

*18<sup>th</sup> World Meteorological Congress Event  
on Public-Private-Academic Sectors Engagement*

## **High-Level Round Table for the Launch of the Open Consultative Platform**

***“Partnership and Innovation for the Next Generation  
of Weather and Climate Intelligence”***

5 and 6 June 2019

13.00 to 14.30 (two 90-minute sessions; venue: PALEXPO)

### **Concept Note**

#### **Background**

Various activities have been undertaken by WMO to build awareness and improve understanding and cooperation between institutions and organizations from the public, private and academic sectors, often referred to as the “weather enterprise”. A *Special Dialogue on the Complementary and Cooperative Contributions of Public and Private Sector Institutions to Meteorology and Hydrology* was held during the 68th Session of WMO Executive Council (EC-68, 2016). Following that event, in June 2018, EC-70 adopted a *Policy Framework for Public-Private Engagement* which guides global, regional and national action by the WMO and its Members to promote active engagement between the public, private and academic sectors.

The global agenda – *the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement on climate change, and the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction* – reflects a strong focus on both immediate and long-term risks related to extreme weather, climate and water. Inclusive partnerships between public, private and academic sectors, as well as civil society, at global, regional and national levels, are essential to achieve the global agenda.

On the brink of the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the Global Risk Landscape<sup>1</sup> identifies *extreme weather events, failure of climate-change mitigation and adaptation, natural disasters and water crises* as top societal risks both in terms of impacts and likelihood. The weight of responsibility is on the global meteorological, climatological and hydrological communities to embrace new ways of partnership and collaboration for a rapid advancement of science and service capabilities as a response to the global challenges.

The role of the leaders at the international, national and community level in public, private and academic institutions, as well as scientific and research sectors, cannot be overestimated. A new leadership accord has to be put in place to enable the realizations of the full potential of the weather enterprise. To that end, the WMO, as the UN agency with a mandate on weather, water and climate, will embrace proactive coordination to streamline a high-level dialogue for public, private and academic collaboration that will facilitate the

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<sup>1</sup> World Economic Forum, the Global Risk Report 2019;  
<https://www.weforum.org/reports/the-global-risks-report-2019>

development of a **new generation of weather and climate intelligence** to counter global risks.

## The proposal

WMO invites key partners and stakeholders of the weather enterprise to establish and actively engage in an

### **Open Consultative Platform for Partnership and Innovation for the Next Generation of Weather and Climate Intelligence**

as the primary vehicle for dialogue between the public, private and academic sectors, as well as the civil society. The OCP will offer a mechanism for addressing collaboratively the **grand challenges** before the weather enterprise in an open, constructive and participatory way. In the spirit of mutual respect and trust, the platform will enable all stakeholders to stay abreast of issues and opportunities, both institutional and technological, to incentivize win-win approaches and to nurture innovation. A new cooperation paradigm will incorporate active sharing of responsibilities and interacting with each other to move from isolated actions within a single organization to business processes that are developed and shared across sectoral and organizational boundaries.

The OCP will help articulate a **common vision for the future of the weather enterprise** in the coming decade and beyond, thus informing society and decision-makers at all levels of expected progress in mitigating the risks related to weather, climate, water and related environmental hazards.

## How the OCP will function

An annual **Leaders' Meeting** is envisaged to review progress and analyze trends and developments. An agreed list of thematic areas and "grand challenges" for the enterprise will channel **work streams** in which selected experts from relevant communities of practice will be invited to collaborate in formulating common position or white papers. Based on such collective analytics, the OCP will generate consensus-based calls for action and provide inputs and advice to the decision-making processes of relevant organizations and stakeholders.

A truly open platform, the OCP will welcome new participants and contributors by adhering to an agreed **Code of Conduct** and **Common Vision**.

**WMO is committed to provide secretariat support to the OCP and to utilize its convening power for a sustainable operation of the consultative mechanism.**

**The main objective of the Open Consultative Platform** will be to foster cross-sectoral, interdisciplinary and long-term approaches. It will identify and address key global challenges and their impact on the weather enterprise stakeholders and users. It will aim to build consensus on common approaches to governance and policy by:

- Scoping and monitoring trends and developments;
- Deepening understanding of the drivers and enablers of the weather enterprise and impacts on global systems;
- Informing strategic initiatives by stakeholders;
- Highlighting the implications of these dynamics for decision-makers.

**Tentative Programme of Cg-18 Event  
High-Level Round Table for the Launch of the Open Consultation Platform**

Participants: Invited executive officials, scientists and experts from the public private and academic sectors.

Format: Moderated “Round Table” discussion. The meetings will be open for interested Congress delegates, exhibitors and visitors of the Meteorological Technology World Expo.

Host: Prof Petteri Taalas, WMO Secretary-General

Moderators: Erica Grow, WNBC, New York; and Tomas Molina, Televisió de Catalunya and University of Barcelona

**Session 1: Round Table consultation on the Open Consultative Platform (OCP) initiative**

*5 June, 13.00 – 14.30, PALEXPO*

Programme:

12:00 - 12:30:	<i>Transportation from CIGG to Palexpo</i>	<i>Outside CIGG building</i>
12:30 - 13:00:	<i>Complimentary Snack Bar</i>	<i>Palexpo, MTWE-2019 area</i>
13:00 - 13:10:	Welcome by WMO SG and introduction of the Concept for the Open Consultation Platform	Objectives, expected outcomes
13:10 - 14:10:	Discussion on themes for Day 1	Participants will be invited to share their views and ideas on the selected themes
14:10 - 14:20:	Plan for ‘Joint Statement’	Presentation of the initial draft, forming a drafting group to finalize the Joint Statement
14:20 - 14:30:	10 minute Q&A with the audience	
14:30 - 15:00:	<i>Transportation from Palexpo to CIGG</i>	<i>Outside Palexpo Hall 3</i>

## **Session 2: Launch of the Open Consultative Platform (OCP)**

6 June, 13.00 – 14.30, PALEXPO

### **Programme:**

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| 12:00 - 12:30: | Transportation from CICG to Palexpo          | <i>Outside CICG building</i> |
| 12:30 - 13:00: | Complimentary Snack Bar                      | Palexpo, MTWE-2019 area      |
| 13:00 - 13:05: | <i>Summary of Day 1 and themes for Day 2</i> |                              |
| 13:05 - 13:50: | <i>Discussion on themes for Day 2</i>        |                              |
| 13:50 - 14:10: | <i>Joint statement and way ahead</i>         |                              |
| 14:10 - 14:20: | <i>10 minute Q&amp;A with the audience</i>   |                              |
| 14:20 - 14:30  | <i>Closing remarks</i>                       |                              |
| 14:30 - 15:00: | Transportation from Palexpo to CICG          | Outside Palexpo Hall 3       |