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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Fifth Data Buoy Cooperation Panel Pacific Islands Training Workshop on Ocean Observations and Data Applications (DBCP-PI-5), Virtual Session 26–27 May and 9–10 June 2021

Action required: To nominate participants in the PI-5 Workshop from your country **on or before 7 May 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may recall, the Joint WMO-IOC Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP) is an official body of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.

At its thirty-fifth session (DBCP-35) held in Geneva, Switzerland on October 2019, DBCP noted its continuing success in regional workshops held during the period 2016–2019. It endorsed future support for continued activities in this regard, including supporting, through the DBCP Task Team on Capacity Building (TT-CB), to organize the “Fifth Pacific Islands Workshop on Ocean Observations” (PI-5) in 2020.

Due to the prolonged travel restrictions that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic, DBCP was unable to host the PI-5 in 2020 as planned. DBCP is now pleased to announce that the PI-5 workshop will be held virtually on 26 and 27 May, and on 9 and 10 June 2021, at [2200-0000 UTC](#).

The objectives of the workshop are to enhance Pacific island nations’ capacity to apply ocean observations for social and economic benefit, and to improve the forecasts for severe weather events. The themes for the workshop will include ocean observing with new technologies, data access and data applications, data quality control and quality assurance, as well as continuing the discussion from PI-4 (Honolulu, Hawaii, 13–16 September 2019) on the design and coordination of ocean observing throughout the Pacific Islands.

The workshop is primarily designed for ocean forecasters, ocean data managers, observation instrument operators from the Pacific region, especially from Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTS), including, in particular, Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The PI-5 Capacity Building Workshop will be conducted in English only. Please find attached herewith a copy of the workshop goals (see annex), for your information.

I encourage you to nominate potential participants in the PI-5 Workshop and register them through the event [website on or before 7 May 2021](#).

To: Permanent Representatives of RA II and V of Members with WMO

cc: Chairperson of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel

Please note that you can nominate multiple participants from the same country/ organization. Workshop information will be available on the event [website](#) as it becomes available. The workshop will offer an exceptional opportunity for participants to learn new initiatives on ocean observations and data applications and to make significant and ongoing contributions to major international programmes. Please note that a similar invitation letter to this event is being circulated by the IOC/UNESCO.

I look forward to your nomination of participant(s) in the above-mentioned workshop.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Wenjian Zhang  
for the Secretary-General

**Fifth DBCP Pacific Islands Training Workshop on  
Ocean Observations and Data Applications (DBCP-PI-5)**

**(Virtual sessions)**

*26–27 May 2021 and 9–10 June 2021  
(2200-0000 UTC)*

**GOALS OF THE WORKSHOP:**

- Continue to build capacity within the region to apply ocean observing data for enhanced predictive capability
  - Demonstrate the role of ocean observations for understanding and predicting regional weather, ocean state and climatology
  - Demonstrate the societal and economic benefits of delivering enhanced ocean observing system data for better informed decision-making
  - Enhance the capacity of quality control of marine observation, data processing and ecology recovering and island protection
  - Increase awareness of the importance of the ocean, scientific understanding and traditional knowledge, and how marine processes affect the lives of Pacific Islanders
  - Discuss the potential impacts of climate change on oceans
  - Learn practical implementation aspects of ocean observing systems
  - Explore the importance of marine modelling and vandalism prevention
  - Evaluate observations and data gaps within the region and how they can be addressed
  - Encourage cooperation with and support for existing monitoring programmes such as the Argo program, the Global Drifter Program, and the Gliders program, etc.
  - Practical knowledge sharing of pre-deployment, deployment and maintenance activities
  - Advance the design and coordination of ocean observing throughout the Pacific Islands
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