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Subject: Invitation to an online webinar on the World Bank report publication on Sustainable Hydrological and Meteorological Observation Networks in Developing Countries

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Infrastructure Department of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the World Bank's Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) are co-organizing a webinar on the World Bank/GFDRR report titled "Charting a Course for Sustainable Hydrological and Meteorological Observation Networks in Developing Countries" on 12 June 2023 at 13:00 UTC and on 19 June 2023 at 23:00 UTC, in English only. The two webinars will be identical but allow for easy participation from different time zones.

The purpose of the workshop is to inform WMO Members about the analyzed root causes of why meteorological and hydrological systems in developing countries might fail, and to share a visionary approach and recommendations on how to achieve more sustainable outcomes of observation networks operations in the developing countries. The moderator will be Albert Fischer, Director of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System branch, who will also introduce how this information is being used by the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF).

Speakers will be:

- Brian Day, chair emeritus of HMEI and VP of Campbell Scientific
- David Grimes, former WMO President and former Head of the Meteorological Service of Canada
- David Rogers, former Chief Executive of the UK Met Office, and
- Vladimir Tsirkunov, Head of the GFDRR Hydromet Program, World Bank Group.

The topics for the workshop are listed below, while the detailed programme and other information will be made available in due course:

1. Context and proposed vision for meteorological and hydrological networks
2. Guidance and recommendations on design of meteorological networks and sustainable operations over the long term

For administrative purposes I should be grateful if you could kindly notify Mr Leonid Kadinski ([lkadinski@wmo.int](mailto:lkadinski@wmo.int)) in the Secretariat, at your earliest convenience, but not later than 11 June 2022, with the name and contact of your representative(s) who will attend the online workshop. Please find the links to access the workshop online here:

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

For: **12 June 2023, 13:00 UTC**

Meeting Link Zoom: <https://wmo-int.zoom.us/j/83582821071?pwd=b2wvNTBFbW1sb1R4Zk1RUIJhTHlrUT09>

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And for: **19 June 2023, 23:00 UTC**

Meeting link Zoom: <https://wmo-int.zoom.us/j/87577862729?pwd=Z3ZWUXB3V0NjQpBWU1DRTA2d29TZz09>

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I look forward to the participation of your representative(s) in this workshop, and I thank you for the support to the activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General