



OPENING REMARKS

AT THE

3RD SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE AFRICA MULTI-HAZARD EARLY WARNING ACTION SYSTEM (AMHEWAS) PROGRAMME

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Director of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy and Head of the Delegation of the African Union Commission,

Representatives of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs),

Representatives of the Regional Climate Centres,

Representatives of the African Union Member States,

Distinguished Delegates, Esteemed Partners,

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Ghana, I bring you warm fraternal greetings and extend our sincere appreciation to the African Union Commission, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the German Cooperation, Technical Partners, and all stakeholders for convening the 3rd Session of the Technical Working Group for the Africa Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action System (AMHEWAS) Programme in Accra, Republic of Ghana.
2. It is both timely and critical that we come together once again to reaffirm our collective commitment to building a safer, more resilient Africa. The growing complexity of disasters, ranging from floods and droughts to disease outbreaks and climate-induced displacement, requires a bold, coordinated, and forward-looking response.
3. For Ghana, the integration of early warning systems into national and regional frameworks remains a top priority. We believe that early warning must begin where vulnerability is most significant: at the community level. It is there that risk is most immediate, and where early action has the most tremendous potential to save lives and protect livelihoods.

4. Our national experience has demonstrated that local knowledge, when combined with science, technology, and real-time data, can create robust, inclusive systems that ensure no one is left behind. In this regard, we welcome the continued emphasis of the AMHEWAS on people-centred approaches and multi-hazard coordination.
5. We also recognise that the success of the AMHEWAS Programme depends not only on sound strategy, but also on strong partnerships and sustainable resource mobilisation. Ghana remains fully committed to supporting regional cooperation and knowledge exchange. To foster early warning and anticipatory action. We call upon all our partners, within Africa and beyond, to invest in building the capacity, infrastructure, and institutional frameworks necessary to make AMHEWAS fully operational across the continent. This includes investments in infrastructure development & modernization, upgrading monitoring equipment, enhancing sharing and integration platforms, ensuring interoperability, and fostering cross-border collaboration.
6. Distinguished participants, the path ahead will not be without challenges. Yet, through this Technical Working Group, we can have a platform to align our efforts, harmonise our systems, and accelerate the implementation of the AU Programme of Action for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Early Warnings for All initiative.
7. Let us leave this session with renewed determination to move decisively from warning to action, from planning to implementation, and from vulnerability to resilience.
8. I further call upon all Member States and partners to support the operationalisation of the AMHEWAS Programme in Africa which is posed

to greatly contribute to reduced disaster losses and strengthened resilience.

Director of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, and Head of the Delegation of the African Union Commission, Honourable delegates, esteemed guests, ladies and gentlemen

9. I wish us all a successful and productive meeting

10. I now declare open the 3rd Session of the Technical Working Group for the Africa Multi-Hazard Early Warning Action System (AMHEWAS) Programme, and

11. Thank you for your attention.