



Our ref.: 6521593/2026/ESDP/HMDM

10 February 2026

Annexes: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: Regional Project Meetings and Training Activities in Apia, Samoa, 9–13 March 2026

Action required: Nomination of participants **no later than 20 February 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) jointly with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) is organizing a series of events and meetings to be held in Apia, Samoa from 9 to 12 March 2026 in the context of several ongoing and new projects and activities supported through several multi-partners and donors.

The planned meetings are as follows (kindly refer to the Annex I for details on each event):

	Dates	Meeting	Focus Group
1	Monday, 9 March	CREWS Scale Up Inclusive Early Warning and Action in the Pacific (SIEWAP) Project – First Project Steering Committee Meeting  Early Warnings for All (EW4All) Peer Exchange	All National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and selected National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs)
2	Tuesday & Wednesday, 10-11 March	WMO HydroHub Socio-Economic Benefit (SEB) Training	NHSs: Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu. All NMHSs and selected NDMOs are welcome to join.
3	Thursday, 12 March	CREWS Drought Resilience Early Warning (DREW) Pacific Project – Inception Workshop (AM)	National Meteorological Services (NMS): Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Tokelau, and Vanuatu and selected NDMOs
4		Pacific Early Warning Systems for Floods (EWS-F) Project Update Meeting (PM)	NHSs: Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu, NMSs and selected NDMOs
5	Friday, 13 March	Place-holder (Launch of the PACIDFIN Finnish Meteorological Institute Pacific Project)	All NMHSs and Partners

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO in the Pacific

cc: National Hydrological Advisers, Directors of National Hydrological and Meteorological Services (NMHSs) in the Pacific and Technical Partners

6	GCF One-Pacific Programme Meeting	
---	-----------------------------------	--

Please note that WMO will cover the travel-related expenses and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for selected participants, in accordance with the WMO's rules and policies. Participants funded by partner organisations will follow their respective agency rules and policies. Due to limited funding, nominations should be carefully considered to ensure availability to attend all planned meetings during the week, rather than a single event. I would appreciate it if you could complete and return the nomination form (Annex II) to the Secretariat by **20 February 2026**.

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.*

Should you have any questions regarding meeting logistics or related information, please contact Ms Sophia Sandström, HydroHub Coordinator, Hydrological Monitoring and Data Management Section of the Department of Earth Systems Data and Predictions, [ssandstrom@wmo.int](mailto:ssandstrom@wmo.int) and Ms Tessa Tafua, Project Officer, Representative Office for the South-West Pacific (RO/SWP) at [ttafua@wmo.int](mailto:ttafua@wmo.int).

I thank you for your continued support and collaboration with WMO activities and look forward to a successful week of meetings and training with you all.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barrett  
for the Secretary-General

### 1. CREWS Scale Up Inclusive Early Warning and Action in the Pacific (SIEWAP) Project – First Project Steering Committee Meeting

The Scale up Early Warning and Action in the Pacific (SIEWAP) project is a four-year (2025-2028) regional Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) Initiative-funded project in the Pacific. The primary objective of the SIEWAP Project is to scale up people-centred and end-to-end multi-hazard early warning systems (MHEWSs) across the Pacific. The initiative covers Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

The first CREWS SIEWAP Project Steering Committee Meeting will take place on 9 March 2026 in Apia, Samoa, and will bring together the Steering Committee members to discuss, review and endorse the 2026 workplan of the project.

Please confirm the nomination of your participation to Ms Tessa Tafua (ttafua@wmo.int) no later than 20 February 2026, completing the nomination forms attached, and shared via email.

#### EW4ALL Peer Exchange Session (2 Hours)

The purpose is to exchange experiences and lessons learned in the development of the national Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (MHEWS) roadmaps. The session will bring together government representatives (NMHS and NDMO) and regional partners to discuss progress and challenges in the roadmap development process and explore opportunities for resource mobilization.

### 2. WMO HydroHub Socioeconomic Benefit (SEB) Training

The Global Hydrometry Support Facility (WMO HydroHub) aims at enhancing water monitoring systems worldwide by supporting National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in their hydrological data collection, management and sharing for informed decision-making in all aspects of water resources management.

The WMO HydroHub project is organizing a 2-day SEB-related Training for hydrometeorologists and technical hydrological experts from the **National Hydrological Service (NHS)** of six Pacific countries: Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu. The training will take place on **10 and 11 March 2026 in Apia, Samoa** and will be conducted by a WMO consultant. The goals of this training are to train on SEB concepts and their relevance to hydrological monitoring and to share practical knowledge on SEB tools and methodologies.

In light of the above, I would be grateful if you could kindly nominate two staff from the NHS (preferably candidates that will also participate in the other meetings of that week), for which financial support will be provided by the WMO HydroHub project, to participate in the SEB-related training at your earliest convenience, but **no later than 20 February 2026** by completing and emailing the nomination form attached (Annex II) to the HydroHub Coordinator, Ms Sophia Sandström ([ssandstrom@wmo.int](mailto:ssandstrom@wmo.int)).

### 3. CREWS Drought Resilience and Early Warning (DREW) Pacific Inception Workshop

The Drought Resilience and Early Warning (DREW) Pacific Project is a four-year (2026–2029) regional project, led by the World Meteorological Organization, with the objective of improving community-focused, integrated early warning systems and actions (EWSA) for drought in Pacific Islands Countries to enhance decision-making and reduce drought impacts. The project covers Cook Islands, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tokelau, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. The DREW Pacific Project Inception Workshop, to be held on 12 March 2026 in Apia, Samoa, will bring together participating countries and partners to formally launch the project, review and

validate the 2026–2027 workplan, confirm implementation arrangements, validate the PSC TOR, and ensure alignment with national and regional drought priorities.

Please confirm your nomination to Ms Tessa Tafua, Project Officer, WMO Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific ([ttafua@wmo.int](mailto:ttafua@wmo.int)) via email no later than 20 February 2026, including the completed nomination forms.

#### **4. Early Warning Systems for Floods (EWS-F) Project Update Meeting**

The Early Warning Systems for Floods (EWS-F) project, developed by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in collaboration with US Department of State (USDoS), aims to strengthen the capacity of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Samoa, and Vanuatu to monitor, forecast, and provide early warnings for floods. The project takes a comprehensive approach by assessing the needs of these countries, addressing technical and institutional gaps, enhancing impact-based forecasting capabilities, and promoting the visibility and sustainability of NMHSs. Aligned with the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative, EWS-F contributes to the global goal of ensuring that everyone is protected by early warning systems by 2027, improving the detection, monitoring, analysis, forecasting, and communication of flood-related hazards to at-risk communities. WMO has partnered with the Pacific Community (SPC) to implement the EWS-F project in the Pacific. A project update meeting will be held on 12 March 2026 in Apia, Samoa.

#### **5. PACIDFIN Project Launch**

The Project strengthens regional cooperation between the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI), Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), and Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysical Agency (BMKG) to improve sustainable weather and climate (including early warning) services. It focuses on enhancing forecasting and early warning capabilities, advancing remote-sensing monitoring, and building BMKG's capacity in air quality and greenhouse gas observations. The project supports countries across the Pacific including the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu alongside Indonesia and the Philippines. The project is implemented by FMI. More information will be shared on this launch by the organisers from FMI.

#### **6. GCF One-Pacific Programme Meeting**

This meeting is facilitated by SPREP and will provide an update on recent developments on the project proposal and agree on the next steps to move it forward.

**\*\*Note - Side Events Planned – WRP GEDSI Strategy (Date TBC) in celebration of International Women's Day\*\***

**Pacific Regional Project Meetings and Training Events**  
**9-13 March 2026**  
**Apia, Samoa**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**TO BE RETURNED NOT LATER THAN 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 TO:**

**Email: [ttafua@wmo.int](mailto:ttafua@wmo.int)/[sosandstrom@wmo.int](mailto:sosandstrom@wmo.int)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Permanent Representative of \_\_\_\_\_ with

WMO, nominate the following candidate to participate in the planned meetings and training events below.

Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Prof. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mr
Family name(s):	
First name(s):	
Service / Organization:	
Country	
Address:	
Email address:	
Telephone:	
Date of birth:	
Nominee for the following	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate to SIEWAP PSC <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate to SEB Training <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate to DREW Inception Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate to PACIDFIN <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate to ONE Pacific GCF Proposal meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending any of the above
Qualifications (academic degrees, diplomas, certificates)	

Present position and brief description of duties	
--	--

Financial assistance requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Self Funded
Passport Biodata	Attach a copy of your passport Biodata separately

---

*Date*

---

*Signature of the Permanent Representative*