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Subject: Celebration of the World Meteorological Day 2023

Action required: (1) Appropriate arrangements to be made for the celebration
(2) Support for communication activities to raise awareness among national media and on social media using #WorldMetDay

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since 1961 the World Meteorological Day has commemorated the coming into force on 23 March 1950 of the Convention establishing the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The theme for 2023 will be "The future of weather, climate and water across generations." This year marks the 150th anniversary of the International Meteorological Organization foundation and also the 60th anniversary of the World Weather Watch.

The WMO Executive Council agreed to unify the celebrations for World Meteorological Day and those for the 150th anniversary. The celebrations will focus on the Future, Youth, Data and Science with the objective of fostering the engagement of scientists, decision-makers and youths. It will embrace three elements: looking back, living the present and looking forward.

This year, the traditional ceremony at the WMO headquarters will exceptionally take place on Thursday, 16 March 2023. This is because of commitments at the UN Water Conference taking place in New York from 22 to 24 March 2023. The ceremony will be hybrid. All Members are invited and encouraged to participate in the event from 1330 to 1530 CET via the Zoom platform. Further details of the programme will be forthcoming on the WMO [website](#).

As part of the World Meteorological Day celebrations, please note that WMO's new public website will be launched on 23 March 2023.

The World Meteorological Day web page develops the theme and provides outreach materials to support Members in their celebrations. The Secretary-General's message will soon be uploaded to the page. Should you desire any assistance with accessing, using or adapting these materials, please contact our Strategic Communications office at communication@wmo.int.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO
cc: Hydrological Advisers

I would welcome the opportunity to post any related activities, news, photos, videos and other materials that you may produce on the WMO public website or via social media. WMO will be promoting all activities using the English-language hashtag #WorldMetDay.

I wish you every success with your celebration of the World Meteorological Day and the 150th anniversary.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a wavy, stylized flourish.

Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General