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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Thirty-eighth Session of the Joint WMO-IOC Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-38), hybrid meeting, **1–4 November 2022**Action required: (1) To provide national reports on current and planned buoy programmes to the Secretariat by **1 October 2022**
(2) To nominate a candidate for the DBCP Chair to the Secretariat by **12 October 2022**
(3) To check the list of national focal points of buoy programmes and notify required updates to the Secretariat

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), I am delighted to announce that the thirty-eighth session of the Joint WMO-IOC Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-38) will take place at WMO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, from **1 to 4 November 2022**. I am especially pleased that this will be a hybrid meeting allowing participation both in-person and virtually. The session will be conducted in English. The DBCP Executive Board will have its annual board meeting prior to the Session on **31 October 2022** at the same venue.

We expect this meeting to significantly contribute to strengthening the long-term sustainment of global ocean observations and their impact and value to users. DBCP-38 will bring together ocean observing practitioners, manufacturers, scientists, the private sector and the buoy data user community over four days to discuss, among many other topics, the latest science and technology developments, user impact stories, implementation of the new [DBCP five-year strategy](#), updates from action groups and task teams, and the relevance of the WMO and UNESCO/IOC agendas to the DBCP and what it means going forward.

National Focal Points

We would like to invite you to check the list of national focal points for buoy programmes, available at: <https://oceanexpert.org/group/147> and report any discrepancies or nominate a National Focal Point in case your country does not yet have one.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: DBCP Chair
GOOS OCG Chair
Chairs of GOOS and GCOS Steering Committees
JCB Co-presidents

Participation

We would also like to remind you that membership to the Panel is open to all Members of WMO and Member States of UNESCO/IOC. Interested organizations and programmes are also warmly welcomed to participate in the sessions. We would be most grateful if you could inform the WMO or UNESCO/IOC Secretariat by **1 October 2022** of your participation in the DBCP-38 session. Upon confirmation, please provide us with the name(s) and contact details of the representative(s). In the meantime, participants are encouraged to self-register for the session through the [link](#).

The Panel will be able to fund a limited number of participants from developing Members/Member States. The criteria for receiving funding will be posted on the [DBCP-38 web page](#) in due course and advertised accordingly. Only participants nominated by DBCP National Focal Points, or by Permanent Representatives with the WMO or Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the UNESCO/IOC will be considered.

Nomination of Candidate for DBCP Chair

The Panel will select and approve a new chair for the DBCP. You are invited to nominate candidates by **12 October 2022**, through DBCP National Focal Points, or by Permanent Representatives with the WMO or Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the UNESCO/IOC to Mr Long JIANG (LJiang@wmo.int) at WMO and copy to Ms Ting YU (t.yu@unesco.org) at UNESCO/IOC.

Further instructions on selection criteria and process will be published on the event page in due course and advertised accordingly. After the deadline for nominations, the Executive Board of the DBCP will review and shortlist candidates for the Panel to select at DBCP-38.

Reports

Members/Member States are requested to provide input on their national data buoy system implementation status, in the form of a brief report following guidance provided on the [DBCP-38 event page](#) and send it to the Secretariat by **1 October 2022**.

Science and Technology Workshop

An information document and call-for-papers for the Science and Technology (S&T) workshop on the theme of "Delivering Global Ocean Surface Data for Research, Operations, and User Impact" is available on the [meeting website](#).

Abstracts for the S&T workshop should be submitted to the workshop coordinators before **31 August 2022**. Interested colleagues are invited to register at the [link](#) provided.

Documentation Plan

All documents and information pertinent to the session, including the provisional agenda, presentation and document templates, S&T workshop announcements, and teleconference information, will be posted in due course at the [event page](#).

I would appreciate if notifications concerning participation at DBCP-38, updates to the list of national focal points, and electronic copies of the reports mentioned above are emailed to Mr Long JIANG (LJiang@wmo.int) and copy to Ms Ting YU (t.yu@unesco.org).

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support of marine activities and we look forward to your participation at DBCP-38.

Regarding insurance coverage for non-staff members, may I draw your attention to the following:

Non-staff members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events.

WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides a limited coverage for medical, emergency and supplementary official travel expenses.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Wenjian Zhang
for the Secretary-General

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE DATA BUOY COOPERATION PANEL (DBCP-38)**

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1. Opening and Welcome to DBCP-38
2. Adoption of the agenda and working arrangements
3. Scientific and Technical Workshop (*Delivering Data for Research, Operations and User Impact*)
4. Getting to know the DBCP
5. Invited Speeches
 - 5.1 The impact and value of DBCP observations to our users
 - 5.2 UN Ocean Decade and the role of the DBCP (including co-design to enhance ocean observations)
 - 5.3 Industry dialogues on global ocean observations
6. National Reports
7. Strategic Discussions
 - 7.1 The DBCP strategy – its first year of implementation
 - 7.2 The relevance to the DBCP of:
 - 7.2.1 Decisions and forward-looking initiatives of WMO and IOC, including GOOS
 - 7.2.2 GBON, SOFF and the WMO Unified Data Policy ([Resolution 1 \(Cg-Ext\(2021\) - WMO Unified Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data](#))
 - 7.3 Observations Coordination Group (OCG) Special Session (Network leads panel discussion on global ocean observing over the next decade, including shared focus areas such as environmental stewardship and boundary currents)
 - 7.4 DBCP and OceanOPS Report
 - 7.5 DBCP Executive Board Report (including DBCP page at <https://goosocean.org/>, structure, sub-networks, connections with other OCG networks, etc.)
8. The DBCP Action Groups – challenges, opportunities, risks, success measures and recommendations
 - 8.1 Global Drifter Programme (GDP)
 - 8.2 International Arctic Buoy Programme (IABP)
 - 8.3 WCRP-SCAR International Programme for Antarctic Buoys (IPAB)
 - 8.4 International Buoy Programme for the Indian Ocean (IBPIO)
 - 8.5 International South Atlantic Buoy Programme (ISABP)
 - 8.6 DBCP-PICES North Pacific Data Buoy Advisory Panel (NPDBAP)
 - 8.7 Tropical Moored Buoys Implementation Panel (TIP)
 - 8.8 International Tsunameter Partnership (ITP)
 - 8.9 Surface Marine Programme of the Network of European Meteorological Services, EUMETNET (E-SURFMAR)
 - 8.10 Action Groups – key themes (plenary discussion)

9. The DBCP Task Teams – challenges, opportunities, risks, success measures and recommendations
 - 9.1 Task Team on Data Management (TT-DM)
 - 9.2 Task Team on Moored Buoys (TT-MB)
 - 9.3 Task Team on Wave Measurements (TT-WM)
 - 9.4 Task Team on Capacity-Building (TT-CB)
 - 9.5 Task Team on Data Buoy Best Practices Technology Development (TT-DBPD)
 - 9.6 Task Team on Environment Stewardship (TT-ES)
 - 9.7 Task Teams – key themes (plenary discussion)
 10. DBCP Task Teams and Action Groups – What do we need going forward: when, where, how and why (plenary discussion)
 11. Outcomes of the expression of interest on deploying a wave drifting buoy (presentation by successful applicant)
 12. Future Governance of DBCP (plenary discussion)
 13. Issues for the Panel
 - 13.1 Buoy Vandalism and outreach
 - 13.2 Gaps and overseeding in our networks
 14. Proposed Breakout Discussions
 - 14.1 Environmental Stewardship – lessons learned so far and what’s next
 - 14.2 Demonstrating impact and value of our data (including return on investment, expanding capacity development for societal benefits)
 - 14.3 Re-design and co-design of the DBCP networks for impact and value – Addressing gaps, overseeding and related issues in our networks with the help of observationalists, modellers and stakeholders
 - 14.4 Enhancing inclusivity and diversity in the DBCP community [including Indigenous communities, student and youth communities]
 15. Panel Decisions
 - 15.1 Financial Reports
 - 15.2 Review of action items from the previous DBCP Session
 16. Election of new DBCP Chair
 17. Review of Actions/Recommendations
 18. Dates and Place for the Next Session
 19. Closure of the Session
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