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Subject: African Climate Summit (ACS23) and African Climate Week (ACW), Nairobi, Kenya, from 4 to 8 September 2023

Action required: Representatives from NMHSs are requested to advise on their participation in ACS/ACW by **25 August 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

This year's Africa Climate Week (ACW) will take place from 4 to 8 September 2023 in Nairobi, hosted by the government of Kenya. ACW 2023 will be organized in parallel with the Africa Climate Summit from 4 to 6 September, also hosted by the Kenyan government. The Africa Climate Summit 2023 (ACS23) will focus on delivering innovative green growth and climate finance solutions for Africa and the world.

The Africa Climate Week (ACW 2023) is one of four Regional Climate Weeks held this year to build momentum ahead of the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference COP28 in Dubai and the conclusion of the first global stocktake, designed to chart the way for fulfilling the Paris Agreement's key goals.

The ACS23/ACW23 will be held under four focus areas viz. Climate Action Financing; Green growth agenda for Africa; Climate Action and Economic Development; and Global Capital optimization. Under the focus area of "Climate Action and Economic Development", the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and its Members plan to incorporate the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative through targeted panel discussions, launch of the EW4All regional action plan, release of the WMO Africa State of Climate Report for 2022, as well as the designation of the WMO regional Champion role for EW4All to His Excellency Dr William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, who has played a pioneering advocacy role in demonstrating the importance of weather and climate services on socioeconomic development.

I am glad that this time around, the difficulties associated with the global context caused by COVID-19 have subsided. This further motivates me to encourage you to consider participating in the ACS23/ACW23 events as a member of your national delegation to strengthen the role of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), as contributors to the EW4All and the United Nations Framework Convention and Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes.

Although WMO will not be able to provide financial support for your participation in the ACS23/ ACW23, I would appreciate any suggestions you may have as to how WMO can assist your Service in supporting the implementation of the EW4All processes.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association I with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers (Regional Association I)
Permanent Missions of Member States of the Regional Association I to the United Nations in Geneva

If you or your staff members are planning to attend ACS23/ACW23, please inform Ms Agnes Kijazi, Director of the Regional Office for Africa at akijazi@wmo.int with copy to mgirma@wmo.int no later than **25 August 2023**, to ensure your inclusion in future conference-specific correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Taalas', written over a horizontal line.

Prof Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General