





Training Workshop on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems with focus on Institutional Coordination and Cooperation

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE WORKING GROUPS

This document provides guidelines to participants for preparation of their participation at the Training Workshop on Multi-Hazards Early Warning Systems."

<u>Session1:</u> As outlined in the Agenda (Doc. 1), several good practices in Early Warning Systems will be presented by leading experts from respective countries (Cuba, China/Shanghai, France, Italy, USA)

<u>Session 2:</u> This is followed by a Panel discussion engaging these experts to discuss with participants key common factors across these cases that have led to their success in implementing their early warning system.

<u>Session 3:</u> The participants will be divided into two working groups on Day 3 during the morning session. The location and a list of the composition of the working groups will be distributed at the session.

<u>Objectives of the working groups</u>: The objectives of the working groups are to present, review and analyze early warning systems capacities, institutional cooperation and coordination, gaps and needs in their countries.

<u>Expected outcomes of the working groups</u>: The expected outcomes are recommendations for the development of national early warning systems strategies, institutional capacities, and coordination mechanisms in South Eastern European countries.

Guidelines for the working groups:

- The meeting will be divided into two small working groups, composed of 10-15 experts.
- The working groups will work in parallel.
- Each working group will be moderated by the trainers, who will be supported by a rapporteur.and the WMO Secretariat.
- Each participating country is to provide some background on their national early warning systems strategies, institutional capacities, and coordination mechanisms (in discussion format, no PPT).
- In preparation of the working groups, all participants in the training are expected to prepare background materials and information for discussions on the topics identified the "Discussions Topics for the Working Groups "(Doc. 3).
- In light of the good practices presented during the training, the participants are expected to identify gaps and needs for the development of Early Warning systems in their respective countries for discussion at this session.
- The working group moderators will ensure that the discussions are in alignment with the issues identified in Doc. 3.
- The moderators or a nominated representative from the group will present the major outcomes and recommendations during a final discussion involving all participants.
- These recommendations will then be compiled after the workshop by WMO Secretariat, and will be used to support the "Regional Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction in South East Europe."