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Subject: Online Foundational Training Phase under the CREWS AWS Project –
Nomination of Participants (September 2026)

Action required: Kindly nominate participants for the online foundational training phase and
submit their names, positions and contact details by 28 August 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in the context of the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS)-funded project entitled "*Strengthening Early Warning Systems in Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and Suriname through Improving Satellite Data Utilization and Weather Radar Data Utilization*". This initiative aims to enhance regional capacity in satellite data access, processing, and operational use in support of strengthened early warning systems in the Caribbean region.

As part of this initiative, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), under the leadership of the RA III/IV Satellite Data Requirements Group, is delivering a series of capacity development activities combining online learning with in-person, hands-on regional workshops. These activities respond directly to needs identified through the Group's 2022 Satellite Data Requirements survey, the WMO Early Warnings for All (EW4All) Rapid Assessment (Pillar 2), and consultations with participating National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs).

I am pleased to inform you that the first phase of this training programme — an online foundational training course — will commence in September 2026 for participants from the four beneficiary countries: Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and Suriname. This online phase is designed to establish the theoretical foundation and common understanding necessary for participants to fully benefit from the subsequent hands-on training activities.

An overview of the online foundational training, including its components and schedule, is set out in the table below:

Training component	Dates	Time	Format
Virtual Application Training	7, 8, 9 and 14, 15, 16 September 2026	Three hours per day (tentatively from 14 UTC)	Virtual (MS Teams)
Virtual Technical Training	10–11, 17–18, 24–25 September 2026	Two hours per day (tentatively from 14 UTC)	Virtual (MS Teams)

This foundational phase constitutes the first component of a blended learning programme, which will be followed by two regional in-person workshops (tentatively planned for the fourth quarter of 2026 and the first quarter of 2027) and subsequent regional technical support activities.

The primary target audience includes meteorological forecasters and technical personnel from the NMHSs of the participating countries. To facilitate the necessary preparations, I would be grateful if your Service could nominate participants to take part in the online training phase. To promote continuity and maximize the benefits of the programme, it is

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cc: Mr Diego Souza, Co-Chair of Satellite Data Requirements (SDR) Group in RA III / RA IV, email: diego.souza@inpe.br

recommended that the nominated participants be those who are expected to attend the subsequent in-person workshops.

I would appreciate receiving the names, positions and contact details of the nominated participants by **28 August 2026**, to be sent to the focal points indicated below.

For any additional information, the focal points at the WMO Secretariat for this activity are Ms Zoya Andreeva (zandreeva@wmo.int) and Mr Daniel Vila Espigo (dvila@wmo.int).

I look forward to your response and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the WMO activities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ko Barrett', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General