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Annex: 1

Subject: Formal Approval of the Denmark's support to Early Warning for All (EW4All)

Action required: Signature of the Letter of No-Objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark will fund a USD 5,72 million four-year project in Niger, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, and Tanzania to strengthen Early Warning Systems. This project will be led by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and implemented together with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Denmark's support to Early Warning for All (EW4All) was designed to enable implementation of multi-hazard early warning systems (MHEWS) in the target countries, which will significantly reduce the loss of life, economic and material impacts caused by hydrometeological hazards or severe climate events. This will be done through production, analysis, interpretation and use of climate and risk information to strengthen MHEWS. Also, countries will get the capacity to monitor and forecast priority hazards to generate and disseminate actionable early warning responses, in line with the Multi Hazard Early Warning for all Africa Action Plan 2023 –2027, to save lives, protect property and livelihood. Communities will get their capacity developed to respond, prevent or mitigate impacts of climate related hazards. All countries will also get an enabling policy environment for effective coordination between relevant agencies and stakeholders.

The Danish project proposal was drafted using information from the World Bank reports, WMO databases, and insights from WMO Regional Office for Africa (RAF). The document was approved in December 2023 and as part of the first project phase, an inception report with a project Workplan should be submitted for endorsement before the 28 March 2024. This stage will involve thorough consultations with each National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS) to refine the content of 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. This letter should be signed by the Permanent Representative with WMO or the Ministers of each country. A sample copy of the no-objection letter is attached herewith.

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,

Prof. Celeste Saulo Secretary-General

TEMPLATE FOR A NO-OBJECTION LETTER

[Your country's letterhead]

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Subject: No-Objection Letter for the Denmark's support to Early Warning for All (EW4All)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of **[your country]** to express our commitment to the Denmark Contribution to Early Warnings for All (EW4All) project. We acknowledge the importance of this initiative and understand its relevance in reducing the loss of life and economic and material impacted by disasters or severe climate events in Niger, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. We express our gratitude for the support given in the production, analysis, interpretation and use of climate and risk information to strengthen our MHEWS. Furthermore, we extend our appreciation for the assistance in enhancing our capacity to monitor and forecast priority hazards, facilitating the generation and dissemination of actionable early warning responses.

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]