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Annex: 1

Subject: Progress with the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative – Regional and Global Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction and EW4All Multi-Stakeholder Forums in 2024/2025

Action required: To inform the WMO Secretariat about current/planned engagement and/or participation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services representatives in these events by
1 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you about the upcoming Regional and Global Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Early Warnings for All (EW4All) Multi-Stakeholder Forums in 2024/2025.

The Global Platform for DRR is recognized by the United Nations General Assembly as the global multi-stakeholder forum to review progress on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015–2030. At the Platform, governments, the United Nations system, and stakeholders gather to share knowledge, exchange information, discuss the latest developments and trends in DRR, identify gaps, build partnerships and agree on strategic guidance with the goal of improving and accelerating the implementation of the Sendai Framework. It takes place every three years.

Similarly, Regional Platforms and ministerial conferences for DRR are multi-stakeholder forums that reflect the commitment of governments in five regional groupings to improve coordination and implementation of DRR activities while linking to international and national efforts. They are held between the Global Platforms for DRR, to build coherence across regional and global priorities for DRR and review progress with regional and national strategies and action plans for implementing the Sendai Framework.

These global and regional events are coordinated and convened by the United Nations Office for DRR (UNDRR), a key partner of WMO in DRR and under the EW4All initiative. Please see the attached [annex](#) for an overview of the dates and locations of these events as well as the WMO Members they cover.

The seventeenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17) in 2015 urged National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and WMO Regional Associations (RAs) to participate in national, regional, and global platforms for DRR as this will lead to strengthened partnerships and cooperation with partners from the public and private sectors and from academia, e.g. for the identification and implementation of capacity

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development projects. Such platforms are mechanisms where NMHSs can play an active and leading role and showcase their critical contributions in all components and phases of disaster and climate risk management, on timescales from early warnings of high-impact weather events to long-term planning and prevention aspects for climate change adaptation and resilience.

As you may recall, at the previous Global Platforms for DRR in 2017, 2019 and 2022, WMO co-organized three Multi-hazard Early Warning Conferences (MHEWCs I-III). With the launch of the EW4All initiative in 2022, these MHEWCs have now developed into so-called EW4All Multi-Stakeholder Forums which are organized by EW4All partners in the margins of these Regional and Global Platforms for DRR.

The EW4All Multi-Stakeholder Forums will be organized to ensure inclusive participation and active engagement of a wide range of partners in the EW4All initiative, to provide multiple opportunities for peer-to-peer and cross-regional learning, to share good practices and experiences, to renew existing and build new partnerships, and to identify ways to close remaining capacity gaps. In order to capture regional experiences during the first global EW4All Multi-Stakeholder Forum, which will take place in June 2025, regional EW4All multi-stakeholder forums will be organized throughout 2024 to bring together global, regional, national and local actors.

As all WMO Members have received official invitations from UNDRR and are already preparing their contributions and delegations to these events through their responsible national agency (e.g. UNDRR/Sendai Framework focal point at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or National Disaster Management Agencies) or mechanism (e.g. National Platforms for DRR), I would like to invite you to:

- (1) Engage in and contribute to your respective national consultations and planning processes for the regional ministerial meetings and platforms and forums on DRR and EW4All as well as for the 2025 Global Platform for DRR and EW4All Multi-Stakeholder Forum; and,
- (2) Participate as part of your national delegation, if possible, in these regional and global events on DRR and EW4All.

You are kindly requested to inform the WMO Secretariat whether you, or a member of your service, is already planning or would like to attend these events by **1 September 2024**.

WMO has very limited financial resources to support interested NMHS delegates in attending the Regional and Global Platforms for DRR and EW4All Multi-Stakeholder Forums in person. If you need to request financial assistance for one or two delegates from your service to attend, please indicate this in your response. Please note that priority will be given to expressions of interest from developing countries (such as Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States) and countries with economies in transition. Due consideration will also be given to ensure a balanced representation from regional, expertise (meteorology/hydrology/climatology) and gender perspectives. As financial resources from the Secretariat are limited to support delegates, it is encouraged that you consider supporting attendance from local resources.

I have designated Ms Erica Allis (Chief, Partner Engagement and Coordination Division; DRR, MHEWS Office and Public Services Branch; Services Department) at the WMO Secretariat as well as the Directors of the WMO Regional Offices as focal points for these events.

Please use dps-staff@wmo.int and the email address of your responsible WMO Regional Office (Africa, RA I: addis@wmo.int); Asia and South-West Pacific, RA II and RA V, respectively: rap@wmo.int; South America and North America, Central America, and the Caribbean, RA III and RA IV, respectively: ram@wmo.int; and Europe, RA VI: roe@wmo.int) when responding. Kindly refer to the [annex](#) for the regional events relevant to the WMO Member you represent and for the respective Regional Office to copy.

We will share further information on the Regional and Global Platforms for DRR and EW4All Multi-Stakeholder Forums as it becomes available to those Services that respond indicating their interest in these events by **1 September 2024**. I look forward to working with you to ensure that the critical contribution of our community is reflected at these events.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General

Region	WMO Members concerned	Name and Link	Host and Location	Date
Asia Pacific	<p>RA II: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, China, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, People's Democratic Republic of Lao, Macau, China, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam</p> <p>RA V: All Members</p>	<p>Second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR)</p> <p>Early Warning, Early Action Multi-Stakeholder Forum in Asia Pacific (EWEA MSF Asia Pacific)</p> <p>Responsible WMO Regional Office: RAP (rap@wmo.int)</p>	Government of the Philippines, Manila	<p>14–17 October 2024</p> <p>15–17 October 2024 (in parallel to APMCDRR)</p>
Arab States	<p>RA I: Algeria, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Libya (State of), Mauritania, Morocco, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia</p> <p>RA II: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen</p> <p>RA VI: Jordan, Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic</p>	<p>Sixth Arab Platform for DRR</p> <p>Regional EW4All MSF Arab States</p> <p>Responsible WMO Regional Office: RAP (rap@wmo.int)</p>	Government of Kuwait, Kuwait City	<p>28–31 October 2024</p> <p>TBC</p>
Africa	<p>RA I: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia (The), Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya,</p>	<p>Ninth Africa Regional Platform for DRR (AfRP)</p> <p>Regional EW4All MSF Africa</p> <p>Responsible WMO Regional Office: RAF (addis@wmo.int)</p>	Republic of Namibia, Windhoek	<p>22–24 October 2024</p> <p>21 October 2024</p>

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	Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe			
Europe and Central Asia	<p>RA II: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</p> <p>RA VI: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Europe and Central Asia Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction + European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR)</p> <p>Regional Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Early Warning Systems (MSF EWS Europe and Central Asia)</p> <p>Responsible WMO Regional Office: ROE (roe@wmo.int)</p>	Republic of Montenegro, Budva	<p>6–8 November 2024</p> <p>8 November 2024</p>

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Americas and the Caribbean	All Members in RAs III and IV	<p>The Americas and the Caribbean EW4All Regional Multi-Stakeholder Forum High-Level (during the Ministerial Meeting of the thirteenth Caribbean Comprehensive Disaster Management Conference, 2–6 December 2024)</p> <p>Responsible WMO Regional Office: RAM (ram@wmo.int)</p> <p>Note that the VIII Session of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean took place from 28 February to 2 March 2023 in Punta del Este, hosted by the Government of Uruguay. The IV Session will occur after the GPDRR</p>	Saint Kitts and Nevis	5 December 2024
Global	All Members	<p>Eighth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR)</p> <p>Global EW4All MSF</p> <p>Responsible entity at the WMO Secretariat Headquarters: DMPS (dps@wmo.int)</p>	Government of Switzerland, Geneva	<p>4–6 June 2025</p> <p>2–3 June 2025</p>