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Subject: The third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-III), Bali, Indonesia, 23–24 May 2022

The seventh session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2022), Bali, Indonesia, 23–28 May 2022

Action required:

- (1) Registration for MHEWC-III and GP2022
- (2) Notify the WMO Secretariat regarding any requests for financial support in order to attend these events
- (3) Notify the WMO Secretariat by **22 April 2022** regarding participation at these events

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) from the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), together with members of the International Network for Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (IN-MHEWS) are co-organizing the third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-III), *“From Stock take to Scale on Target G: Accelerating the knowledge and practice of MHEWS for risk-informed resilience”*.

The MHEWC-III will be held in Bali, Indonesia, on 23 and 24 May as a preparatory event to the [Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction \(GP2022\)](#): *“From Risk to Resilience: Towards Sustainable Development for All in a COVID-19 Transformed World”*. GP2022 will take place from 23 to 28 May 2022 (inclusive of preparatory days) in Bali, Indonesia. The Government of Indonesia is kindly hosting these events. The format of MHEWC-III and GP2022 sessions will be hybrid (in person and online). Further information on MHEWC-III and GP2022 is available on the [event website](#) and elements of interest are provided below.

**Third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-III), *“From Stock take to Scale on Target G: Accelerating the knowledge and practice of MHEWS for risk-informed resilience”***

The Sendai Framework was adopted by 187 Members at the third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, on 18 March 2015, “to achieve the substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries over the next 15 years”. Seven years into the implementation of the *Framework*, the MHEWC-III will serve as an initial milestone in the [midterm review of the Sendai Framework](#). The Conference will engage Members of the Disaster Risk Reduction to take stock of where we are, what we have accomplished, what we have learned, and to jointly explore how we can collectively transform our engagement to accelerate progress in achieving the Target G ambitions.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

MHEWC-III will build on the progress and achievements of the first and second Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conferences (MHEWC-I and MHEWC-II). MHEWC-I: "Saving Lives, Reducing Losses" took place on 22 and 23 May 2017 in Cancún, Mexico, as a preparatory event to the fifth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2017). MHEWC-II: "Early Warning and Early Action towards Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Societies" took place on 13 and 14 May 2019 as a preparatory event to the sixth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) at WMO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2022): "From Risk to Resilience: Towards Sustainable Development for All in a COVID-19 Transformed World"**

The GP2022 will be the final occasion for all stakeholders to gather globally before the midterm review of the Sendai Framework and will therefore be an important opportunity to not only take stock of progress and challenges, but also to identify good practice to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework at local, national, regional and global levels. Furthermore, designating the half-way point of our journey to reach the Sendai Framework targets in 2030, GP2022 will serve as a good momentum for governments, stakeholders, and the UN system to reconfirm and advance their commitments in disaster risk reduction.

WMO will actively participate in these events by co-organizing the following sessions and events:

- High-Level Dialogue 1: Where do we stand? Global and regional perspectives on implementing the Sendai Framework
- Thematic Session on Early Warning and Early Action
- WMO and UNDRR Centre of Excellence on Climate and Disaster Resilience Roadmap to Resilience
- Innovation platform: Artificial Intelligence: opportunities, challenges, and solutions in Disaster Risk Reduction
- Side event: Exploration of early warning and early action through theatre – using art to inspire change

In addition, WMO will be partnering with other UN system side-events on early action and learning labs, notably a session on measuring the effectiveness of multi-hazard early warning systems.

**Encouraging the engagement of NMHSs at MHEWC-III, GP2022, and in the midterm review of the Sendai Framework**

MHEWC-III, GP2022 and the midterm review of the Sendai Framework, present great opportunities for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to strengthen the recognition of NMHSs as key contributors to the Sendai Framework. MHEWC-III and GP2022 serve as initial milestones in the midterm review of the Sendai Framework, which will culminate in high-level meetings of the General Assembly in New York on 18 and 19 May 2023, to adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration to renew commitment and accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

Therefore, I encourage you to consider participating in GP2022 as a member of your national delegation and joining the MHEWC-III preparatory session. Please register for these events at your earliest convenience on the [event website](#). An indication of your status as a NMHS representative and engagement in MHEWC-III will expedite your accreditation.

I am pleased to inform you that WMO has limited financial resources to support interested NMHS delegates in attending the MHEWC-III and GP2022 in person. Please notify the Secretariat ([mhew3@wmo.int](mailto:mhew3@wmo.int)) by **22 April 2022** if you would like to request financial assistance for one or two delegates from your Service to attend MHEWC-III and GP2022. 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 balanced representation from regional, expertise (meteorology/hydrology/climatology) and gender perspectives. As financial resources from the Secretariat are limited to support delegates, it is therefore encouraged that you consider supporting attendance as well.

I would appreciate any suggestions you may have as to how WMO can assist your Service in supporting the implementation of the Sendai Framework and midterm review process. If you are not requesting financial support but are planning to attend MHEWC-III and/or GP2022, please let us know no later than **22 April 2022** ([mhew3@wmo.int](mailto:mhew3@wmo.int)), for inclusion in future conference-specific correspondence.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,



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