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Scientific Committee

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SC- CIRCULAR n° 2023-19

**SUBJECT: Final Terms of References, Agenda, and Meeting Arrangements for the Scientific Committee
Workshop on the Harmonisation of Scientific Observers (WS2024-OBS)**

Dear Heads of Delegation of the Scientific Committee,

Dear Observers,

Dear Colleagues,

Following [SC Circular n° 2023-18](#), and not having received any responses on the Terms of References, Provisional Agenda, the Timetable, and more in general on the Meeting Arrangements by the set deadline (15th of December 2024), I would like to hereby confirm the Arrangements set out in the previous Circular.

In particular, please note that the workshop will be convened by Dr Sebastian Rodriguez Alfaro (EU) and will meet online via video conference (Zoom) on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th of February 2024, from 07.30 UTC to 11.30 UTC.

A [Workshop meeting page](#) has been set up by the Secretariat, already including administrative and Workshop documents following [SC Circular n° 2023-18](#). Additional documents will be submitted to the Workshop through this page as they become available. Please note that the deadline for submission of papers to the workshop is set on the 29th of January 2024 and this is the expected deadline for the submission of the SEC2022-OBS1 preliminary draft report to the meeting.

Please register to the Workshop using the corresponding [registration form](#), and submitting it via email to the Science Officer (marco.milardi@siofa.org), ideally no later than the 29th of January. Registered participants will receive an invitation to the virtual meeting on the 30th of January.

The Workshop is expected to produce a convener's report which is to be circulated via email for comments on the 9th of February 2024, and subsequently submitted to SC9.

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn

SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair