

Seventeenth Meeting of the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems Initiative (CREWS) Steering Committee

Provisional Annotated Agenda

14 June 2023, 11:30 – 16:30 hours, UK Time (12:30 – 17:30 hours, CET)

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Time (UK time)	Agenda Items, Related Documents and Decisions
11: 30 - 11:45	<p>Item 1 – Introduction and objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome by the Chair and objectives of the meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To maximise CREWS effectiveness and efficiency in implementation of the Early Warning for All Initiative; 2. To approve an updated and more comprehensive list of pipeline countries and regions to guide future financing decisions; 3. To initiate the next round of countries/regions for project preparations; and 4. To approve the GCF SAP- CREWS Scaling Up Framework and the proposed steps for its roll-out (including initial countries). - Adoption of the Provisional Agenda - Review of progress on decisions taken at the 16th Meeting and progress made on the implementation of the management responses to the CREWS initial phase external evaluation <p><i>Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Provisional Annotated Agenda (CREWS/SC.17/workdoc.1)</i> - <i>Status of Progress on Decisions taken at the 15th Steering Committee (CREWS/SC.17/infdoc.1) and Implementation of the Management Responses to the CREWS Initial Phase External Evaluation (CREWS/SC.17/infdoc.2)</i>
11: 45 - 12:15	<p>Item 2 - Updates by the Trustee and the Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on activities and the status of the CREWS Financial Intermediary Fund (CREWS Trustee/World Bank) - Update on the Secretariat activities since the 16th Meeting, status of the roll-out of the Accelerated Support Window (ASW), progress on the draft CREWS Partnership Strategy and the draft Operational Procedures on Private Sector Engagement - Presentation and Approval of the CREWS Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 <p>Draft Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Steering Committee approves the CREWS Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 2023 to June 2024). 2. The Steering Committee invites the CREWS Secretariat to reflect comments made at the meeting on the draft CREWS Partnership Strategy and the draft Operational Procedures on Private Sector Engagement and to circulate revised versions for review and approval prior to the next meeting.

	<p><i>Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CREWS Administrative Budget FY24 (CREWS/SC.17/workdoc.2) - CREWS Trustee Report, (CREWS/SC.17/infdoc.3) - Powerpoint Presentation on Activities Carried Out by the Secretariat (January – June 2023) (CREWS/SC.17/infdoc.4) - Draft Operational Procedures on Private Sector Engagement (CREWS/SC.17/infdoc.5)
12:15 – 14:00	<p>Item 3 – Maximising CREWS effectiveness and efficiency to operationalize the Early Warning for All Initiative</p> <p>The objective of this agenda item is to take decisions that further align CREWS operational modalities to the Early Warning for All Initiative based on recommendations made in CREWS/SC.17/workdoc3. Specifically, in relation to a) strategic and institutional alignment; b) geographic alignment with the 30 initiative kick-off countries; c) programmatic alignment with the Early Warning for All four pillar institutional leads and related work programs; and d) showing results and support to the proposed early warning maturity index</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial requirements and modalities to achieve the Early Warning for All goal, by ASG Selwin Hart - Scene setting and vision for CREWS, as an effective financing mechanism for EW4All, by the Chair - Discussion on recommendations to operationalize CREWS as a strategic contributor to the Early Warning for All Initiative goal - Related Interventions by Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation on the GCF SAP – CREWS Scaling Up Framework on Early Warning and its roll-out and information on a new Early Warning for All Global Co-investment Platform/Facility to be managed by UNDP - Updates on the Global Shield against Climate Risks and support by CREWS and the Anticipation Hub to the Global Shield Pathfinder countries - G20 DRR Working Group update and expected outcomes for scaling up early warning and the role for CREWS - Programmatic and institutional alignment with the Systematic Observation Financing Facility (SOFF) - Review and consider initiating the preparation of a project to finance support for the kick-off phase of the Early Warning for All Initiative by the four pillar leads (IFRC, ITU, UNDRR, WMO). The project brief is included in the update pipeline list (CREWS/SC.17/workdoc.5) and entitled <i>EW4All multi-stakeholder accelerator in LDCs and SIDS – phase 1 (15 countries)</i>, USD 5.5 million. <p>Draft Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Steering Committee endorses the GCF SAP Scaling Up Framework on Early Warning and its proposed roll-out in targeted countries. 2. The Steering Committee expresses its appreciation to the Government of India and the G20 in establishing the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRR WG)

	<p>and encourages Steering Committee members who are also members of the G20 to further support its work. It further invites the Government of India to report on the outcomes of the DRR WG, as they relate to CREWS, at the next CREWS Steering Committee meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Steering Committee welcomes the proposal by the InsuResilience Global Partnership, the Anticipation Hub, and the CREWS Secretariats to carry-out in-country dialogues in four of the Global Shield Pathfinder countries/regions, namely, Malawi, Senegal, Jamaica, and Pacific region. 4. The Steering Committee invites the Chair to participate in the Steering Committee of the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF) to strength programmatic and institutional alignment with CREWS. 5. The Steering Committee invites the four pillar leads of the Early Warning for All Initiative (IFRC, ITU, UNDRR and WMO) to develop a project proposal to support countries in the kick-off phase of the initiative, based on documented demand by countries and taking into consideration ongoing initiatives and to submit the proposal to the Steering Committee, through the Secretariat, for consideration, review and approval for funding depending on availability of funds in the FIF. <p><i>Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendations by the Chair on a fit-for-purpose CREWS to operationalize the Early Warning for all initiative (CREWS/SC.17/workdoc.3) - GCF-CREWS Scaling Up Framework and proposed projects roll-out (CREWS/SC.17/workdoc.4)
14:00 – 14:15	Break
14:15 – 16:00	<p>Item 4 – Status of Progress of Projects Portfolio and Updated Pipeline List</p> <p>The objective of this agenda item is to hear of progress on the CREWS portfolio of projects, to take decision on any required realignment of resources, to approve the revised list of pipeline countries that will inform future financing decisions and to initiate financing decisions for country and regional projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interim Report by the Implementing Partners of progress achieved between January – May 2023 across the portfolio of projects (WMO on behalf of the three Implementing Partners) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outcomes and lessons drawn from the CREWS projects in Niger and the Caribbean - (World Bank, WMO and UNDRR) - Proposed restructuring of the project <i>Afghanistan Hydromet & Early Warning Services for Resilience - Enhancing Learning/Capacity on Weather and Climate Information</i> - CREWS/CProj/10/Afghanistan (World Bank) - Update on the list of pipeline countries - Identification of countries/regions for initiating project preparations <p>Draft Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Steering Committee approves the changes required to restructure the project CREWS/CProj/10/Afghanistan. 2. The updated CREWS Pipeline List is approved. 3. The Steering Committee invites the Implementing Partner to initiate a project(s) proposal(s) for the country(ies)/region(s) identified at the meeting, and to submit

	<p>the proposal to the Steering Committee, through the Secretariat, for consideration, review and approval for funding depending on availability of funds in the FIF.</p> <p><i>Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Projects Portfolio Interim Status Report and Analysis (CREWS/SC.17/infdoc.6)</i> - <i>Updated CREWS Pipeline List and proposal for priority countries/regions for full proposal development (CREWS/SC.17/workdoc.5)</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Item 5 – Any Other Business and Wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objectives and dates for the 18th Meeting of the Steering Committee - Review by the Steering Committee of the Decisions taken at the meeting - Any other business <p>Draft Decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Steering Committee invites the Secretariat to explore, in consultation with the Implementing Partners, the opportunity of holding the 18th Meeting of the Steering Committee, as a hybrid event, in the context of a field visit by the Steering Committee members, to one of the CREWS projects, in the fourth quarter of 2023.

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