

Africa Early Warnings Forum

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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**.

Africa Early Warnings Forum

- **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.



Early Warnings for All (EW4All)



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Goal

Protect **every person on Earth**
through multi-hazard early
warning systems by **end-2027**.



Four Pillars of EW4All

1

Risk knowledge
& management



UNDRR

United Nations Office
for Disaster Risk Reduction

2

Detection, observation,
monitoring, analysis
& forecasting



WMO

World Meteorological
Organization

3

Warning dissemination
& communication



ITU

International
Telecommunication
Union

4

Preparedness &
response capabilities



IFRC

International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent
Societies

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](#)

[WMO | Addis Ababa Call to Action](#)

