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The Department of External Affairs announced today that three of the working bodies of the World Meteorological Organization will hold their sessions in Toronto this summer.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is the newest Specialized Agency of the United Nations, and was established in March 1950. WMO took over the functions of the International Meteorological Organization, a voluntary body which had fostered the development of meteorological services on a world-wide basis since 1878. WMO has a membership of 78 nations.

The first of the WMO bodies to convene in Toronto will be the Regional Association No. IV, North and Central America, which will meet August 3-8. The Technical Commission for Aerology and the Technical Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation will meet from August 10 to September 5. These meetings will be followed by a joint meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society, London, the Canadian Branch of the Society and the American Meteorological Society, in Toronto, September 9-15.