



Meeting of the Alliance for Hydromet Development

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Key Takeaways:

1. Revitalizing and Operationalizing the Alliance:

- A collective desire to reinvigorate the alliance to align with broader initiatives such as the UN Early Warnings for All Initiative.
- Emphasis on translating discussions into tangible actions on the ground, moving beyond policy dialogues to implementation and impact.
- Recognition of the vital role played by the Hydromet Gap Report in mobilizing political support and guiding decision-making and resource allocation.
- Proposal to increase the frequency of Alliance meetings to four times a year for more focused discussions on specific topics and challenges.
- Suggestion for first thematic discussion: Climate Science Information for Climate Action
- SOFF Secretariat proposes a two-day Face-to-Face Meeting of the Alliance to be held back-to-back with the SOFF implementing partners meeting in October in the Netherlands

2. Improved Coordination through Regional and National Level Approach:

- Proposal for improved coordination through a regional or subregional approach, leveraging existing platforms like the South Asia Hydromet Forum.
- A suggestion is to leverage regional technical workshops, such as regional and national climate outlook fora, to facilitate dialogue and operational actions for NMHSs.
- Recognition of the importance of country-level coordination and partnership, emphasizing the need for collaborative investment plans to ensure the long-term sustainability of hydromet services.

3. Resource Mobilization:

- Urgent call-to-action to mobilize additional resources for SOFF, acknowledging the existing funding gaps to respond to country needs.
- Exploration of diverse avenues for resource mobilization, including co-financing arrangements and leveraging opportunities with climate funds.
- Efforts are underway to scale up financing, leveraging initiatives like the Early Warnings for All and promoting sustainable funding mechanisms.



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4. High-Level Political Support:

- Recognition of the importance of continued high-level political support through events like the Africa Hydromet Forum, which can sensitize stakeholders to ongoing initiatives like SOFF and the Early Warnings for All Initiative.
- The Alliance should use global platforms like COP and pre-COP meetings to advocate for hydromet support and showcase success stories.

5. Knowledge Sharing and Evaluation:

- Emphasis should be placed on sharing best practices and lessons learned, which can be fruitful in helping build new resilience programmes.
- WMO are developing a new website for the Alliance that will include a Knowledge Hub that incorporates valuable resources, such as reports, case studies, best practices, and interactive tools, to facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration among alliance members.

6. Future Priority Actions for the Alliance Way Forward:

- Strong support and commitment to taking forward the proposed priority actions of the Alliance: promoting the universal use of Country Hydromet Diagnostics, delivering on SOFF investments, publishing regular Hydromet Gap Reports, tracking financial investments in early warning systems, enhancing regional development partner coordination mechanisms, and providing climate science information to enable NMHSs to support national mobilization of climate and development finance.

7. Next Steps for 2ND Hydromet Gap Report:

- The pre-publication process will commence in the first week of May.
- Editing and layout to be completed throughout the rest of May.
- Launch scheduled for 18 June at the SOFF Steering Committee Meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland.