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Annexes: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: Severe Weather Forecasting Programme – Regional Subprogramme for Eastern Africa (SWFP-Eastern Africa) – Meeting of the Regional Subprogramme Management Team (RSMT), Dar Es Salaam, 14-17 May 2024

Action required: 1) To designate a national SWFP focal point from your Service as feasible
2) To convey confirmation of your designated SWFP focal point's participation in the above-mentioned meeting as soon as possible but preferably not later than by **5 April 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization ([WMO Severe Weather Forecasting Programme \(SWFP\)](#)) has been implemented in various sub-regions 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 sub-region.

Within the framework of [SWFP-Eastern Africa](#), WMCs in Exeter and Washington and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) contribute to the regional subprogramme, while 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.

In support of [UN Early Warnings for All \(EW4All\) initiative](#), SWFP is also being scaled up with support from our development partners and donors including for its geographical expansion to more countries and sub-regions, in addition to improving severe weather guidance products as appropriate and feasible. Currently, SWFP-Eastern Africa involves nine countries including Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda. Both Djibouti and Somalia agreed to join SWFP-Eastern Africa in 2023 by designating their national SWFP focal points.

The implementation of the SWFP-Eastern Africa has been managed by a Regional Subproject Management Team (RSMT) which mainly comprises designated SWFP focal points/experts from the participating countries and the contributing WMCs and RSMCs. The RSMT is responsible for overseeing the SWFP regional subprogramme including the review and updating of the regional severe weather operational plan in close coordination with the East African Community (EAC) meteorological bodies.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO of Eritrea, and Sudan (Limited distribution)

cc: Dr Hamza Kabelwa, Mr David Koros (Co-chairs of RSMT of SWFP-Eastern Africa)
Hydrological Advisers

To that end, at the kind invitation of the Government of United Republic of Tanzania, the WMO Secretariat in collaboration with the RSMC Dar Es Salaam and RSMC Nairobi, and with financial support of the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) through the [FINKERAT project \(funded by the Government of Finland\)](#), and [CREWS Horn of Africa project](#), are organizing a meeting of RSMT of SWFP-Eastern Africa in Dar es Salaam from 14 to 17 May 2024. The provisional agenda and meeting documents will be made available on the WMO Community Platform here: <https://community.wmo.int/en/meetings/meeting-regional-subprogramme-management-team-rsmt-swfp-eastern-africa>

In view of the above, you are requested to consider designation of a national SWFP focal point/expert from your Service in case if your country is willing to join SWFP-Eastern Africa. Kindly also confirm your expert's availability to attend the subject meeting of RSMT of SWFP-Eastern Africa in Dar Es Salaam from 14 to 17 May 2024 by using the prescribed form (**Annex II**). Through CREWS Horn of Africa project, WMO Secretariat upon request can consider providing complete financial support (air-ticket and Per diem) to your expert for his/her participation in the meeting. The completed form should be sent to Mr Ata Hussain (ahussain@wmo.int) and Ms Karla Lienhart (klienhart@wmo.int) at WMO Secretariat **as soon as possible but preferably not later than 5 April 2024**. The relevant WMO staff will reach out to the expert directly with further details regarding the financial assistance and travel arrangements.

Regarding insurance coverage for non-staff members, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

"Non-staff members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events. WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides a limited coverage for medical, emergency, and supplementary official travel expenses."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

List of designated SWFP focal points/experts represented at RSMT of SWFP-Eastern Africa

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WMO Severe Weather Forecasting Programme (SWFP)
Regional Subprogramme for Eastern Africa
(SWFP-Eastern Africa)

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DESIGNATION FORM FOR SWFP FOCAL POINT

Note: Please designate an expert from your Service as a national SWFP focal point. Preferably, he/she should be head/deputy head of the national forecasting office in your Service.

The Permanent Representative of _____ with WMO designates the following expert to serve as national SWFP focal point and confirms his/her availability to attend the meeting of RSMT of SWFP-Eastern Africa in Dar Es Salaam from 14 to 17 May 2024:

Mr/Ms/Dr:

Family name:

First name(s):

Date of birth:

Present position and responsibilities at NMHS:

Work address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Mobile phone:

Email address:

Education/Qualification:

Experience:

Language skills: English (Yes/No):

Other languages:

Please indicate if financial assistance is required for:

Air Ticket:

NO or

YES

Per Diem:

NO or

YES

Date:

Signature of Permanent Representative: _____

Name of Permanent Representative:

Note: Please complete and submit this form by email to Mr Ata Hussain (AHussain@wmo.int) and Ms Karla Lienhart (klienhart@wmo.int) at WMO Secretariat as soon as possible, preferably by 5 April 2024