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Excellency,

The African Union Commission (AUC) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction are pleased to inform you that the sixteenth session of the Africa Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction (AWGDRR) will be held from 4-5 October 2021 in Nairobi, Kenya. The session will be held under the theme “Accelerating action to deliver the Programme of Action for the implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Africa in the context of COVID-19”. Plans are underway to hold the meeting in person or in a hybrid format.

The session will focus its deliberations on efforts to date and next steps to ensure full implementation of action points from its last virtual meeting, 25-26 March 2021 (<https://www.undrr.org/publication/3rd-virtual-africa-working-group-disaster-risk-reduction>).

In addition, the session will be used to consult on the ongoing preparations for the forthcoming Africa Regional Platform (AfRP) and the High-Level Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction scheduled to take place from 16-19 November 2021 in Nairobi, Kenya. In this regard, the Group will review progress to date in the implementation of the Tunis Declaration (https://www.preventionweb.net/files/57759_finaladopteddrafttunisdeclaration13.pdf) and the Africa Common Position to the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (https://www.preventionweb.net/files/67051_africacommonpositiontothe2019global.pdf).

The meeting will also be an opportunity for the Group to provide substantive input to the draft programme for the AfRP and the High-Level Meeting as well as the draft implementation matrix of the Programme of Action for the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Africa for the period 2021-2025.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to invite the African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD) to attend and contribute to this important meeting. The AUC and UNDRR will cover all costs associated with the participation of one delegate from the centre

Kindly send the names of the three delegates and their contact details along with scanned copies of their passports to Mr. Alain Koualao (KoualaoA@africa-union.org) with copy to Ms. Hulemenaye Assefa (assefah@un.org). A concept note and provisional agenda are attached.


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