

World Meteorological day, 2022

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In news– World Meteorological Day is observed every year on **March 23** to highlight the importance of the role that people and their behaviour play in protecting Earth's atmosphere.

About World Meteorological Day(WMD)-

- The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), which is an intergovernmental organization, was founded on this day.
- WMO has been commemorating WMD since 1961, with a new topic chosen each year.
- The theme for 2022 is '**Early Warning and Early Action,**' and it emphasizes the critical necessity of hydrometeorological and climate information for disaster risk reduction.
- The theme for 2021 was "The Ocean, Our Climate and Weather."

About World Meteorological Organization (WMO)-

- It is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for promoting international cooperation on atmospheric science, climatology, hydrology and geophysics.
- The International Meteorological Organization (IMO), whose concept dates back to the **Vienna International Meteorological Congress of 1873, gave birth to the organization.**
- Following the passage of the WMO convention in 1950, **the organization was founded as a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) in 1951.**
- Its headquarters are in **Geneva, Switzerland.**
- The WMO is made up of **193 countries** and territories, and facilitates the "free and unrestricted" exchange of

data, information, and research between the respective meteorological and hydrological institutions of its members.

- It is governed by the World Meteorological Congress, composed of member states, which meets every four years to set policies and priorities.