

20th Meeting of the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems Initiative (CREWS) Steering Committee

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Thursday, 20 February 2025, (0900 hrs – 1730 hrs CEST)

Venue: WMO Press Room, 7 bis, avenue de la Paix, Geneva, Switzerland

Time	Agenda Items, Related Documents and Decisions
09.00 – 09.15	<p>Item 1 – Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome by the Chair and objectives of the Meeting - Review of progress on decisions taken at the 19th Meeting - Adoption of the Agenda <p><i>Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Provisional Annotated Agenda (CREWS/SC.20/workdoc.1)</i> - <i>Meeting Report, 19th Steering Committee (CREWS/SC.19/workdoc.7)</i> - <i>Status of Progress on Decisions taken at the 19th Meeting of the Steering Committee (CREWS/SC.20/infdoc.1)</i>
09.15 – 10.00	<p>Item 2 – Status of CREWS Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update by the Trustee on activities and the status of the CREWS Trust Fund - Update by the Secretariat on its activities since the 19th Meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roll-out of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning tracking system ○ Status of the accreditation of new Implementing Partners ○ Resource mobilization - Revisions to the CREWS Governance Document to reflect: (i) the adoption by the Steering Committee of the CREWS Accreditation Framework; and (ii) update the reporting line of the Head of the CREWS Secretariat in WMO - Proposal of modifications to the membership of the Steering Committee to include representative(s) from LDCs and SIDS <p><i>Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>CREWS Trustee Report, (CREWS/SC.20/infdoc.2)</i> - <i>Powerpoint Presentation on Activities Carried Out by the Secretariat (July - December 2024) (CREWS/SC.20/infdoc.3)</i> - <i>CREWS Governance Document, revised February 2024 (CREWS/SC.20/workdoc.2)</i> - <i>Proposal for Modifications to the Membership of the CREWS Steering Committee (CREWS/SC.20/workdoc.3)</i>

10.00 – 10.15	Coffee/Tea Break
10.15 – 12.30	<p>Item 3 – CREWS 2030 Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Steering Committee is invited to provide views on very initial issues and directions emerging from the consultation leading to the CREWS Strategy 2030, around its five building blocks - This agenda item will benefit from contributions of senior representatives from partner organizations - Contributions will be provided on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Status of the review of CREWS operations (covering July 2021 –June 2024) o Initial findings of consultations on the five CREWS 2030 Strategy building blocks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Scope: Scaling-up success, addressing emerging threats such as heat waves, pushing innovation, increased emphasis on people centered approaches and inclusion of disability ii. Operational modalities: effectiveness of operations, increasing national/regional ownership, more robust assessments of needs, gaps and priorities iii. Policy alignment: delivering on loss and damage, humanitarian/anticipatory action agenda, pushing for coherence and complementarity under EW4All iv. Strategic partnerships: engaging meteorological services in CREWS operations, promoting south-south and key regional organizations, cooperation with Global Shield, Santiago Network and SOFF/CREWS programme alignment v. Scale of ambition: reaching programme and financial targets (outcomes of the discussions on Early Warning financing in the margins of UNFCCC COP29), what does success look like in 2027 in the context of EW4All and in 2030 in the context of the SDGs, the Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework? <p><i>Documents:</i> - Powerpoint Presentation on status of the CREWS Strategy 2030 (CREWS/SC.20.infdoc.4)</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break
13.30 – 14.45	<p>Item 4 – Status and Decisions on CREWS Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portfolio Status Report for 2024 including the multi-year country and regional projects, the Accelerated Support Window (ASW) and the GCF-SAP/CREWS Scaling Up Framework - Status of preparation of projects approved for full proposal development at the 18th and 19th Steering Committee meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o South-Asia Subregional project, USD 5.4 M (Lead IP: World Bank) o Pacific Regional project phase 3; USD 5.5 M (Lead IP: WMO) o Pacific Drought regional project; USD 5.0 M (Lead IP: WMO) o South-East Asia sub-regional project Cambodia and Lao PDR; USD 7.82M (Lead IP: WMO) o Benin; USD 6.6 M (Lead IP: World Bank) o Dominican Republic; USD 4.5 M (Lead IP: WMO) o West Africa Phase 3; USD 3.0 M (Lead IP: WMO)

	<p>- Programming and financing priorities based on the status of the needs, demand and leveraging potential indicated in the updated list of pipeline countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates to the CREWS pipeline list and proposed prioritized countries/regions for financing ○ Contributions by ITU and IFRC to the mapping of needs, demand, leveraging potential and inputs to the pipeline list <p>- Update on the development of CREWS Operational Procedures in Fragile, Conflict and Violence Settings (FCVs)</p> <p><i>Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Portfolio Status Report for 2024 (CREWS/SC.20/infdoc.5)</i> - <i>Status of Projects Under Preparations (CREWS/SC.20/infdoc.6)</i> - <i>Updated CREWS Pipeline List (CREWS/SC.20/workdoc.4)</i> - <i>Draft outline of the CREWS Operational Procedures in Fragile, Conflict and Violence Settings (FCV) (CREWS/SC.20/infdoc.7)</i>
14.45 – 15.30	<p>Item 5 – Strategic Partnerships</p> <p>- The Steering Committee is invited to provide views and guidance on strategic partnerships for CREWS that enhance country operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CREWS contribution to the Africa Multi-hazard Early Warning and Early Action System (AMHEWAS), presentation by the African Union Commission (AUC) ○ CREWS contribution to the Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) programme, update by the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) ○ Technical assistance on early warning for loss and damage and collaboration with Santiago Network, by the Santiago Network Secretariat ○ Global Shield Against Climate Risk, presentation by the Global Shield Secretariat <p><i>Documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>PowerPoints, if used by partners, will be uploaded to the Steering Committee workspace, in advance of the meeting, as we receive them</i>
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee/Tea Break
15.45 – 16.45	<p>Item 6 – CREWS contributions to key events and agendas in 2025</p> <p>- Decisions on CREWS (Steering Committee Members, partners and secretariat) contributions to key events in 2025 and related policy opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ G20 Working Group on DRR, update by the Government of South Africa and G20 Presidency ○ Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction and Multi-stakeholder Forum on Early Warning, 2-6 June, update by the Government of Switzerland ○ The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD) June 30 to 3 July 2025, Sevilla, Spain ○ Extraordinary Session of the WMO Congress (Cg Ext (2025)), 20 to 24 October, Geneva, Switzerland, update by WMO ○ 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement, date tbc, update by the Government of France

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNFCCC COP30, 10 to 21 November, Belem, Brazil <p><i>Document:</i> - CREWS Contribution to Key Events (CREWS/SC.20/infdoc.8)</p>
16.45 – 17.30	<p>Item 7 – Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision regarding the next Chair of the Steering Committee. The next Chair will take over from UK/FCDO at the 21st Meeting of the Steering Committee - Dates for the 21st Meeting of the CREWS Steering Committee; modalities and venue for the 22nd Meeting of the CREWS Steering Committee, in early 2026 - Review, approval of decisions and closing of the meeting

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