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Annexes: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS)/Severe Weather Forecasting Programme (SWFP) – Eastern Africa Training Desk in Nairobi, 18–22 August 2025

Action required: To seek your availability to attend the first two days of the subject training desk, from 18 to 19 August 2025 only, and to convey nomination of your Service's designated national SWFP focal point and a senior forecaster to attend the subject training desk, from 18 to 22 August 2025, **no later than 22 July 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.

As an enabler to the [United Nations Early Warnings for All \(EW4All\) initiative](#), SWFP is being scaled up by WMO including for its geographical expansion to cover more countries and subregions and to improve severe weather guidance products for the NMHSs of participating countries as appropriate and feasible in collaboration with WMO Members and with support from our development partners and donors. The [SWFP regional subprogramme in Eastern Africa \(SWFP-Eastern Africa\)](#) currently benefits 10 countries in the subregion, and it has already been expanded to cover Djibouti, Somalia and Sudan in the recent past. Now Eritrea will also be invited to join SWFP-Eastern Africa as feasible.

Within the framework of SWFP-Eastern Africa, the daily severe weather forecasting guidance products are issued to the NMHSs of participating countries by the Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam to help the NMHSs to issue improved forecast and early warnings for severe and hazardous weather conditions. SWFP-Eastern Africa is managed by a Regional Subprogramme Management Team (RSMT) which mainly comprises the designated SWFP focal points/experts from the participating countries and the contributing WMCs and RSMCs. The [last meeting of RSMT of SWFP-Eastern Africa \(Dar es Salaam, 14–17 May 2024\)](#) recommended to organize a Training Desk at RSMC Nairobi for the newly joined countries to improve their engagement within SWFP-Eastern Africa and the relevant RSMCs, and to improve the regional guidance product by sharing of local knowledge and exchange of experience between the forecasters of NMHSs and RSMCs.

To: Permanent Representatives of Djibouti, Somalia, and Sudan with WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Mr Fetene Teshome Tola, president of Regional Association I
Co-Chairs of the Regional Subprogramme Management Team (RSMT) of SWFP-Eastern Africa
(Mr David Koros, RSMC Nairobi and Dr Hamza Kabelwa, RSMC Dar es Salaam)

In this context, at the kind invitation of the Government of Kenya, WMO Secretariat is organizing a CREWS/SWFP-Eastern Africa Training Desk in Nairobi, from 18 to 22 August 2025. The training desk, to be attended by participants from Djibouti, Somalia, Sudan and Eritrea, will be supported by the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) initiative funded projects for the [Greater Horn of Africa](#) and [Djibouti](#). As the working language of the training desk will be English, the participants should therefore be fluent in English.

You are, therefore, requested to consider participation of the officials from your Service in the subject CREWS/SWFP – Eastern Africa Training Desk in Nairobi as per following:

- (i) Permanent Representative (or head of your Service) to attend first two days of the training desk from 18 to 19 August 2025;
- (ii) The designated national SWFP focal point from your Service to attend the training desk in Nairobi, from 18 to 22 August 2025. The list of designated national SWFP focal points is available in [Annex I](#);
- (iii) One senior operational forecaster from your Service to attend the training desk in Nairobi from 18 to 22 August 2025.

WMO upon request can provide complete financial travel support to the participation of the above officials/staff from your Service. It will include air ticket(s) and per diem to cover hotel accommodation, meals, and incidental expenses during the workshop period. A prescribed nomination form ([Annex II](#)) should be completed and returned to Mr Ata Hussain (ahussain@wmo.int) at WMO headquarters in Geneva and Mr Alessandro Chiariello (achiariello@wmo.int) at the WMO Subregional Office in Nairobi at your earliest convenience, but preferably **no later than 22 July 2025**.

Regarding insurance coverage for non-staff members, may I 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, and 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 limited coverage for medical, emergency, and supplementary official travel expenses.

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

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General

**LIST OF DESIGNATED SWFP FOCAL POINTS
FROM THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN EASTERN AFRICA**

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PARTICIPANT NOMINATION FORM

CREWS/SWFP – Eastern Africa Training CREWS/SWFP – Eastern Africa Training Desk
Nairobi, 18–22 August 2025

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The following officials/staff members are nominated from _____ (name of country) to attend the above captioned CREWS/SWFP – Eastern Africa Training Desk in Nairobi, 18–22 August 2025:

| Sr. # | Particulars of the nominees | Contact detail |
|-------|---|---------------------------|
| 1. | Name of the Permanent Representative (or Head of NMHS): Address: Title/Designation: | Email: Tel: Mobile: |
| 2. | Name of the national SWFP focal point: Address: Gender (Male/Female): Title/Designation: Responsibilities: Qualification: Experience as forecaster: _____ years | Email: Tel: Mobile: |
| 3. | Name of a senior forecaster: Address: Gender (Male/Female): Title/Designation: Responsibilities: Qualification: Experience as forecaster: _____ years | Email: Tel: Mobile: |

WMO through CREWS funded projects in the subregion may provide complete financial support to the nominated officials.

Please indicate if any financial assistance is required for your above nominees (Yes/No):

Air ticket (the most economical and direct) (Yes/No):

Per diem to cover for hotel accommodation, meals, and incidental expenses (Yes/No):

Date:

Name of the Permanent Representative:

Signature of the Permanent Representative: _____

Note:

Please complete and submit this nomination form to Ata Hussain ahussain@wmo.int, and Mr Alessandro Chiariello achiariello@wmo.int at your earliest convenience, but preferably **no later than 22 July 2025**.
