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Subject: Request for a seconded expert to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)  
Regional Office for Europe

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since the establishment of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure, and Information Systems (INFCOM) in 2019, a number of high-priority actions have been identified in connection with the development and implementation of systems aimed at acquiring, processing, transmitting, and disseminating Earth system observations and related standards; as well as the coordination of the production and use of standardized analysis and model forecast fields; and the development and implementation of data and information management practices.

The regional associations and their working bodies relevant to infrastructure supported by the Regional Offices coordinate the implementation of priority actions at the regional level. The Regional Association (RA) VI (Europe) during its nineteenth session, agreed on the establishment of [RA VI working mechanisms](#), including the RA VI Working Group on Observations, Infrastructure, and Information Systems (WG-I). During that session, the association decided on a number of infrastructure-related activities, including [Establishing Regional WMO Integrated Global Observing System \(WIGOS\) Centres](#), [the Implementation of Global and Regional Basic Observing Networks \(GBON/RBON\)](#), and the [Hydrological Status and Outlook System \(HydroSOS\) Implementation in RA VI](#).

In order to strengthen capacity in RA VI as regards the implementation of infrastructure-related activities, including those mentioned above, I would be grateful if you would consider seconding a technical expert from your Institution to the WMO Regional Office for Europe at the WMO Secretariat in Geneva.

While the detailed tasks of the expert can be further elaborated and agreed upon to suit the profile of the expert, the duties of the expert may cover some of the following aspects:

- Acting as a technical coordinator in the Regional Office for Europe in relation to observations, information technology, data management, and data exchange and processing;
- Supporting the regional implementation of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS), the WMO Information System (WIS), and the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (WIPPS);
- Supporting the RA VI WG-I and liaising with INFCOM in matters relevant to RA VI.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of RA VI with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

As part of the Regional Office for Europe, the seconded expert will have a unique opportunity to provide a meaningful contribution to the implementation of WMO programmes and initiatives and to support RA VI Members in strengthening their capacity in infrastructure-related matters. I invite you to send your proposal or any enquiries you might have regarding the secondment to the Regional Office for Europe ([roe@wmo.int](mailto:roe@wmo.int).)

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your support and continued collaboration.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Saulo', written over a horizontal line.

Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General