

“Women Empowerment in Flood Forecasting Early Warning” Webinar

Concept note

A) Background

Due to the fact that floods affect all aspects of human life (life losses, economy, etc.), flood forecast is one of the most important and challenging issues in the fields of meteorology and hydrology. This is even more severe in countries which are potentially targets to flood, including the IORA countries. Due to their central role in families and society, women can contribute effectively in forecasting the flood, taking timely actions and decreasing the human disasters and financial damages.

Hence, in this workshop, based on World Meteorological Organization (WMO) slogan “early warning and early action,” flood risks and flood forecasting methods as well as flood damage reduction methods will be presented and discussed.

B) Objectives

It is expected that at the end of the workshop, the participants get a grip on flood damage analysis & reduction and also on flood forecasting techniques. Being sensitive to, and in control of, the issue, the participants can also help others recognize the techniques and solutions for approaching and addressing the problem.

C) Envisioned outcomes of the webinar

The participants are expected to be better equipped to recognize flood forecasting techniques and help others in doing so.

The outcome of the webinar would be recorded and will be available to all participants

via IORA's website.

D) Host

Atmospheric Science and Meteorological Research Centre

E) Format

The presentation will be an online workshop which entails group discussion. The presentation will be followed by two experts nominated from Member States. After the presentations, there will be a Q&A/general discussion moderated by the presenter.

F) Participants

All esteemed Member States, relevant government officials from Member States, and Dialogue Partners will be invited to attend. Member States and Dialogue Partners will be invited to nominate women who are not from the public sector, such as women leaders in business, media and academia, research experts and practitioners, and other enthusiasts interested in the topic

G) Funding

There are no funding requirements to host or participate in the webinar.

H) Next steps

Once the Working Group on Women's Economic Empowerment have been consulted and approve this concept note, the Islamic Republic of Iran, via the IORA Secretariat, would circulate a save-the-date and request for nominations for speakers. The Islamic Republic of Iran would choose from the nominated speakers, via the IORA Secretariat, and circulate a webinar agenda, along with any other related documents, and a registration form for participants.