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Subject: Contributions to the WMO Coordination Mechanism (WCM) Trust Fund to Improve Early Action and Crisis Support within the Early Warnings for All initiative (EW4All)

Action required: To make financial contributions to the WCM Trust Fund

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that a WMO Coordination Mechanism (WCM) Trust Fund has been established to support WCM activities under Strategic Objective 1.1: "Strengthen national multi-hazard early warning/alert systems and extend reach to better enable effective response to the associated risks". This is within the context of the [WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027](#), adopted at the nineteenth session of the World Meteorological Congress and by the United Nations Early Warnings for All initiative, [Resolution 4 \(Cg-19\)](#).

The WCM plays a vital role in curating authoritative weather, water, and climate information, as well as expert advice from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Members to the United Nations and other humanitarian agencies, thereby enhancing preparedness and early response activities. The WCM delivers crucial global support within the Early Warning for All initiative, in particular for crisis-prone, fragile and conflict-affected countries where the international humanitarian community is most active.

During the ongoing pilot phase since 2021, several key elements of the WCM have been developed and tested, earning praise from humanitarian agencies such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). For instance, the WCM global and regional HydroMet weekly scans have had a significant impact in supporting UN and humanitarian operations and response to Tropical Cyclone *Mocha*, the Syria-Türkiye Earthquake and the Sudan conflict. Consequently, engagement and demand to expand WCM contributions to better anticipate the potential impact of adverse meteorological events, make informed decisions about emergency preparedness and response, and the implementation of mitigation measures has reached unprecedented levels.

A dedicated trust fund has been created to mobilize resources to sustain and expand WCM activities following [Decision 3 \(EC-77\)](#) - Resource Mobilization Plan for the WMO Coordination Mechanism. The aim is to ensure the fully-fledged functioning of the WCM as soon as possible, but no later than the end of 2024. The WCM initiative delivers significant socioeconomic benefits at little cost, as it harnesses the collective expertise and information within the WMO community to make substantial contributions to early action and crisis support. It further pursues co-production of guidance and decision-support with humanitarian partners and experts, and aims to facilitate peer-to-peer knowledge exchange and learning between WMO Members to better support humanitarian planning and operations.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

I would be grateful for your interest, engagement, and contributions to the WCM Trust Fund and welcome your support for this inaugural segment of the EW4All initiative. For more comprehensive information and to explore the possibility of in-kind and financial contributions, I invite you to visit the [WCM community site](#) and contact the following experts for any queries you may have:

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

Yours faithfully,



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