

Dear colleagues,

After 19 years of collaboration within the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) bodies and committees, I would like to dedicate the peak of my professional career to supporting the WMO even more actively. Encouraged by many colleagues, I decided to take up this new challenge and apply for the position of President of WMO.

The WMO sets the framework for the successful cooperation of its Member States to accomplish their tasks for the well-being of societies. Fulfilling this important duty is based on the global meteorological infrastructure coordinated by WMO. My aim is that this infrastructure as well as the indispensable global exchange of data are improved even further and guaranteed into the future.

It is our collective responsibility and my main interest to strengthen the WMO. For this, a sustainable strategic plan and effective and efficient governance structures are needed. The ongoing Governance Reform must be implemented in a way that preserves the motivation and commitment at all levels without affecting the results. It is also important that all Members can contribute equally to the programmes of WMO.

This is what I will stand up for.

These challenges require that President and Vice-Presidents, all coming from different regions, work closely together as a team, supported by the Secretary-General. As the President of WMO, I will commit all of my energy into upholding the goals of the Organization – though achieving them will require the joint efforts of us all.

It is for this purpose that I ask for your support.



Gerhard Adrian

Activities in the governance of WMO

- Permanent Representative of Germany since 18 June 2010
- Elected member of the Executive Council (EC) since 2011
- Acting member of the Executive Council (EC) (2010)
- Member of the EC Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning
- Delegate to the Commission for Atmospheric Sciences (CAS) (2002–2009)
- Delegate to the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS) of GFCS and member of its management committee
- Member of the management group of RA VI (Europe)
- Member of the EC Task Team on the Establishment of GFCS (2011)

Activities in the governance of European intergovernmental organizations

- Head of the German delegation to the Council of the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) and to the Council of the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)
- President of the Council of ECMWF (2014–2016)
- Chair of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) of EUMETSAT (2009–2011)
- Elected member (2004–2010) and chair (2008–2010) of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of ECMWF



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Curriculum vitae

since July 2010	President of DWD
2006–2010	Vice-President of DWD
since 2003	Adjunct professor of Meteorology, University of Karlsruhe
1999–2011	Head of Business Area Research and Development and Member of the Executive Board of Directors of DWD
since 1998	Unestablished senior lecturer of Meteorology, University of Karlsruhe
1997–1999	Head of the Mesoscale Climate and Climate Modelling section at the Institute for Meteorology and Climate Research, Karlsruhe Research Centre
1996–1997	Interim professor of Experimental Atmospheric Physics, University of Mainz
1995–1996	Interim professor of Meteorology, University of Karlsruhe
1993	Habilitation for professorship (Dr rer. nat. habil.)
1990–1995	Research scientist at the Institute for Meteorology and Climate Research, University of Karlsruhe
1981–1990	Scientific assistant at the Institute for Meteorology and Climate Research, University of Karlsruhe
1985	PhD in Natural Sciences (Dr rer. nat.)
1981	Graduate diploma in meteorology (Dipl.-Met.)