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Annex: 1

Subject: Formal Approval of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Climate Action Window/Technical Assistance Sub-Window Concept Note

Action required: Signature of the Letter of No-objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that WMO, in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB), is preparing a concept note for a USD 1.3 million technical assistance initiative aimed at unlocking climate finance and enhancing the adaptive capacities of Cameroon, Ghana, São Tomé and Príncipe, Lesotho, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. This initiative will also support the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET) and it aligns with the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology.

During the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), AfDB launched the Technical Assistance Sub-window of the Climate Action Window (CAW). The resources channelled through this sub-window promote countries' ability for project preparation, capacity development, and expanded access to green financing initiatives. Proposals should demonstrate how the technical assistance provided will build the institutional and operational capacities of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to better contribute to the countries long term strategies (LTS), National Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), as well as improve their capacity to deliver climate services to communities and users.

Scheduled for submission in February 2025, WMO intends to present a concept note to AfDB. The priority countries were approved by WMO at the close of December 2024, and the concept note was drafted using information from the World Bank reports, WMO databases, and insights from the Regional Office for Africa.

To further enhance the initiative, WMO is actively exploring co-financing opportunities through the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) Accelerated Support Window (ASW). This mechanism focuses on supporting Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in proposals aligned with the overarching CREWS objective of reducing disaster mortality by 2030 through enhanced access to early warnings and risk information. Given the strong alignment with the AfDB technical assistance initiative, project activities in Lesotho, São Tomé and Príncipe and Zambia could potentially benefit from this funding, pending approval by the CREWS Steering Committee. Each of these countries would be required to submit an individual proposal to CREWS, with WMO providing the necessary support throughout the process. If confirmed, each country could access up to USD 250 000 for a maximum duration of 12 months.

To: Permanent Representatives of Cameroon, Ghana, São Tomé and Príncipe, Lesotho, Zambia and Zimbabwe (limited distribution)

Upon approval of the concept note by AfDB, WMO will develop a full project proposal. This stage will involve thorough consultations with each National Hydrometeorological Service of the respective countries to refine the initiative.

I am committed to engaging with you during this process to discuss key aspects, priorities, and future endeavours in a collaborative and inclusive manner.

To firmly establish country ownership of the proposal, I kindly request your support in the form of a no-objection letter. This letter should be signed by the Permanent Representative or relevant line Ministers ([Annex](#)).

I confirm our 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 be 'C. Saulo', written over a horizontal line.

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Secretary-General

TEMPLATE FOR A NO-OBJECTION LETTER

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of *[your country]* to express our commitment and support for the WMO Concept Note regarding the AfDB Climate Action Window – Technical Assistance Sub-Window. We acknowledge the importance of this initiative and recognize its relevance in addressing the challenges posed by climate change, particularly by strengthening Climate Services and Early Warning Systems through improved adaptive capacities and enhanced access to climate finance as well as the contribution of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to countries' long term strategies (LTSS).

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]
