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LOGISTICAL NOTE

Extraordinary Session of the 2025 World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext(2025)) High-Level Event on the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative and the Role of NMHSs

20–23 October 2025, Geneva, Switzerland

A. Background

Further to our earlier communication dated 21 July 2025 (1606266315-312337/LCF/CNF/Cg-Ext(2025) and 1606266315-312367/LCF/CNF/Cg-Ext(2025)), I have the honour to provide additional logistical information on the extraordinary session of Congress in 2025 (Cg-Ext(2025)), including the High-Level Event on the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative and the Role of NMHSs at the Extraordinary Session of the WMO Congress, to be held in Geneva on 20 October 2025. The Cg-Ext(2025) session will take place from Monday, 20 October to Thursday, 23 October 2025.

Venue

The session will take place in Geneva, with the possibility to connect online in two different venues (**see Modality of participation**):

- Monday, 20 October, morning (Opening and High-Level Event on the Early Warnings for All initiative):
World Trade Organization (WTO),
William Rappard Centre, Rue de Lausanne 154, Geneva
William Rappard Council Room (CR).
- Monday, 20 October, afternoon to Thursday, 23 October 2025, afternoon:
World Meteorological Organization (WMO),
Rue de la Paix 7bis, Geneva
Salle Obasi and Salle C1.

Working hours

The tentative working hours are as follows (Geneva local time):

- Monday, 20 October 2025:
9:30–12:30 and 15:00–18:00 CEST
- Tuesday, 21 October to Thursday, 23 October 2025:
9:00–12:00 and 14:00–17:00 CEST

Modality of participation

Delegates from Members and Observers can participate physically and/or virtually.

Physical participation is subject to the following conditions:

- Monday, 20 October 2025, morning at WTO: **see section B below.**
- Monday, 20 October 2025, afternoon at WMO to Thursday, 23 October 2025, afternoon:
 - 1 principal delegate and 1 additional person (alternate or advisor) in Salle Obasi **(Members)**. **At the registration desk at WMO on the morning of 20 October, two access cards per country will be distributed for entry to Salle Obasi, in addition to the meeting badges. These cards are not personalized and may be shared within the delegation to take turns, but delegates must present both their meeting badge and the country access card to enter Salle Obasi.**
 - A maximum of 2 additional persons in Salle C1 **(Observers)**
 - 1 principal delegate and 1 additional person in Salle C1

There are no limitations on the number of delegates attending online, provided that they are suitably registered. If you have not done so yet, you are encouraged to inform the Secretariat at HLEvent@wmo.int if you plan to attend physically and provide, if necessary, the names of the individuals attending.

B. Opening and High-Level Event on EW4All at WTO

The opening of the session will take place at 9:30 in the WTO building, with remarks by the President of the Organization, the Secretary-General and the Swiss Federal Councillor for Home Affairs.

The High-Level Event on the EW4All initiative will commence immediately after the Opening Session.

Delegates attending this event are strongly encouraged to be seated in the WTO William Rappard Centre Council Room well ahead of the opening of the session, that is, **before 9:30**.

C. Meeting venue and access to the WTO Building and the WMO Building

The meeting will take place from 9:30 at the William Rappard Council Room of the WTO, located across from the WMO Headquarters (approximately five minutes on foot). WMO staff will guide participants from WMO to WTO during registration hours.

A detailed logistics note can be found [here](#).

Depending on your participant category, procedures are different—please see the section below. Badges issued by WMO will be valid for both WTO and WMO on 20 October 2025.

As parking space at WTO is extremely limited, delegates are kindly encouraged to use public transport whenever possible.

D. Registration and badge distribution for the High-Level Event on the EW4All initiative and the Role of NMHSs

All participants wishing to attend the High-Level Event on the EW4All initiative and the Role of NMHSs in person are kindly requested to register through this [link](#). Please note that a valid badge is required for entry to the event.

Permanent Missions in Geneva are strongly encouraged to coordinate with their Permanent Representatives to WMO and ensure that a single, consolidated registration list, including all members of their delegation, without exception, is submitted through the form.

There are **three** categories of participants with distinct procedures for access and badge issuance:

- (a) *VVIPs (Heads of States and Ministers):* VVIP delegates are kindly requested to proceed directly to the WTO Council Room. They will not be subject to X-ray screening. Please transmit the full names of principals and accompanying persons, as well as vehicle details (name of the drivers and car plates) **by 15 October 2025** to HLEvent@wmo.int. No firearms are permitted on the premises except for one person for the Heads of State.
- (b) *Representatives from Permanent Missions:* Holders of a valid UNOG "D" badge may enter the WTO in accordance with established protocols.
- (c) *Others, including Permanent Representatives with WMO (PRs):* All other delegates, including PRs with WMO, should first report to WMO for badge issuance, valid for access to both buildings. Upon arrival at the WTO, standard security procedures, including X-ray screening and identity verification, will apply.

The registration desk at WMO will be open on Friday, 17 October 2025, from 14:00 to 17:00 CEST for early badge collection. On Monday, 20 October 2025, registration will open at 07:00 CEST and remain available throughout the day.

E. Virtual connection

Delegations not attending in person may follow the proceedings online via Zoom or the public webcast. Connection details will be shared with registered participants.

F. Seating arrangements

For the session held at WTO, delegation nameplates will be placed on a table outside the WTO William Rappard Centre Council Meeting Room. Delegations are kindly requested to arrive well in advance in order to collect their nameplate and proceed to the meeting room to be seated at their convenience.

G. Working languages and interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Passive Portuguese interpretation will also be available.

Should you require any further information or assistance regarding logistical arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat at HLEvent@wmo.int.
