Proposed Responsibilities for

National UN Focal point for EW4all

## Background

Early warning systems (EWS) are key elements of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, as they help reduce or avoid the detrimental impacts of hazardous events. To be effective, early warning systems need to be risk-informed, target communities most at risk, disseminate messages and warnings efficiently, ensure preparedness and support early action. Early warning systems include four pillars: 1) risk knowledge, 2) observation, monitoring, analysis, and forecasting, 3) warning dissemination and communication and 4) preparedness and response capabilities.

Multi-sector and multi-stakeholder coordination, involvement of communities at risk, having an enabling institutional and legislative environment, clear roles and responsibilities, and adequate operational capacities, are essential for effective and consistent Early Warning Systems.

Early Warnings for All (EW4All) is a special initiative of the UN Secretary General, which aims to spearheading action to ensure every person on Earth is protected by early warning systems by 2027.

## About the initiative

The Early Warnings For All initiative was formally launched by the UN Secretary-General in November 2022 at the COP27 meeting in Sharm El-Sheikh. The Initiative calls for the whole world to be covered by early warning systems by the end of 2027. EW4All is co-led by WMO and UNDRR and supported by pillar leads ITU and IFRC. Additional implementing partners include FAO, GEO Secretariat, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, REAP, WFP and others. EW4All aims to promote collaboration and synergies across all partners working on early warning system.

The [Executive Action Plan](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=22154#.Y2pDuexByqA) for the Initiative outlines the initial actions required to achieve universal coverage by early warning systems within five years, and sets out the pathway to implementation.

## Responsibilities OF National UN Focal Point

The UN Secretary General has requested UN Resident Coordinators to support this initiative at country level by helping facilitate engagement within the UN country team, and government counterparts and other stakeholders. The UN RC has subsequently designated individuals or agencies within the UNCT to support him/her in this role.

Proposed responsibilities may include:

1. Provide support to the UN Resident Coordinator by helping facilitate, where needed:
   1. Stakeholder mapping of national actors (government, UN, NGO, etc.) and existing coordination mechanisms engaged in early warning systems
   2. Establishment of a one- or two- day consultative workshop to take stock of status of early warning in country, and agree or confirm a coordination mechanism
   3. Support the identification or establishment of a coordination mechanism in country to strengthen multistakeholder collaboration to achieve end to end early warning
   4. Support any further actions towards furthering the implementation of the EW4All initiative, upon the request of the Resident Coordinator
2. Liaise with the Regional Offices of pillar lead agencies (UNDRR, WMO, ITU, IFRC) as required to facilitate streamlined communication across the RCO, country officials and pillar lead agencies.
3. Raise awareness and promote advocacy for the EW4All initiative at country-level and among the UN Country Team, including sharing information products, holding presentations, media outreach and communication, etc.