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10 March 2025

Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: CREWS/SWFP - Eastern Africa Training Workshop on Severe Weather and Impact-based Forecast and Warning Services, 27 May to 6 June 2025, Entebbe, Uganda

Action required: To convey nomination of two operational forecasters from your Service by **15 April 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you might be aware the [World Meteorological Organization \(WMO\) Severe Weather Forecasting Programme \(SWFP\)](#) has been implemented in various subregions of the world including Eastern Africa. SWFP makes efficient use of the 'cascading forecasting process' with contributions from the [WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System \(WIPPS\)](#) Centres. Numerical weather prediction (NWP) outputs are made available from the contributing World Meteorological Centres (WMCs) and the daily severe weather forecast guidance product is issued to the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) by the relevant Regional Centre(s) in each subregion. Within the framework of [SWFP-Eastern Africa](#), the daily severe weather forecasting guidance products are issued by the Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam towards the NMHSs of participating countries.

As an enabler to the [UN Early Warnings for All \(EW4All\) initiative](#), SWFP is being scaled up by WMO including through expansion of its geographical coverage to more countries and subregions, in addition to improving severe weather guidance products for various hydromet hazards as appropriate and feasible in collaboration with WMO Members and with support from our development partners and donors. Djibouti, Somalia, and Sudan have recently joined SWFP-Eastern Africa which currently involves ten countries in the subregion.

Capacity development of the operational forecasters and public weather services (PWS) staff of the NMHSs of participating countries through specialized training workshops is a salient feature of SWFP. They are trained on how to better interpret and make best use of the available high-value NWP outputs, satellite information and RSMCs' guidance products in severe weather and impact-based forecasting for improved decision-supportive early warning services.

In this context, WMO in collaboration with the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) through the [FINKERAT project \(funded by the Government of Finland\)](#), and at the kind invitation of the Government of Uganda, is organizing a CREWS/SWFP-Eastern Africa Training Workshop on Severe Weather and Impact-based Forecast and Warning Services in Entebbe, Uganda from 27 May to 6 June 2025. The training workshop is also supported by the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) initiative funded projects including for [East Africa](#) and [Horn of Africa](#).

To: Permanent Representatives of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan and United Republic of Tanzania with WMO (limited distribution)

The training workshop will comprise the following two components: week 1 (27–31 May 2025) will mainly focus on interpretation and use of NWP including ensemble outputs and nowcasting products in severe weather forecasting, and week 2 (2–6 June 2025) will cover topics related to impact-based forecast and warning services (IBFWS), engagement with users, communication of warnings, and dissemination protocols including the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP). The workshop will include several practical and hands-on sessions.

Operational forecasters from the NMHSs of SWFP participating countries will attend both weeks of the training workshop, while representatives of stakeholder organizations from the host country Uganda (e.g. disaster management and civil protection authorities, local governments, and media, etc.) will also participate in week 2 of the workshop. The workshop will be conducted in English, therefore participants need to be fluent in the language. An Information Note as well as a training programme and relevant documents will be made available on [the WMO Community Platform webpage for the workshop](#).

Participants will be expected to complete selected prerequisite online self-study modules related to the training topics prior to the workshop dates. They will also be requested to carry out severe weather case studies in their home countries as a post-course exercise to apply their knowledge gained from the workshop. In addition, they will also be expected to share the information and skills acquired during the workshop with their fellow forecasters in the NMHSs upon return to their home countries.

You are, therefore, requested to nominate from your Service, two operational forecasters (who have not attended any SWFP training workshop in the past) to attend the CREWS/SWFP training workshop in Entebbe, Uganda from 27 May to 6 June 2025. Please note that FMI through the FINKERAT project will provide complete financial travel support for the participation of operational forecasters from the NMHSs in adherence to the travel regulations of the Government of Finland. It will include airline ticket(s) (purchased by FMI), hotel accommodation (including breakfast) arranged by FMI, terminal expenses in Uganda and per diem to cover incidental expenses and meals during the workshop period. A prescribed nomination form is attached as an **annex** to this letter.

Nomination forms should be completed and returned to Ms Anne Hirsikko (anne.hirsikko@fmi.fi) and to Mr Alessandro Chiariello (alessandro.chiariello@fmi.fi) copied to Mr Ata Hussain (ahussain@wmo.int) at the WMO Secretariat at your earliest convenience, but preferably **no later than 15 April 2025**.

I would like to express my appreciation for your continued support to the WMO programmes and activities including SWFP.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barret
for the Secretary-General

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CREWS/SWFP - Eastern Africa Training Workshop on Severe Weather
and Impact-based Forecast and Warning Services

(Entebbe, Uganda, 27 May–6 June 2025)

PARTICIPANT NOMINATION FORM

Note

Please consider nominating operational forecasters with at least 2 years' experience and those who have not attended a SWFP training workshop in the past.

The following two operational forecasters are nominated from (name of country): _____ to attend the above captioned CREWS/SWFP - Eastern Africa Training Workshop in Entebbe, 27 May–6 June 2025:

Nr.	Particulars of the nominees	Contact detail
1.	Name: Date of birth: Address: Gender (Male/Female): Title/Designation: Responsibilities: Qualification: Experience as forecaster:years Passport Number: (please attach a scanned copy of the passport) Expiry date:	E-Mail: Tel: Mobile:
2.	Name: Date of birth: Address: Gender (Male/Female): Title/Designation: Responsibilities: Qualification: Experience as forecaster: years Passport Number: (please attach a scanned copy of the passport) Expiry date:	E-Mail: Tel: Mobile:

The Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI), through the FINKERAT project, will provide complete financial travel support to the nominated operational forecasters in adherence to the travel regulations of the Government of Finland. It will include airline ticket(s) (purchased by FMI), hotel accommodation (including breakfast) arranged by FMI and terminal expenses. In addition, participants will also be paid a per diem to cover incidental expenses and meals during the workshop period. Please indicate if financial assistance is required from FMI for your nominees **(Yes/No)**:

Date:

Nominating NMHS

Signature of Director of NMHS (or Permanent Representative)

Note: Please complete and submit this nomination form to Ms Anne Hirsikko (anne.hirsikko@fmi.fi) and to Mr Alessandro Chiariello (alessandro.chiariello@fmi.fi) at FMI, copied to Mr Ata Hussain (ahussain@wmo.int) at the WMO Secretariat at your earliest convenience, but **no later than 15 April 2025**.