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Subject: Progress with implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 – Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2018

Action required: To inform the WMO Secretariat about current /planned engagement and/or participation in these events no later than **30 May 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you about upcoming regional and global platform events for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) which represents core multi-stakeholder mechanisms that serve to assess progress, identify gaps and monitor the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030. These platforms are becoming more and more instrumental in building coherence across the DRR, climate change and sustainable development agendas. They are coordinated and facilitated by the United Nations Office for DRR (UNISDR), a key partner of WMO in DRR.

As you may recall, the seventeenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17) in 2015 urged the participation of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and the WMO regional associations (RAs) in national, regional and global platforms for DRR as this would 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 development projects. This was reiterated by the Executive Council Working Group on DRR in April 2018.

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 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.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisors to Permanent Representatives; Disaster Risk Reduction Focal Points of Regional Associations, Technical Commissions and Technical Programmes (DRR FP RA-TC-TP)

Regional platforms and ministerial conferences for DRR are held on a biennial basis, in between the global platforms for DRR, to build coherence across regional and global priorities and discussions for DRR and review progress with regional strategies and action plans for implementing the Sendai Framework. As you may recall, at the 2017 Global Platform for DRR, WMO co-organized the first Multi-hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC) which resulted in an updated Checklist for Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS)¹.

As all Members have received official invitations from UNISDR and are already preparing their contributions and delegations to these events through their responsible national agency (e.g., UNISDR focal point) or mechanism (e.g., national DRR Platform), I would like to draw your attention to the dates, locations and websites of the events in your respective regions (see Annex).

In particular I would like to invite you to:

- Engage in and contribute to your respective national consultations and planning processes for the regional ministerial meetings, platforms, and fora on DRR and for the 2019 Global Platform for DRR; and,
- Participate as part of your national delegation, if possible, in relevant regional events as well as in the 2019 Global Platform.

While WMO will share further information on the individual regional events through the Regional Offices, including material such as updated WMO key messages, a synthesis of how WMO and the NMHSs of its Members contribute to the implementation of the Sendai Framework is available in the WMO DRR Roadmap² and the WMO Bulletin Vol. 64 (2) 2015³.

You are kindly requested to inform the WMO Secretariat whether you, or a member of your service, will be attending these events (and/or what your engagement and contribution will be) no later than **30 May 2018**.

Please note that the Regional Offices will coordinate engagement of the WMO RAs in the regional platform events, while the Weather and Disaster Risk Reduction Service Department (WDS) will be responsible for the technical inputs as well as for WMO engagement at the 2019 Global Platform for DRR.

I look forward to working with you all to ensure that the critical contribution of our community is reflected at these events.

Yours faithfully,



(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General

¹ https://library.wmo.int/opac/doc_num.php?explnum_id=4463

² https://library.wmo.int/opac/doc_num.php?explnum_id=3537

³ <https://public.wmo.int/en/resources/bulletin/towards-substantially-reduced-disaster-risk-2030-0>

Regional and Global Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction

Consultation on and stock-taking of progress with implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030

(as of 9 May 2018)

Region & Event	Date & Venue
Europe (RA VI): European Forum for DRR 2018 (EFDRR) https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/efdr	21-23 November 2018 Italy (venue TBD)
Americas (RA III & IV): VI Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas http://eird.org/pr18/eng/index.html	20-22 June 2018 Cartagena, Colombia
Central Asia and South Caucasus (RA II/VI): 2nd Central Asia and South Caucasus (CASC) Sub-regional Platform for DRR https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/casc	26-27 June 2018 Yerevan, Armenia
Asia (RA II)/Pacific (RA V): Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR 2018 https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/amcdr	3-6 July 2018 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Africa (RA I): Africa-Arab Regional Platform and High Level Meeting on DRR https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/afrp-acdr	9-13 October 2018 Tunis, Tunisia
Global: Sixth Global Platform for DRR (GP2019) https://www.unisdr.org/we/coordinate/global-platform	13-17 May 2019 Geneva, Switzerland