

WMO Global Campus Learning Resource Catalogue Copyrights Standards

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The WMO Global Campus initiative seeks to maximize reuse of learning resources as one way to reduce overall costs of training to WMO Members. However, the initiative wishes to respect the rights of resource creators and to acknowledge their contributions. The standard practices below are designed to facilitate the use of the Learning Resource Catalogue by ensuring that the rights of the creator and owner of a resource are maintained, while clearly indicating how resources may be reused.

For the *Guiding Principles for WMO Global Campus*, see the final page of the document.

Copyrights Practice Standards

1. The Global Campus is dedicated to promoting open use and access to learning resources among WMO Members.
2. All users of WMO Global Campus resources should respect the legitimate rights of holders of intellectual property (IP).
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14. Attribution of all materials used should follow stated requirements. In the event of a lack of instructions, international standards should be used, unless superseded by organisational standards.
15. The Global Campus will communicate these copyright practice standards to users on its websites and other documentation.

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Guiding Principles for WMO Global Campus (from the WMO Global Campus Roadmap)

The activities that develop as a result of the WMO Global Campus should honour the underlying guiding principles developed by the Working Group and contained in Annex II of the Roadmap. These principles recognize that a WMO Global Campus can provide a critical good to all WMO Members only if all have the potential to contribute and benefit, and if collaboration and sharing is conducted fairly.

1. Open participation: All education and training providers to WMO Members are encouraged to contribute and collaborate.
2. Shared responsibility: All participants should strive to bring value to the initiative.
3. Shared improvement goals: Participants will work toward continual improvement in education and training for WMO Members.
4. Shared collaboration goals: Participants will seek opportunities for collaboration and partnership.
5. Fairness in collaboration: Those collaborating will treat each other fairly and strive for mutually beneficial outcomes.
6. Shared quality goals: Those submitting offerings through WMO Global Campus mechanisms will recognize and follow agreed quality assurance principles.
7. Open sharing encouraged: All contributors will share as much as possible within the limits of institutional copyrights, intellectual property and any commercial considerations.
8. Respecting rights: All users of WMO Global Campus resources will respect and abide by the copyright and intellectual property of others.
9. Open source: Shared platforms will have community ownership and coordination for accessibility and sustainability.
10. Operates within WMO mechanisms: The WMO Global Campus operates within WMO bodies and mechanisms as an initiative of the WMO Education and Training Office, with guidance by the EC Panel of Experts on Education and Training. Institutions and cooperatives outside WMO structures are welcome participants.
11. Guidance for participation: Participants can seek the advice of the WMO Education and Training Office, EC Panel of Experts on Education and Training, or other WMO bodies and mechanisms when needed.