

Secretary-General

Michel Jarraud has been the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization since 2004.

Mr Jarraud was appointed by the Fourteenth World Meteorological Congress and took up the post on 1 January 2004. He was re-appointed by the Fifteenth World Meteorological Congress for a second four-year term starting 1 January 2008, and by the Sixteenth World Meteorological Congress for a third and final four-year term, which commenced on 1 January 2012.

In 2012 he also assumed the Chair of [UN-Water](#), the inter-agency mechanism that coordinates and strengthens the work of United Nations organizations and programmes on all issues relating to fresh water.

Before joining the WMO Secretariat as Deputy Secretary-General in January 1995, Mr Jarraud devoted part of his career to the internationally renowned [European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts](#) (ECMWF). He was appointed Deputy Director of the Centre in 1991, having been Director of the Operational Department since 1990. From June 1978 to December 1985, he was a researcher in numerical weather prediction at ECMWF. Mr Jarraud started his career with the French National Meteorological Service, [Météo-France](#), as a researcher (September 1976-May 1978). He joined Météo-France again in January 1986 as Director of the Weather Forecasting Department, until December 1989.

Mr Jarraud is a scientist and a meteorologist with degrees from the prestigious French *Ecole Polytechnique* and the *Ecole de la Météorologie Nationale*. He is a fellow of the [American Meteorological Society](#) (USA), a member of the *Société Météorologique de France*, the [Royal Meteorological Society](#) (United Kingdom) and the African Meteorological Society, as well as an Honorary Member of the [Chinese Meteorological Society](#) and the [Cuban Meteorological Society](#).

Mr Jarraud is fluent in French and English. He was born in 1952 in Châtillon-sur-Indre, France. He is married and is the father of two children.

