**UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE**

**Guidelines for the WMA delegation**

A**ll WMA delegates attend UN Climate Change conferences *as WMA observer***, NOT as observer for his/her National Medical Association or other national body to which he/she belongs and not in any private capacity. There is no exception to this rule and delegates are expected to act accordingly. The number of observers is limited. Places on the WMA delegation will be provided first to WMA officers, members of the WMA workgroup on environment and then interested constituent /Associate members.

**ADVOCACY:**

Members of the delegation are expected to work in agreement with WMA coordinators.

All members of the WMA delegation should be familiar with the WMA policy on climate change and more broadly on environment and health, available on the [WMA website](https://www.wma.net/policy/). They are expected to advocate on this basis only.

Any action – such as oral or written public statements, interviews, meetings with delegations - must be strictly based on WMA adopted policies. Prior approval of WMA secretariat is required.

Any press matter should be submitted in writing and in English to the WMA Secretary General and/or WMA secretariat (Clarisse Delorme /Magda Mihaila).However, a member of the delegation can be commissioned by WMA Chair to speak on behalf of WMA. This commission must be obtained through WMA secretariat before making any statement.

**COORDINATORS OF WMA DELEGATION:**

For each of the 2 weeks of the meeting, a coordinator will be appointed by the Chair of WMA Council amongst the nominees, on the basis of past experience at COP meetings and demonstrated interest on climate change issues.

The tasks of the coordinators are:

* To ensure the circulation of any relevant information within the delegation;
* To share out attendance to side-events and/or official meetings when appropriate;
* Centralise requests from journalists or official delegations and channel them to WMA secretariat for follow-up;
* To ensure any other logistic tasks aiming at ensuring a coherent and coordinated work of the team.
* To report back to the WMA secretariat.

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