

SECOND HIGH-LEVEL SESSION OF THE OPEN CONSULTATIVE PLATFORM (OCP-HL-2) *“Partnership and Innovation for the Next Generation of Weather and Climate Resilience”*

26-27 May 2021

15:00 to 16:30 CEST (13:00 to 14:30 UTC)

The second High-level Session of the Open Consultative Platform (OCP-HL-2) will be held on 26 and 27 May 2021 as an online event. The session will discuss progress in thematic areas identified as “grand challenges” at the High-Level Round Table (OCP-HL-1).

The Session will focus on two of the five themes of common concern for the stakeholders from all sectors identified at OCP-HL-1: A) the future of weather and climate forecasting, and B) the evolving roles and responsibilities – the future of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services. The discussions will support the building of a common vision of the weather and climate community with horizon 2030 and beyond.

OCP-HL-2 will be hosted by the WMO Secretary-General, Prof. Petteri Taalas, and the President of the WMO, Prof. Gerhard Adrian. Two 90-minute thematic sessions, moderated by Erica Grow (USA) and Gerald Fleming (Ireland), will be held on 26 and 27 May, as follows:

Day One: **Launch of the first OCP White Paper on Future of Weather and Climate Forecasting (vision 2030+)**

Invited Speakers:

- **Dr. Gilbert Brunet** – Chair of the WMO Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP); Chief Scientist, BoM Australia
- **Dr. Florence Rabier** – Director-General of the ECMWF
- **Dr. Kevin Petty** – Director, Science and Forecast Operations and PPP, The Weather Company, an IBM Business

Day Two: **Evolving Roles and Responsibilities – Future of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (vision 2030+)**

Invited Speakers:

- **Ms. Marianne Thyrring** – Permanent Representative of Denmark with WMO
- **Prof. Mansur Bako Matazu** – Permanent Representative of Nigeria with WMO
- **Mr. Naoyuki Hasegawa** – Permanent Representative of Japan with WMO

A high-level panel with up to fifteen invited participants will follow after the presentations to delve further into the highly important themes, aiming at formulating key messages on the way forward. The outcome of the session will be published as an OCP-HL-2 Summary with Key Messages shortly after the event.

Information on registration for participants and a detailed programme will follow shortly on the event page at <https://ppe-openplatform.wmo.int/en/news-events/OCP2>.