



## Italian Ambassador paid an official visit to ACMAD

**NIAMEY, NIGER –January 16, 2024-** On Monday January 16, 2024, the African Center of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) was honored to host a distinguished guest, **His Excellency Mr Roberto Orlando**, the Ambassador of the Italian Republic to Niger. This visit aimed to gain insights into ACMAD's activities and explore opportunities to further strengthen the existing partnership for the sustainability of the Africa Multi-Hazard Early Warning and early Action System (AMHEWAS) Program.

Upon arriving, the ambassador was warmly welcomed to the office of the Director General, where they engaged in discussions. During the meeting, **Dr. André Kamga**, the Director General of ACMAD, provided a concise overview of ACMAD, highlighting its role as a Regional Climate Centre and the Continental Multi-Hazard Advisory Centre for Africa (CMHAC).

As part of (AMHEWAS) framework and in line with the UN Secretary-General goal for Early Warning for All (EW4ALL) Initiative, the CMHAC enhance the continental capacity to generate regular continental hazards and disaster situation reports, continental climate trends and impacts as well as impact-based advisories and watches for early warning and adaptation to Climate Change.

Following the introduction, His **Excellency Mr. Roberto Orlando** had the pleasure of touring the ACMAD situation room operational since 2022. Being part of the Africa Multi-Hazard Early Warning and early Action System (AMHEWAS) framework, ACMAD's Situation Room is connected to the situation rooms established within the Africa Road Map for Early Warning and Early Action.

The Director seized the opportunity to showcase the center's key products, including early warning system and capacity-building activities. Notably, he presented interfaces and products developed in collaboration with partners, such as the MyDewetra system, a Platform developed by Italian Civil Protection in Collaboration with CIMA Foundation involving users such as meteorologist, hydrologist, civil protection as well as humanitarian actors.

**Dr André Kamga** insisted on the fact that: "to achieve the objective of Early Warning for all, it is necessary to work with several civil actors, so that they understand the warnings and can prepare and act early in case of disasters".

The ambassador was pleased and proud to see the results of collaboration and co-production through the MyDewetra tool in the implementation of AMHEWAS, he expressed the desire to strengthen collaboration with ACMAD.

The visit concluded with a pleasant family photo captured at the entrance of ACMAD, symbolizing the positive spirit of collaboration and shared goals.

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