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Subject: Further postponement into 2023 of the annual collection of data for publication in World Weather Records

Dear Sir/Madam,

This to inform you that the collection of World Weather Records (WWR) 2020 will be further postponed into 2023 and a separate WMO call will be issued next year. Following review by experts from the WMO Services and Infrastructure Commissions, the postponement has been proposed to focus resources on the current collection of WMO Climatological Standard Normals 1991–2020, which needs to be substantially accelerated throughout 2022 to facilitate their publication in 2023.

The WWR are the result of decades of collaboration between Members, the WMO Secretariat and international data centres and constitute one of the longest standing examples of global climate data collection. WWR complement the data holdings of international data centres by providing quality controlled monthly global climate data for use at national, regional and global levels in monitoring climate variability, for ground truth validation of long-range forecasts, and for calibration of model and satellite data.

The upcoming WMO call for WWR collection, postponed to 2023, will focus specifically on the completion of the decade 2011–2020. In anticipation of this, I invite you to start reviewing your past WWR submissions during that decade, identify gaps in your submissions (a complementary list of gaps will be provided by WMO) and prepare for submission of these data in 2023 upon receipt of WMO's official call.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Climate Monitoring and Policy Services Division (Mr Omar Baddour and Mr Peer Hechler: [wcdmp@wmo.int](mailto:wcdmp@wmo.int)).

Yours faithfully,

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