

## The Ministry of Meteorology Launches the Membership of "Hawi" to Empower Those Interested in Weather and Climate and Strengthen Community Partnership



The National Center of Meteorology (NCM) has launched the membership of "Hawi" and granted membership to a number of those interested in weather and climate, during the second coordination meeting for influencers and those interested in weather and climate, in a step aimed at enabling them to benefit from the programs, activities, and awareness and training initiatives provided by the center, in a way that enhances community participation, spreads meteorological culture, and expands the base of partnership with those interested in the field.

The center explained that the "Hawi" initiative attracted 690 applicants from various regions of the Kingdom, including 658 men and 32 women, in an indicator that reflects the growing societal interest in weather and climate, and the demand to join the initiative, which organizes the participation of amateurs and interested parties under the umbrella of the National Center of Meteorology.

Membership allows members to participate in awareness activities, attend workshops and lectures, benefit from training programs and services provided by the center, in addition to contributing to spreading meteorological awareness, supporting community initiatives, and benefiting from meteorological services, including radars, maps, and numerical models.

The center indicated that the initiative attracted participants from various educational levels, including Ph.D., Master's, Bachelor's, Diploma, and Higher Diploma holders, in addition to high school graduates, competence, vocational institutes, and the middle stage, and a number of students, reflecting the diversity of scientific backgrounds and the expansion of interest in the meteorological field. The interests of the members also varied to include weather, climate, weather observation, weather forecasting, training, and volunteer work, confirming the growing awareness of the importance of meteorological sciences, and the desire to contribute to the dissemination of reliable information and the promotion of climate culture.

Hawi's membership comes as part of the National Center of Meteorology's efforts to strengthen partnership with those interested in weather and climate, and to organize the hobby within an institutional framework, in a way that contributes to the dissemination of reliable meteorological information, supports community participation, and builds a more weather- and climate-conscious society.