



# 4th MINISTERIAL C NFERENCE

"Actionable Early Warnings and Climate Services for AU"

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#### **REGIONAL INTEGRATED MULTI-HAZARD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (RIMES)**

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### **ABOUT RIMES**

The Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) was established on 30 April 2009 with support from the UNESCAP-administered Tsunami Trust Fund. From its initial three founding members, RIMES has grown into a collaborative platform of 22 Member States and 27 Collaborating Countries across Africa and Asia. This expansion underscores the growing demand for timely, science-based, and actionable early warning services in an increasingly risk-prone world.

RIMES strengthens end-to-end multi-hazard early warning systems by integrating national agencies, regional platforms, and communities. Through technical support, capacity building, and data-driven collaboration, RIMES empowers countries to enhance risk communication and preparedness across climatic, seismic, oceanic, and hydrometeorological domains.

RIMES meets the unique needs of its member states by strengthening institutions and communities across the five pillars of climate information and early warning systems value chain:

Pillar 1
Observation and
Monitoring

Pillar 3

Decision Support

Systems

Pillar 5 Societal Outreach









Pillar 2

Modelling and
Forecasting

Pillar 4
Tailor-made
Services

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### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The 4th Ministerial Conference brings together policymakers, scientists, and stakeholders to discuss strategies for disaster preparedness and climate resilience. This event will serve as a platform to strengthen partnerships for climate risk management, share best practices and innovative solutions, and enhance regional collaboration for disaster response.

With the target outcome of formalizing RIMES direction until 2030, has the following objectives:



Identify pathways to deepen World Bank- supported CARE and SAHF programs in South Asia, and replicate its best practices to Africa, Southwest Indian Ocean, Middle East, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific under the WHO-RIMES JSAP to contribute to the EW4AII initiative.



Enhance cross-country collaborations to optimize regional resources and maximize impacts of collective but differentiated early warning systems (EWS).



Adopt priority institutional development interventions to enable RIMES to meet current and future demands of stakeholders.



Map policy directions that are required for, and economic incentives from, strengthened national efforts at multi-hazard EWS.



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#### **AGENDA OVERVIEW**

06 MAY 2025

## SAHF 16<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Set early warning and climate service priorities, resource needs, and strategies to support NMHSs.

#### 07 MAY 2025

## RIMES 17th COUNCIL MEETING

Chart action priorities and resource pathways for scaling RIMES' innovations across regions, with a focus on MHEWS under the EW4All Initative.

#### 08-09 MAY 2025

## RIMES 4th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Confirm key EWS directions and resource commitments through a Ministerial Declaration.