

**EOTEC DevNet**  
**AFRICA REGION**  
**Floods Working Group Meeting - 18 January 2023**

Key outcomes:

- Recorded presentation on Pacific Disaster Center's DisasterAWARE, an early warning and alert platform covering wildfires, floods and landslides, (Landslides in testing environment.) See links below for the presentation, videos and other useful info.
- The flood working groups are moving forward on the flood extent use case with volunteers to review the regional cases. Early March is the target date for a first draft.
- The Secretariat is focused on strengthening communications within and between the regional communities of practice. Creating a contact list and a google group to improve information sharing.
- [Meeting slides](#) with training/opportunity links
- Next meeting: April 19 at 13:00 UTC

Secretariat updates

- Key 2023 task: strengthening communications
  - Creating Google Group to facilitate exchange among Community of Practice members
  - Creating a contact list with name, organization and email. **Please watch for an email asking if you would like to opt out of the list.**
- EOTEC promoted its activities and the [flood tools tracker](#) in multiple forums in the last quarter, including AGU, AMS, UNOOSA's World Space Forum and UN SPIDER's Annual Regional Support Office meeting.
- Additional information/opportunities from members
  - <https://www.unwater.org/news/un-2023-water-conference>
  - <https://www.isrse39.com/> (comment abstract submission already closed)
  - 3rd Operational Satellite Oceanography [Symposium](#) (comment abstract submission already closed)
  - Suggestion to create a Google Form that CoP members can use to share opportunities and suggestions.

PDC presentation links – please share with colleagues!

- Recorded [presentation](#) on DisasterAWARE (10 min)
- Short [video](#) on the floods model of models (2 min)
- [Article](#) on DisasterAWARE
- In-person PDC [presentation](#) on DisasterAWARE at the January 19 Asia-Oceania meeting (17 min, with detail on flood model of models)
- More [references](#) on the Model of Models
- PDC's response to participant questions is still coming.

Update and next steps on global use case on flood extent tools

- Currently, six draft [regional event analyses](#) have been produced across the four communities of practice. Calvince Wara of RCMRD presented a case on Cyclones Gombe and Ana in Malawi
- To link these in a global product, volunteers will work as a team to review them, identify key learnings and takeaways, and draft a summary. The target for completing this work is February 15.
- The regional analyses will be included in the flood tools tracker and on the new EOTEC website. We also hope to publish a journal article later this year.
- The Secretariat will follow up with [volunteers](#) on next steps by Jan 27.
- Anyone else who would like to volunteer should contact the Secretariat at [eotecdevnet@gmail.com](mailto:eotecdevnet@gmail.com)

#### Other useful links

- [Consultation document](#) how EOTEC can support drought capacity building
- EOTEC sign up [form](#) for new participants
- [Presentation](#) on flood tools tracker at January 2023 American Meteorological Society's annual conference