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Annex: 1

Subject: Invitation to participate in the side event of the WMO Leadership and Management Forum on the Implementation of the Early Warnings for All initiative (EW4ALL)  
Geneva, 27 May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19) side event entitled "the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Leadership and Management Forum on the Implementation of the Early Warnings for All initiative", to be held at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) on 27 May 2023.

As you may know, the United Nations Early Warnings for All initiative (EW4ALL) aims to ensure everyone on Earth is protected through an early warning system by 2027, and coordinated action will be implemented initially in 30 particularly at-risk countries, including yours. The forum will focus on addressing leadership and management challenges and on developing the necessary perspectives to achieve the goal of EW4ALL. The objectives of the event are, inter alia to:

- Facilitate communication opportunities for leaders and managers in beneficiary countries to exchange experiences and best practices for implementing the EW4ALL initiative, including consideration of key requirements for training.
- Share best practices and lessons learned on leadership and management for implementing the EW4ALL initiative, including in the areas of governance, coordination, communication, capacity-building, funding and evaluation.
- Foster partnerships and collaboration among stakeholders to strengthen the sustainability and inclusivity of the EW4ALL initiative.

To: Ms Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction  
Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union  
The Permanent Representatives of Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Niger, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda (RA I); Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Maldives, Nepal, Tajikistan (RA II); Ecuador, Guyana (RA III); Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Guatemala, Haiti (RA IV); Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga (RA V) with WMO

The [provisional agenda](#) is attached to this letter and the detailed programme will follow. In order to facilitate preparations for the forum, it would be appreciated if you could provide your responses to the following questions:

- (1) What are the major challenges you face in establishing (and/or improving) an early warning system?
- (2) What are the key roles of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS) among the various stakeholders in your country, such as central/local government, media and private sectors?
- (3) What challenges are you facing in mobilizing resources?

I would appreciate it if you could send your responses to the above questions to Mr Yoshiro Tanaka, Senior Technical Officer ([ytanaka@wmo.int](mailto:ytanaka@wmo.int)), as soon as possible.

I look forward to your participation in this important forum.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General

**WMO LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT FORUM  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EARLY WARNINGS FOR ALL INITIATIVE**

**International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Switzerland**

**27 May 2023**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**A. Session 1: Opening and welcome (1100 - 1300 CEST)**

- Moderator: Filipe Lúcio  
(Director of Member Services and Development Department, WMO)
- Welcome address by the Secretary-General of WMO
- Invited speakers (tentative list):
 

Mami Mizutori	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
Ninni Ikkala Nyman	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
Vanessa Gray	International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
Daniel Pfister	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- Brief introduction to the forum and objectives by the moderator

**B. Lunch and break (1300 - 1400 CEST)**

**C. Session 2: Implementation of the Early Warnings for All initiative (1400 - 1500 CEST)**

- Facilitator: Dr Johan Stander (Director of Services Department, WMO)
- Discussions on challenges and opportunities, sharing of experiences and best practices on leadership and management (including the profiles of managers), leadership challenges, strategies in change management, and approaches that can be adapted for different institutional contexts and stakeholders

**D. Session 3: Discussion on capacity development (1500 - 1600 CEST)**

- Facilitator: Filipe Lúcio
- The three questions sent to the participants ahead of the session will help them prepare their inputs to discussions as well as providing a good basis for recommendations
- Discussions on identifying capacity-development needs and opportunities to enhance the sustainability and inclusivity of the Early Warnings for All initiative, with the goal of enabling NMHSs to be effective in supporting and delivering the programme

**E. Cocktail party (evening): Time and location to be announced later**