Africa Early Warnings Forum

Prelims: *Current events of national and international importance | Environment*

Why in News?

Recently, the Africa Early Warnings Forum adopted the **Addis Ababa Call to Action** to accelerate disaster protection and achieve **universal early-warning coverage**.

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- **Held in –** UN Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from September 2–4, 2026.
- **Conveners –** UNDRR, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the African Union Commission (AUC)
- **Attendance –** Over 400 participants from 50+ countries.
- **2027 Target –** Aligns with the global ***Early Warnings for All*** initiative to protect every person on Earth by the end of 2027.
- **Addis Ababa Call to Action – 5 Priorities**
    - Carry forward Early Warnings for All
    - Bridging the remaining gaps and reach the last mile, including in fragile countries
    - Make multi-hazard early warning systems a core public investment
    - Enable early action based on warnings
    - Make universal protection a shared and measurable responsibility
- **Key Progress in Africa**
- The number of African countries implementing **multi-hazard early warning systems** has increased:
    - **In 2015,** 14 countries had such systems in place.
    - **By 2026, this number is projected to reach 41 countries.**
- The comprehensiveness of these early warning systems has **more than doubled since 2022**.
- In **2025**, extreme weather and climate-related events affected at least **13 million people** and resulted in more than **3,000 reported deaths** across Africa.

Africa Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action System (AMHEWAS)
• **Led by – African Union Commission (AUC)**. • **Aim –** To promote regional cooperation for multi-hazard early warning and **early action**.

References

UNDRR | Africa's Early Warning

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