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To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC
National Focal Points for DBCP

Cc. : Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Chairpersons, GOOS and GCOS Steering Committees
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**Subject: Thirty-ninth Session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-39),
Bali, Indonesia, 24–27 October 2023 (hybrid meeting)**

Action required: (i) provide *national reports on current and planned buoy programmes to the Secretariat, and (ii) check the list of national focal points for buoy programmes and notify required changes to the Secretariat by 1st October 2023; (iii) submit abstracts for the 2023 Science & Technology workshop by 10 September 2023.*

On behalf of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), I am pleased to announce that the Thirty-ninth session of the Joint WMO-IOC Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-39) will be hosted by the Indonesia Agency for Meteorology Climatology and Geophysics (BMKG) and will take place at the Courtyard by Marriott Bali Nusa Dua Resort, in Bali, Indonesia as a hybrid meeting from 24 to 27 October 2023 to allow participation both in-person and virtually.

As decided by the Panel, the meeting will be conducted in English only. The DBCP Executive Board will have its annual board meeting prior to the DBCP-39 Session on 23 October 2023 at the same venue.

The expected outcome of this meeting is to improve the data and metadata availability and to better engage with the buoy data user community, including data management best practices. This will significantly contribute to the high-level objectives of WMO Early Warning for All (EW4All), the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), and the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

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Participation

We would also like to remind you that membership to the Panel is open to all Members of WMO and Member States of IOC-UNESCO. Other interested organizations and programmes are also warmly welcomed to participate in the sessions. Participants are required to self-register using the link on the [DBCP-39 event page](#) by 1 October 2023.

National Focal Points and National Buoy Programmes Reports

We would like to invite you to check the list of national focal points for buoy programmes, available on the [OceanOPS website](#) and report any discrepancies or nominate a DBCP Focal Point in case your country does not yet have one. Member States are requested to coordinate national inputs and to provide a brief report on their national data buoy system implementation status using the guidance on the [DBCP-39 event page](#). Please send the report to Ms Ting Yu (t.yu@unesco.org) and cc Ms Champika Gallage (cgallage@wmo.int) by 1 October 2023.

2023 DBCP Science & Technology workshop

(flagship event of the DBCP session on 24 October 2023)

An information document and Call-for-papers for the 2023 Science & Technology (S&T) workshop on the theme of *“Impact of Observations, Applied Data Usage for Coastal and Marine Communities”* is available on the [DBCP-39 event page](#). Abstracts for the S&T workshop should be submitted to the workshop coordinators before 10 September 2023.

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: <http://www.goosocean.org/DBCP-39>.

Please contact Ms Ting Yu (t.yu@unesco.org) from IOC-UNESCO or Ms Champika Gallage (cgallage@wmo.int) from WMO for any enquiries related to this event.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support to the DBCP activities.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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