

Delivering early warning to everyone: People centered and gender-responsive approaches

A WMO and CREWS Joint Learning Lab

6 June - 10:00am – 11:30am - Lausanne room, CCV

Room capacity 94pl - Room format: theatre.

Session Objectives

- Support stakeholders in better understanding and implementing early warning systems that reach the most vulnerable populations.
- Strengthen participants' knowledge of key building blocks for people-centred early warning systems:
 1. **Identifying and engaging actors**
 2. **Co-creating a collaborative design process**
 3. **Co-exploring, co-developing, and co-delivering solutions**, including impact-based forecasting for anticipatory action
 4. **Capacity building and learning**
 5. **Monitoring and evaluation**

Session Format

- **Hands-on training and simulation** activities focused on transforming early warning into life-saving action.
- **Practical demonstrations and participatory tools** to actively engage diverse stakeholders **women, children, youth, older persons, and persons with disabilities** in the design and implementation of inclusive early warning systems.
- **Fishbowl-style session** featuring diverse perspectives from government, local communities, and groups disproportionately affected by disasters.
- **Hybrid** – the session is organised for in-person and online participation (Zoom Link: <https://wmo-int.zoom.us/j/94199347985>, Passcode: 453190)

This Learning Lab directly contributes to **Global Target G** of the Sendai Framework:

Substantially increase the availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessments for people by 2030.

Target Audience

Disaster risk reduction (DRR) practitioners and advocates of inclusive, people-centred, and gender-responsive early warning systems.

Further Reading & References

- [CREWS Guidance Document on People-Centred Risk-Informed Early Warning Systems \(2022\)](#)
- [WMO Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems: A Checklist](#)

Facilitators

- Mr. Muhibuddin Usamah, Scientific Officer, WMO
- Ms. Maria Lourdes Kathleen Macasil, Senior Programme Officer, CREWS Initiative
- Mr. Yi Wang, Associate Programme Officer CREWS Initiative
- Ms. Kara Siahaan, Consultant, CREWS Initiative

Speakers

1. Ms. Erica Allis, Chief, DRR Partner Engagement and Coordination, WO
2. Mr. John Harding, Chief, CREWS Secretariat
3. Ms. Sainimili Tawake, CEO of the Pacific Disability Forum
4. Mr. Bapon Shm Fakhrudin, Water Resource Management Senior Specialist, Green Climate Fund (GCF)
5. Mr. Charles Balagizi, Geochemist Researcher and Scientific Director, Goma Volcano Observatory
6. Ms. Chandrika Kularathna, Technical Specialist for Disaster Risk Reduction, World Vision Sri Lanka
7. Mr. Thibyan Ibrahim, Director of the Climate Change Department, Ministry of Tourism and Environment
8. Mr. Ousmane Ndiaye, Director General, ACMAD
9. Ms. Rosa Maria Juarez Secretary of Technology and Accessibility of the Latin American Network of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and Their Families (RIADIS) and Executive Director of the Commission of Blind Women of Peru (CODIP)
10. Ms. Lina Dorado, Director, Disaster Management, Colombian Red Cross
11. Ms. Halima Yusuf, Head of the Gender Unit, NDMA Somalia
12. Mr. Lukáš Laube, DRM&EWS Global Expert, People in Need (PIN) Cambodia
13. Mr. Mark Harvey, CEO, Resurgence

Rundown

Time	Activity	Speaker / facilitator
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and intro to session	Erica Allis, WMO
10:06 – 10:20	Nobody left behind – Interactive Exercise Objective: Highlight solutions and barriers faced by diverse group of people in early warning systems	Kara Siahaan, CREWS Initiative
10:21 – 10:30	Keynote: “Why people centred early warning matters”	Tawake Sainimili, Pacific Disability Forum
10:30 – 10:35	General intro: Co-production framework	Bapon Fakhruddin, Green Climate Fund
10:35 – 11:52	Expert insights interview: Objective: reflect on the framework and own experience	Halima Yusuf, Somalia NDMA Thibyan Ibrahim, Maldives, Ministry of Tourism and Environment Chandrika Kularathna, World Vision Rosa Maria Juare, RIADIS, CODIP Lina Dorado, Colombian RC
10:52 – 11:20	Fishbowl discussion: Objective: deepen the discussion around the building blocks through experience, expert insights and interactive exchange with audience	Lukáš Laube, PIN Charles Balagizi, GOMA Volcano Observatory Mark Harvey, CEO, Resurgence Ousmane Ndiaye, ACMAD and other audience members
11:20 – 11:25	Concluding takeaways	Elkaye Macasil Muhibuddin Usamah
11:25 – 11:30	Closing remarks	John Harding

Event Links :

- GPDRR Web page : <https://globalplatform.undrr.org/quick/93620>

- **CREWS News Page:** <https://crews-initiative.org/news/crews-at-gpdr-2025-a-learning-lab-on-people-centred-gender-responsive-early-warning-systems/>

Venue

CCV the Varembe Conference Centre (CCV), which is situated opposite the main venue International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG). For more information, please consult the [GPDR Information Note](#). The map of the location is below.

