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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has agreed to join the Alliance for Hydromet Development. As you know, IFAD is both an international financial institution and a specialized agency of the United Nations, investing in rural people to increase their resilience, food security, nutrition and income. Having since 1978 provided US\$23.2 billion in grants and low-interest loans in developing countries, I am excited that IFAD will further scale-up the Alliance's already strong support to rural areas and sustainable agriculture. This brings the Alliance's membership to fifteen, further bolstering our credentials as a collaborative partnership that leverages the respective competencies and expertise of our members to scale up efforts to close global capacity gaps in hydrometeorological services. IFAD will also be joining the SOFF as an Implementing Entity, strengthening our joint efforts to improve the global coverage of weather and climate monitoring, in particular in rural areas.

Following United Nations (UN) Secretary General Antonio Guterres' call to action in March 2022, Early Warnings for All (EW4All) was formally launched with the leads (WMO, UNDRR, ITU and IFRC) unveiling the EW4All Executive Action Plan at the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP27) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Sharm el-Sheikh in November 2022. The UN Secretary General further convened an Advisory Panel of leaders of UN agencies, multilateral development banks, humanitarian organizations, civil society, insurance and IT companies in New York on 21 March 2023, aiming to advance the four key Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (MHEWS) pillars, namely (1) disaster risk knowledge and management, led by UNDRR and WMO; (2) detection, observations, monitoring, analysis and forecasting of hazards, led by WMO with support from UNDP, UNESCO and UNEP; (3) dissemination and communication, led by ITU with support from IFRC, UNDP and WMO; and (4) preparedness and response, led by IFRC with support from the Risk Informed Early Action Partnership (REAP), OCHA, FAO and WFP.

While many Alliance members are already directly involved in the EW4All roll-out, I would like to call on you to mobilize and energize our full support to systematically scale-up investment in early warning, with all of us coherently contributing to the achievement of EW4All. In particular, the Alliance provides a vehicle to better engage our multilateral development bank and climate fund members and partners in EW4All, who must be recognized for their critical roles of providing both the lion's share of financing and significant knowledge for modernizing hydromet and early warning systems. WMO will therefore be proactively engaging with Alliance members to coordinate activities in support of national, regional and global systems.

The nineteenth World Meteorological Congress, (Cg-19) which will take place from 22 May to 2 June 2023, will provide an excellent platform for further discussions on EW4All between WMO Members, partners, and the WMO Secretariat. The High-level Dialogue, which will be held on the opening day, will allow heads of partner agencies, recipient countries and other important actors of the initiative to inform the Congress on their role in the implementation, and indicate their support to EW4All. In addition, each thematic day of the Congress will include elements relating to EW4All, demonstrating the collaborative approach of the WMO Secretariat in the implementation of this high-priority initiative.

To: Members of the Alliance for Hydromet Alliance

To coordinate the strengthening of the Alliance's engagement in and support to EW4All, WMO's new Director for Resource Mobilization and Development Partnerships, Mr. Daniel Kull ([dkull@wmo.int](mailto:dkull@wmo.int)), will now manage the Alliance's secretariat functions. While I will still of course communicate directly with all of you as agency heads, Mr Kull will more frequently engage with your respective agencies' focal points at the working level. As such, I would appreciate very much if you could please ensure that your focal points are fully prepared to respond to and engage with him, also to ensure we are aware of any staff changes your agency may have had with regards to this function.

I look forward to our continued collaboration and am pleased that the Alliance is supporting EW4All.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Taalas', written over a horizontal line.

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General