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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Nomination of National Youth Focal Points

Action required: Confirm National Youth Focal Points by **25 March 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that WMO is implementing its first [Youth Action Plan](#), adopted by the Extraordinary Session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext (2025)), in accordance with [Resolution 9 \(Cg-Ext \(2025\)\)](#) – WMO Youth Action Plan.

In agreement with the Youth Focal Points designated by the Regional Associations, the Technical Commissions and the Research Board, WMO is establishing a network of Youth Focal Points across its Members. This network is intended to strengthen intergenerational collaboration, support the participation of young professionals in WMO technical and governance processes, and enhance coordination of youth-related actions and reporting.

I would be grateful if you could kindly provide the name of a National Youth Focal Point from your country, along with their contact details, to be part of this growing network. In selecting a National Youth Focal Point, Members are encouraged to align with the Youth Action Plan definition of “youth” (18–35 years old). Where no suitable candidate within this age range is available, an early-career professional not older than 40 years may be nominated. Should Members face constraints in identifying an appropriate candidate within these parameters, they are invited to contact the Secretariat for further guidance.

Members are encouraged to support National Youth Focal Points through intergenerational engagement within the National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS), enabling them to represent youth perspectives and contribute to the implementation of the WMO Youth Action Plan at the national level.

To support Members, the Secretariat has provided some induction materials, including the [Youth Network Explainer](#) and the [Terms of Reference](#) for National Youth Focal Points, which outline the governance structure, roles and engagement pathways. Additional support, practical guidance and tools will be made available to support implementation, including reporting guidance aligned with the Youth Action Plan, engagement templates, and other mechanisms to track youth-oriented activities through the WMO Community Platform, as appropriate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and contribution to the WMO Youth Action Plan.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### **National Youth Focal Points (Member-level)**

Each WMO Member is invited to nominate one National Youth Focal Point (Youth FP), preferably a young professional aged 18 to 35 (not restrictive) from its National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS).

National Youth Focal Points support the implementation of the Youth Action Plan at national level and act as the interface between the NMHS, the Permanent Representative to WMO, and the Secretariat, serving as the primary national point of contact on youth engagement matters. They are supported and coordinated by the Regional Youth Focal Points.

### **Responsibilities**

National Youth Focal Points are encouraged to:

- Support the implementation of youth-related actions within their NMHS or designated institution, in coordination with national leadership, including tracking youth participation in events, WMO bodies and awards
- Serve as the official national point of contact on youth engagement matters with WMO
- Liaise regularly with the Permanent Representative to WMO to ensure institutional alignment, transparency and visibility of youth-related commitments, and to enhance mentorship opportunities
- Promote WMO youth opportunities at national level, including calls for participation, consultations, training and events
- Coordinate light national outreach to relevant youth communities, universities or professional networks, where appropriate
- Contribute by providing input to the surveys on youth-related activities circulated by the Secretariat
- Identify challenges, capacity gaps and support needs related to youth engagement and communicate these through the network
- Contribute examples of good practice and lessons learned for peer exchange across regions

### **Accountability**

National Youth Focal Points are accountable to their nominating institution and Permanent Representative to WMO and coordinate operationally with the Regional Youth Coordinator on the reporting and synthesis of activities related to the Youth Action Plan with the assistance of the Secretariat.

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