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Subject: Severe Weather Forecasting Programme–Regional Subprogramme for Eastern Africa (SWFP-Eastern Africa) – Meeting of the Regional Subprogramme Management Team (RSMT), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 14-17 May 2024

Action required: To convey confirmation of your designated SWFP focal point/expert's participation as soon as possible but preferably not later than
10 April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) [Severe Weather Forecasting Programme \(SWFP\)](#) has been implemented in various subregions of the world including Eastern Africa. SWFP makes efficient use of the 'cascading forecasting process' with contributions from the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (WIPPS) Centres. Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) outputs are made available from the contributing World Meteorological Centres (WMCs) and the daily severe weather forecast guidance product is issued to the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) by the relevant Regional Centre(s) in each subregion.

Within the framework of [SWFP-Eastern Africa](#), WMCs in Exeter (United Kingdom) and Washington and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) contribute to the regional subprogramme, while the daily severe weather forecasting guidance products are issued by the Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam towards the NMHSs of participating countries.

With help from our development partners and donors and in support of the [United Nations Early Warnings for All \(EW4All\) initiative](#), SWFP is being scaled up including geographical expansion to more countries and subregions for the improvement of severe weather guidance products as appropriate and possible. Currently, SWFP-Eastern Africa involves nine countries including Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, and Uganda. Both Djibouti and Somalia agreed to join SWFP-Eastern Africa in 2023 by designating their national SWFP focal points, and this year Eritrea and Sudan will also be invited to consider joining SWFP-Eastern Africa as feasible.

The implementation of the SWFP-Eastern Africa has been managed by a Regional Subproject Management Team (RSMT) which mainly comprises designated SWFP focal points/experts from the participating countries and the contributing WMCs and RSMCs. The RSMT is responsible for overseeing the SWFP regional subprogramme including the review and updating of the regional severe weather operational plan in close coordination with the East African Community (EAC) meteorological bodies. The RSMT will also review the status of impact-based forecast and warning services (IBFWS) and Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) implementation in participating countries in consideration of the EW4All initiative.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO of Djibouti, Somalia, Germany, United Kingdom, United States of America (limited distribution)

Director General of ECMWF

cc: Hydrological Advisers

To that end, at the kind invitation of the Government of United Republic of Tanzania, the WMO Secretariat, in collaboration with the RSMC Dar es Salaam and RSMC Nairobi, and with financial support from the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) through the [FINKERAT project](#) (funded by the Government of Finland), and the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems [CREWS Horn of Africa project](#), is organizing a meeting of RSMT of SWFP-Eastern Africa in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 14 to 17 May 2024. The provisional agenda and meeting documents will be made available on the [WMO Community Platform](#).

In view of the above, you are requested to convey confirmation of your designated focal point/expert's participation in the above-mentioned meeting. The list of designated focal points/experts is found in [Annex I](#). Please note that WMO, through the CREWS Horn of Africa project will provide financial support to fully cover the participation of nominated focal points/experts from your Service/Centre. The relevant WMO staff will reach out directly to the nominees with further details regarding financial assistance.

Kindly send your confirmation with the completed nomination form ([Annex II](#)). The completed form should be sent to Mr Ata Hussain (ahussain@wmo.int) and Ms Karla Lienhart (klienhart@wmo.int) at the WMO Secretariat as soon as possible but preferably not later than **10 April 2024**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

**LIST OF DESIGNATED SWFP FOCAL POINTS/
EXPERTS REPRESENTED AT THE REGIONAL SUBPROGRAMME MANAGEMENT TEAM
(RSMT) OF SWFP-EASTERN AFRICA**

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**SEVERE WEATHER FORECASTING PROGRAMME – REGIONAL SUBPROGRAMME FOR
EASTERN AFRICA (SWFP-EASTERN AFRICA)**

MEETING OF THE REGIONAL SUBPROGRAMME MANAGEMENT TEAM (RSMT)

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, 14–17 MAY 2024

PARTICIPANT NOMINATION FORM

The following designated expert/focal point from (name of country/centre): is
available for his/her participation in the meeting of RSMT of SWFP-Eastern Africa in
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 14 to 17 May 2024:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr: Family name:

First name(s):

Present position and responsibilities:

Work address:

Work Tel:

Work Fax:

Email:

Cell phone:

Please indicate if financial assistance is required for:

Air Ticket: NO ☐ or YES ☐

Per Diem: NO ☐ or YES ☐

Date:

Name of Permanent Representative/Director:

Signature of Permanent Representative/Director:

Note: Please complete and submit this nomination form to Mr Ata Hussain (ahussain@wmo.int) and
Ms Karla Lienhart (klienhart@wmo.int) at the WMO Secretariat at your earliest convenience, but
preferably by **10 April 2024**.
