

## **NTWAM's Active Participation at the WMO RA I Capacity Building Webinar (25th March 2026)**

On **25th March 2026**, the **NTWAM Water & Environment Initiative**, represented by its Executive Director **Prof. Preksedis Marco Ndomba**, actively participated in the **WMO Regional Association I Capacity Building Webinar** – a continental forum convened by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in partnership with IWMI, IAHS, and UNESCO. The virtual forum brought together National Hydrological Services, universities, research institutions, NGOs, and development partners from across Africa to advance operational hydrology capacity.

Prof. Ndomba, formally nominated by Tanzania's Ministry of Water, delivered a presentation on behalf of the country's training and research institutions. He outlined Tanzania's operational hydrology landscape, identified systemic gaps, and proposed the Tanzania Operational Hydrology Partnership (TOHP) – a three-tier coordination mechanism designed to align curricula, pool equipment, and institutionalize research-to-operations pipelines.

The forum resolved to:

- (i) Establish a **continental coordination team** (WMO, AUDA-NEPAD, and partners) to sustain dialogue;
- (ii) Develop a **roadmap for regional cooperation** linking national capacity-building efforts to continental investment programmes (AIP/PIDA); and
- (iii) Convene **deep-dive follow-up sessions** to scale proven models.

NTWAM's contribution showcased a tested, locally owned blueprint for strengthening hydrological services – directly supporting the WMO Vision for Hydrology, AU Agenda 2063, and Africa's water investment priorities. Through its agility, technical expertise, and established government-academia partnerships, NTWAM stands ready to support the country, regional, and continental coordination agenda.