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Subject: African Summit on 'Early Warning for All' Initiative (EW4ALL)

Your Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your participation in the high-level meeting on 'Early Warnings for All' Initiative (EWS4ALL) organized on 16 February 2023, prior to the eighteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa).

The session revealed some opportunities for the African continent and challenges including the need for institutional, human and infrastructure capacity development to achieve the target of all citizens being covered by early warnings by 2027.

The eighteenth session of the Regional Association decided that 'Early warnings for ALL' is a priority for the region, considering the increasing frequency and severity of extreme events and the vulnerability of the continent. The session consequently recommended the development of a joint action plan with all stakeholders as well as the organisation of an African Summit on Early Warnings for All (EW4ALL).

In this regard, I wish to enquire whether you have any planned high-level events in your region, that we can use to organize this summit consecutively, before October 2023.

I will appreciate if you could inform Ms Agnes Kijazi, Director of the Regional Office for Africa at akijazi@wmo.int with a copy to Ms Metsehet Girma at mgirma@wmo.int at your earliest convenience, before 30 March 2023.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Petteri Taalas Secretary-General