably at least one week prior to the session.

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegations for RA I-19(II) and the associated meetings. The link to the online Event Registration System (ERS), together with the username and password previously sent to Permanent Representatives by email, remain valid for upcoming WMO meetings. Online registration will remain open until 22 January 2027. For further information concerning online pre-registration, please contact the WMO Secretariat at registration@wmo.int.

Please also note that the submission of information through the online ERS does not exempt Members from the need to provide valid credentials for their participating delegations. In accordance with General Regulation 20 (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), Members are requested to provide credentials for their delegations with a clear indication of the principal delegate. I should welcome in due course the credentials of your delegation, signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate governmental authority of the Member.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser of your country with WMO, as well as to Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and presidents of regional associations and technical commissions and chairs of other WMO bodies.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

RA I-19(II)
(Accra, 2–4 February 2027)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item	Title
1	**ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**
1.1	Opening of the session
1.2	Adoption of the agenda
1.3	Methods of work
1.4	Consideration of the report on credentials
2	**REPORTS**
2.1	Report by the President of the Association (including reports of its subsidiary bodies)
3	**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
3.1	Consideration of resolutions and decisions of the Executive Council and Congress related to the Association
4	**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MATTERS**
4.1	Services
4.1.1	Early warning, climate-health services, marine and aviation services
4.1.2	Role and functions of NMHSs: Legal framework, cost recovery and socio-economic benefits
4.2	Infrastructure
4.2.1	Implementation of WIGOS (including GBON and RBON), WIPPS, and Regional Centres
4.2.2	Systematic Observations Financing Facility
4.2.3	Development and use of artificial intelligence for weather and climate services
4.3	Operational hydrology
4.3.1	Operational hydrology and its contribution to the Africa Water Vision 2063 and Policy
4.4	Capacity development
4.4.1	Capacity development priorities (systemic-level priorities, education and training priorities, and project development)
4.4.2	Endorsement of Regional Training Centres
5	**RA I PRIORITIES AND WMO STRATEGIC PLAN 2028–2031**
5.1	RA I priorities and WMO Strategic Plan 2028–2031
6	**WORKING STRUCTURE OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION I**
7	**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
8	**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS REGIONAL ASSOCIATION I DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
9	**DATE AND PLACE OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION**
10	**CLOSURE OF THE SESSION**

NMHS: National Meteorological and Hydrological Service
WIGOS: WMO Integrated Global Observing System
GBON: Global Basic Observing Network
RBON: Regional Basic Observing Network
WIPPS: WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System

Note: The Hydrological Assembly will convene on 2 February 2027, 17:00–19:00, as a sessional committee to consider and collect views from the hydrological advisers of RA I on those documents that might be related to hydrological matters.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General places before Regional Association I (Africa) (RA I) for its consideration, the following observations and information regarding the organization and conduct of the second phase of the nineteenth session of RA I (RA I-19(II)) and the adoption of the agenda.

II. Organization of the session

Elections

2. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA I to the convening of the in-person session with online participation via Zoom as outlined in the session notification. The naming convention for online participation is included as Appendix I. Elections of RA I officers are constitutionally due to be held during this phase of the session.

3. In this respect and in the event that a vote is required at RA I-19(II), it will take place through a paper ballot process. It is therefore recommended that, for the purpose of voting if required, delegates of RA I with voting rights be physically present in Accra. Members who will not be able to send delegations to Accra should, for the purpose of exercising their voting rights, consider the following arrangements:

Diplomatic representation

Representation through their respective diplomatic missions (Embassy or Consulate) in Accra.

Delegation of vote by proxy

If diplomatic representation is not feasible, a Member may utilize a proxy voting arrangement. Where a vote by proxy is utilized, Members must adhere to the following requirements to ensure the validity of the vote:

(a) **Accredited proxy**: The proxy representative must be a member of an accredited Member delegation that itself possesses voting rights within the Regional Association;

(b) **Delegation composition**: The Member acting as proxy must have a delegation comprising more than one representative;

(c) **Conflict of interest:** A delegation of proxy should not be given to a Member delegation that has submitted a candidate nomination for the specific office for which the proxy representative will cast a vote.

4. Pursuant to General Regulation 22 (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), all proxy forms and credentials must be submitted to the Credentials Committee for examination and validation to ensure compliance with the WMO *Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)).

5. A template for the delegation of vote by proxy is attached for your attention as Appendix II to this memorandum. Further details regarding the election procedures and conduct of the vote process, if required, will be available on the RA I-19(II) session website.

Quorum

6. A quorum of the simple majority of Members with voting rights belonging to the Association will be established at the beginning of the session and confirmed at each plenary meeting.

7. In accordance with the provisions of General Regulation 140, if a quorum is not obtained at a session, the decisions other than elections, adopted by a simple majority vote of those Members present shall be referred by correspondence to all Members of the Organization belonging to the Association.

Opening and closing dates

8. In accordance with the provisions of General Regulation 138(a), the president of RA I, in agreement with the President of the Organization and the Secretary-General, have decided that RA I-19(II) will take place from 2 to 4 February 2027.

Plenary and committees

9. The president of RA I will invite the Association to work in plenary throughout the session. Committees for the session will be established and will include:

(a) Credentials Committee

(b) Nomination Committee

(c) Drafting Committee (if required)

(d) Coordination Committee

10. The Association may wish to nominate a Rapporteur on Previous Resolutions and Recommendations of the Association and relevant Resolutions of the Executive Council, and establish, for the duration of its session, other committees as it deems necessary.

Rationalization of work

11. To optimize discussions of documents and facilitate a balanced treatment of agenda items during the session, Members of the Association are encouraged to submit comments on documents to plenary@wmo.int prior to the session, preferably one week before the opening of the session.

Schedule of meetings

12. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA I to the tentative workplan which is available through the session website at RA I-19(II) – Tentative Workplan.

Conduct of business

13. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA I to the relevant regulations regarding the conduct of business in meetings of constituent bodies, namely General Regulations 77 to 91.

14. The Secretary-General further draws attention to the practice of taking the floor, whereby Members represented in the Regional Association (principal delegates or their alternates/advisers/delegates on their behalf) intervene first, followed by observers.

15. Individual statements are normally limited to three minutes.

16. Participants are encouraged to submit written comments on documents following their intervention to plenary@wmo.int.

Records of meetings

17. In accordance with the provisions of General Regulation 95(c), audio recordings of plenary meetings shall be made and retained for record-keeping purposes.

Resolutions, decisions and recommendations

18. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA I to the provisions of General Regulation 94 on the recording of resolutions, decisions and recommendations of the Association.

19. Pursuant to the provisions of General Regulation 95(a) and (b), after the sessions of a constituent body, the resolutions, decisions and recommendations shall be recorded in the final report of the session and published by the Secretariat. Information documents and statements shall be included in the final report.

20. In addition, summarized minutes of the discussion at plenary meetings of constituent bodies shall be prepared by the Secretariat only where there is a specific request from the plenary.

Languages

21. In accordance with the provisions of General Regulation 97, the Secretary-General, following consultation with the president, has determined that Arabic, English and French will be the working languages of the session.

Documentation

22. Documents for the session will be made available and managed following normal practice through the RA I-19(II) session website.

23. In addition, and in accordance with the provisions of General Regulation 92, any document shall be made available in sufficient time, before the opening of the plenary meeting at which it will be discussed. The time should be specified by the constituent body concerned.

24. Other international organizations with which the Organization has concluded arrangements or agreements may submit documents to sessions of constituent bodies or subsidiary bodies on agenda items of direct interest to them within the time fixed for the different bodies. In this case, such documents should be made available to the Secretary-General for circulation in accordance with the WMO General Regulations.

III. Adoption of the agenda

25. In accordance with the provisions of Rule 6.11 (*Rules of Procedure for Regional Associations* (WMO-No. 1241)), the provisional agenda for the RA I-19(II) has been prepared by the president of the Association, in consultation with the Secretary-General.

26. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA I to Rule 6.11.4 according to which the provisional agenda should be submitted for approval by the Association as soon as possible after the opening of the session. In the course of the session, the agenda may be amended at any time.

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APPENDIX I

NAMING CONVENTION FOR ONLINE PARTICIPATION AT RA I-19(II)

WMO Members within and outside RA I	Principal Delegate(s), Alternate(s) and Delegate(s) ☐ Principal Delegate (PD): **Member name/PD/Surname** ☐ Alternate: **Member name/Alt/ Surname** ☐ Delegate: **Member name/Del/ Surname**
Officers of the Organization	☐ President of WMO: **P/WMO** ☐ Vice-Presidents of WMO: **First VP/ WMO; Second VP/WMO; Third VP/WMO**
Presidents and vice-presidents of regional associations, presidents and vice-presidents of technical commissions, regional hydrological advisers, Chairs of WMO bodies and invited experts	☐ Presidents of regional associations: **P/RA I** (I through VI) for presidents ☐ Vice-presidents of regional associations: **VP/RA I** (I through VI) ☐ Regional hydrological advisers: **HA/RA I** (I through VI) ☐ Presidents of technical commissions: **P/INFCOM; P/SERCOM** ☐ Vice-presidents of technical commissions: **VP/INFCOM/Surname; VP/SERCOM/Surname** ☐ Chairs of WMO bodies: Chair, body acronym: **(C/HCP)** ☐ Invited experts: **Expert/Surname**
Representatives of international organizations/ non-Members	☐ **Organization name/Surname** ☐ **Non-Member name/Surname**
WMO Secretariat	☐ **Secretariat/Surname**

APPENDIX II

PROXY VOTE TEMPLATE

DELEGATION OF VOTING RIGHT

during the

SECOND PHASE OF THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION I (Africa)

2–4 February 2027,
Accra, Ghana

(Name of Member 1) hereby delegates its voting right at **RA I-19(II)** to

Dr/Mr/Ms ……. (Name of Member 2).

Signed by Permanent Representative of **(Name of Member 1)** with WMO

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Permanent Representative of ……. **with WMO**