



Argentina Presidencia

Prof. Celeste Saulo

**Candidacy for the position of
Secretary General of the WMO.**

The WMO's priority is to contribute to and equip its Members with the capacity to carry out effective strategies for adaptation and mitigation to climate change and disaster risk reduction for sustainable development, in the main challenge of our time: climate change and its impacts.



↘ Curriculum Vitae

The WMO's Resources: a mature history of promoting and coordinating international cooperation to strengthen the provision of meteorological, climate, hydrological and environmental services.

Achieving WMO's priorities requires ambitious and in-depth work and implementation over the next 4 years and can be articulated around four dimensions.

Professor Celeste Saulo will:

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Elevate the role of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as a fundamental actor in defining **climate action**.

2

Co-develop the WMO's international and bilateral **agenda with partners and decision-makers** in the fields of weather, climate and water.

3

Intensify support provided by the WMO to regions and countries, especially developing states, LDCs and SIDSs, so that they are ALL in a position to be key players in climate agendas at the national, regional and global levels.

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Institutionally Strengthen the WMO as a modern, transparent, inclusive organization working towards to the social and scientific challenges of climate change and its impacts.

All Members count

Tailored lines of action

Addressing ALL Members challenges

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Climate Action

The Sustainable Development Goals place inequality and climate change as the most critical challenges of our time, demanding the implementation of bold and effective adaptation and mitigation strategies, based on scientific knowledge. The WMO must play a critical part to turn threats into opportunities.

Professor Celeste Saulo will:

Consolidate the WMO and ALL its Members as central actors for the fulfillment of high-level global agreements (such as SDGs, Sendai, Paris), supporting the participation of NMHSs in national level contributions, in adaptation plans and in voluntary progress reports.

Strengthen early warning systems and the provision of climate, meteorological, environmental and hydrological services to meet the priorities of the Members and the flagship initiatives of the Organization (EWS4All, SOFF, infrastructure for GHG measurement, Water and Climate Coalition).

Enhance the strategic nature of knowledge and information generated by global centers and NMHSs for the economy, sustainable development and life protection, ensuring that such contribution is recognized and supported by governments and international organizations.

Promote maintenance and Capacity Development programs to secure long-term NMHSs sustainability.

Implement mechanisms to guarantee access and exchange of data and information promoting innovation and the development of oriented scientific knowledge about the Earth system.

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Cooperation with strategic partners

The WMO's priorities agenda knows no borders, making essential international cooperation on a global scale, implemented at the local level. We have the opportunity to strengthen the work with other United Nations organizations, development agencies, governments, civil society, the scientific community and the private sector to achieve common objectives by promoting equity and inclusion.

Professor Celeste Saulo will build this network-based approach on:

Financial mechanisms to have more accessible processes that consider the national capacities of developing countries, and where the long-term sustainability of development investments is pursued.

Co-development with the scientific and educational sector as pillars for the strengthening of the NMHSs and the integral development of the countries.

Public-Private cooperation and engagement to increase and sustain the basic infrastructure of the NMHSs, and the improvement of the services provided to society.

Inter-institutional agendas to enhance the capacities of the WMO and its strategic partners.

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Support to Regions

Prioritize regional and on-the-ground work to reduce inequality and development gaps, ensuring that innovation and resources reach ALL Members and particularly LDCS and SIDSs. This means redoubling transparency in the mobilization of resources to increase financing.

Professor Celeste Saulo will:

Include ALL Members in the design and implementation of WMO actions to ensure that it is aligned with Members specific challenges and needs.

Foster regional collaboration, ensuring the effective coordination of programs and investments, actively seeking to increase resources based on South-South collaboration schemes, in alliance with different strategic partners.

Promote multilingualism as a mechanism to democratize access and exchange of knowledge and to increase efficiency in the use of resources within the Organization.

Implement local activities, courses and training that guarantee focus on the technical needs of individual NMHSs.

Strengthen Regional Offices to allow ALL Members to receive assistance from a Secretariat which provides continual support to the realities and challenges of their region.

Create a new “proposal writing” WMO division to assist ALL Members in having access to diverse sources of funding, according to their needs.

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Institutional Strengthening

New Cooperative Governance: Prof. Celeste Saulo's administration will focus on strengthening the governance resulting from the WMO's reform. This includes giving priority to optimizing mobilization and administration of resources, guaranteeing transparency, and capitalizing on the opportunities offered by scientific-technical cooperation between Members.

Professor Celeste Saulo will:

Promote Member roles in deciding the direction of the Organization, establishing priorities and identifying lines of work, ensuring a diverse and inclusive secretariat.

Empower the human capital of the Secretariat based on the construction of a work environment characterized by respect, participation, geographical, cultural and gender diversity.

Build transparency, monitoring and accountability mechanisms that allow Members and other voluntary contributors to fully trust the management of the Organization and the administration of their contributions.

Direct WMO resources in accordance with policies aimed at carbon neutrality, assisting and encouraging NMHSs to adopt similar practices.



Values and leadership

Professor Celeste Saulo:

Will offer an open dialogue leadership style and a flat hierarchical process, with the flexibility required to lead a complex organization, with changing demands and continuous challenges.

Her motivation is to put experience and knowledge to serve each and every one of the WMO's Members.

It is time for change.
Celeste Saulo