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**Subject:** The Annual Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Workshop and Training programme, 10–12 October 2023

**Action required:** Members to consider participating in the CAP Workshop and Training programme

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be informed that the 2023 Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Workshop and Training will be held at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) headquarters building, Chemin des Crêts 17, Petit-Saconnex, 1209 Geneva, Switzerland, from 10 to 12 October 2023. The IFRC will be hosting in collaboration with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The main objectives of this CAP Workshop and Training are to build awareness, enhance information sharing and promote the implementation of CAP.

Advancing CAP promotes the WMO Global Multi-hazard Alert System (GMAS), for “increasing and enhancing the availability of authoritative warnings and information related to extreme and/or potentially high-impact weather, water and climate events”. CAP implementation also contributes to the “UN Early Warnings for All” initiative which seeks to ensure that every person on Earth is protected by early warning systems.

Moreover, at its second session in October 2022, the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-2) adopted a recommendation to include the implementation of CAP in the *Technical Regulations, Volume I: General Meteorological Standards and Recommended Practices* (WMO-No. 49), for Congress approval in May/June 2023. Noting the value of CAP for all-hazard warning messages to be consistently disseminated simultaneously over all-media, the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services are therefore urged to comply.

You are kindly invited to nominate members of your staff to participate in this workshop. Further details with the registration link can be found [here](#). There is also an opportunity to present your CAP implementation country experiences as a speaker at the CAP Workshop. If you are interested please contact the programme committee via email [eliot.j.christian@alert-hub.org](mailto:eliot.j.christian@alert-hub.org) with a copy to [arobertson@wmo.int](mailto:arobertson@wmo.int) and [vvasquez@wmo.int](mailto:vvasquez@wmo.int). The list of speakers will be decided on **1 August 2023** so please confirm your participation early. Please also note that WMO has limited funding to support participation in the CAP Workshop and Training programme. Requests will be considered with priority given to supporting Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States. However, the format is hybrid with in-person participation and online webinars available.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the implementation of CAP and your continued support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



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For the Secretary-General