

Recommendation on Enhancing Community Representativeness in Expert Nominations

Noting

The critical role of higher education institutions, national research centers, and academic bodies in generating knowledge, training next-generation experts, and advancing operational capabilities,

The Capacity Development Panel recommends that the Executive Council:

Encourage Permanent Representatives (PRs) to liaise with national universities, academic departments, and scientific research institutes when identifying and submitting nominations for WMO panels, standing committees, and expert networks;

Request the Secretary-General to support PRs by sharing guidance and best practices that assist Members in broadening national nomination processes, thereby ensuring that the full spectrum of operational, scientific, and academic expertise across the Earth system community is represented in WMO bodies.

Observation on Meeting Modalities and Quality of Deliberations

The Capacity Development Panel brought to the attention of the Executive Council that:

While acknowledging current institutional and financial realities, the transition of CDP sessions to a fully virtual format on consecutive occasions presents notable challenges to the depth, spontaneity, and strategic value of the panel's deliberations.

There is a strategic risk that sustained reliance on online-only meetings may erode engagement and reduce the tangible impact of bodies advising the Executive Council, underscoring the vital importance of face-to-face interaction for the quality and cohesion of panels such as the CDP.