

**WMO OMM**

World Meteorological Organization  
Organisation météorologique mondiale  
Organización Meteorológica Mundial  
Всемирная метеорологическая организация  
المنظمة العالمية للأرصاد الجوية  
世界气象组织

**Secrétariat**

7 bis, avenue de la Paix – Case postale 2300  
CH 1211 Genève 2 – Suisse  
Tél.: +41 (0) 22 730 81 11  
Fax: +41 (0) 22 730 81 81  
wmo@wmo.int – public.wmo.int

Ref.: 00637/2024.L12 MS/DP

Our ref.: 00637/2024/MS/DP

29 January 2024

Annex: 1

Subject: Formal Approval of the AfDB Climate Action Window/Adaptation Sub-Window Concept Note

Action required: Signature of the Letter of No-Objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) are preparing a concept note for a US\$ 15 million multinational project in Burundi, Cameroon, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to strengthen Climate Services and Early Warning Systems.

During the twenty-eighth United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), AfDB launched a Climate Action Window, including an Adaptation Sub-Window. The resources channelled through this sub-window promote climate change adaptation and build resilience to climate change impacts, and strengthen the adaptive capacity of ecological, social, or economic systems or policy processes in response to climate change and related impacts. A key focus within this window is the advancement of Climate Information Services and Early Warning Systems.

Scheduled for submission by 2 February 2024, the WMO Regional Office for Africa (RAF) and the WMO Project Management and Implementation Unit (PMIU) intend to present a concept note to AfDB. The list of priority countries was approved by the WMO Project Management Board (PMB) at the close of December 2023, and the concept note was drafted using information from the World Bank reports, WMO databases, and insights from RAF.

Upon approval of the concept note by AfDB, we will develop a full project proposal. This stage will involve thorough consultations with each National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS) to refine the initiative. We will seek to gather your perspectives on operational aspects, priorities, and future endeavours, ensuring an extensive and collaborative approach.

To firmly establish country ownership of the project, it is essential, as a first step, to provide evidence of commitment and support in the form of a no-objection letter. These letters should be signed by the Permanent Representative or the line Ministers of each country (attached herewith).

To: Permanent Representatives of Burundi, Cameroon, Sao Tome and Principe; Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe (limited distribution)

I confirm my dedication to your national objectives and the goals of WMO, and eagerly look forward to the opportunity for additional collaborative engagement.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Saulo', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

**TEMPLATE FOR A NO-OBJECTION LETTER**

[Your country's letterhead]

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)  
Secretariat  
7 bis, avenue de la Paix – Case postale 2300  
CH 1211 Genève 2 – Suisse  
Tel: +41 (0) 22 730 81 11  
Fax: +41 (0) 22 730 81 81  
[wmo@wmo.int](mailto:wmo@wmo.int) – [public.wmo.int](http://public.wmo.int)

[Date]

Subject: No-Objection Letter for WMO Concept Note  
(AfDB Climate Action Window – Adaptation Sub-Window)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of [*your country*] to express our commitment to, and support for the WMO Concept Note regarding the African Development Bank (AfDB) Climate Action Window – Adaptation Sub-Window. We acknowledge the importance of this initiative and understand its relevance in addressing challenges posed by climate change, particularly through the strengthening of Climate Services and Early Warning Systems.

In line with the collaborative nature of this project, we hereby provide our formal no-objection to the participation of [*your country*]. We look forward to actively participating in the programme and collaborating with all stakeholders involved.

We appreciate the opportunity to be part of this significant initiative and anticipate a successful and impactful collaboration.

Yours faithfully,

[*your full name*]  
[*your title*]  
[*your organization and country*]  
[*contact information*]