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## Monthly ClimSA Newsletter for Octobre Novembre D cembre 2023

### Project Overview

The Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) programme is a four-year project funded by the European Commission through the African Union Commission. The programme aims to improve long-term access to and use of climate information, and to enable and encourage the creation and use of climate services and applications for decision-making processes at all levels.

### Flash Info

**OCTOBRE 2023**

#### CLIMTAG Workshop in MALAWI

ACMAD empower climate experts with a high-level climate tool for tailored agro-climatic information, CLIMTAG



Family picture after CLIMTAG workshop opening ceremony, Malawi, October 2023.

ACMAD in partnership with VITO, KENDER, AUC and NORCAP has organized a workshop on

“delivering climate services for building climate resilience of the Agricultural sector in Africa using CLIMTAG”. Held in Lilongwe from October 09-11, 2024, the workshop aimed at enhancing the expertise of climate professionals and agricultural stakeholders in utilizing the CLIMTAG tool. CLIMTAG, the CLimate InforMation Tool for AGriculture provide to decision makers in the agricultural sector with operational climate information, for example about the start of the rainy season or the duration of a drought period. The web-based tool operates at country level and visualizes past, present and future actionable climate information, allowing its users to assess the severity of upcoming climatic changes, design robust national adaptation measures, or support applications for international climate finance.



Group work during CLIMTAG workshop, Malawi October 2023

Over the course of three dynamic workshop days, attendees, including experts from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) and Regional Climate Centers (RCCs), as well as representatives from continental and regional farmer's organizations, were fully immersed in an exploration of the CLIMTAG tool. Through hands-on exercises, interactive sessions, and direct engagement with CLIMTAG experts, participants had the opportunity to not only familiarize themselves with the tool but also to navigate its functionalities first

The CLIMTAG workshop gave opportunity to Climate experts and agriculture stakeholders to share their feedback on the new tool after 3 days of training. A key suggestion was to enhance user-friendliness for non-experts. Participant were happy to take away a new tool to enhance agricultural resilience and optimize decision-making processes within the sector.

## NOVEMBRE-DECEMBRE 2023

### **CATALYST 2030 AWARD: ACMAD NOMINATED FINALIST!**



Catalyst 2030 is a fast-growing global movement of people and organizations committed to advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) by 2030. Joining forces with communities, governments, businesses and others, Catalyst 2030 members are changing systems at all levels through collective action and bold new strategies.

The Awards are an annual celebration of inspirational allies, the pioneers who are collaborating with us to design transformative solutions to address systemic challenges.

ACMAD was honoured to be nominated as finalist at Catalyst\_2030 Awards in bilateral & multilateral category.

This category celebrates teams or project units within bilateral/multilateral donors that have deployed capital to support project(s) or initiative(s) to achieve systems change.

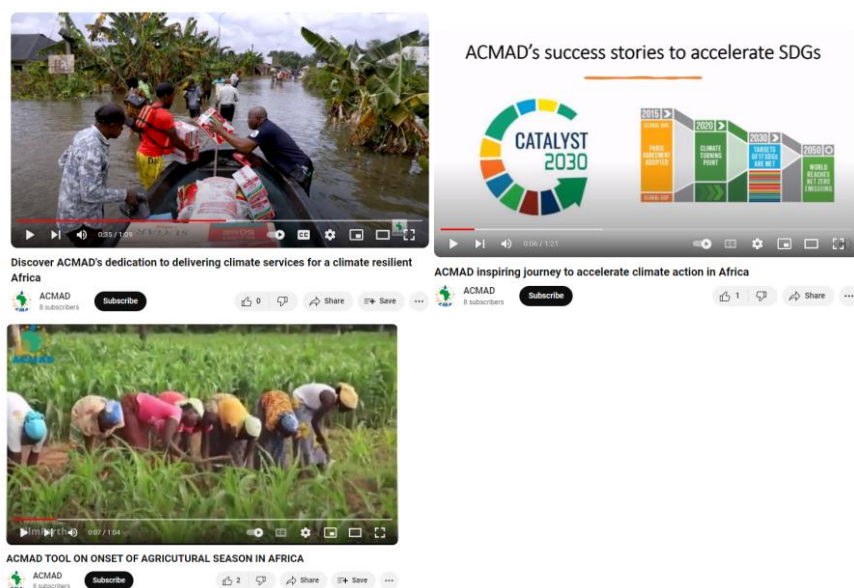
In this regard, ACMAD was thrilled to present to high level of international audience its success stories to accelerate SDGS 13 by improving climate action at continental and national level. The journey stated with an interview of the Director General, Dr. André Kamga by Catalyst organizers.

The aims were to better understand the role of the institution and its contribution to sustainable development efforts. Then ACMAD has designed 3 videos to emphasize the success stories: 1 on: ACMAD inspiring journey to accelerate climate action in Africa, 2: ACMAD tool on onset of agricultural season in Africa and the 3<sup>rd</sup> on Discover ACMAD's dedication to delivering climate services for a climate resilient Africa.

The award held on 8 November 2023, gather over

Although ACMAD was not the winner of the Catalyst Award in its category, this experience was a great opportunity for us to raise awareness on climates services contributions to climate action and also build partnership for the benefice of African community's resilience face to climate change.

Discover the video



### ***COP 28: marathon days full of activity***

COP 28 took place from November 30 to December 12, 2023 in Dubai, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. This conference brought together the signatory countries of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well as climate actors. As the name suggests, the COP met for the 28th time.

According to the newspaper Le Monde, "More than 97,000 people (delegations, media, NGOs, lobbies, organizers, technicians, etc.) were accredited for COP 28, twice as many as last year in Sharm el Sheikh, in Egypt, and around 180 heads of state and government were expected by 12 December.

In addition to the many Heads of State who were present in DUBAI, the conference also welcomed non-State actors who have observer status, as well as those in the private sector: representatives of finance, business, and investors. Members of civil society and NGOs were also able to attend the debates as observers.

Among these observers was the African Centre for Meteorological Applications in Development

(ACMAD). ACMAD participates at COP 28 as Intergovernmental Organization and supports African Negotiator by providing Climate Information and trend over the African continent.

AT COP 28, ACMAD in collaboration with its partners organized eight side events to emphasize the impact of Climate Change at Continental level:

ACMAD AT #COP28 SIDE EVENTS SCHEDULE		ACCELERATING CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH BETTER CLIMATE SERVICES	
06 DEC 09:00 - 11:00 SEYCHELLES PAVILION	<b>BUILDING DOMESTIC CAPACITY FOR EFFECTIVE RESILIENCE IN OACPS' SIDS.</b>	08 DEC 16:00 - 16:50 MOANA PAVILION	<b>SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN OACPS SIDS</b>
06 DEC 14:30 - 16:00 AFRICA PAVILION	<b>ADVANCED CLIMATE SERVICES FOR KNOWLEDGE-DRIVEN DECISION-MAKING</b>	08 DEC 16:00 - 17:00 FRANCOPHONIE PAVILION	<b>REMOVING BARRIERS TO CLIMATE SERVICES FINANCING IN AFRICA</b>
06 DEC 18:15 - 19:15 IPCC-WMO-MERI-NCM PAVILION	<b>EARLY WARNING FOR ALL IN AFRICA: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMHEWAS</b>	09 DEC 10:00 - 12:00 OA10-G2 PAVILION	<b>UNLOCKING CLIMATE FINANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRIBUSINESS TO SUPPORT THE GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM</b>
08 DEC 16:30 - 17:30 SOLAR+ PAVILION	<b>CLIMATE SERVICES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA</b>	10 DEC 09:30 - 11:00 AFRICA PAVILION	<b>FOSTERING REGIONAL USER INTERFACES FOR INFORMED CLIMATE DECISION-MAKING</b>



**The side event on Early warning for all with partners (CIMA, NORCAP, UNDRR, ICPAC, WMO, and MALAWI Met)**



**Interesting discussion on international cooperation for strengthening climatological infrastructure and services at Spain pavilion**

The ongoing discussion delves into advanced Climate Services, emphasizing knowledge-driven decision-making & resilience. The focus on work by various institutions implementing Intra ACP highlights the significance of climate information dissemination to end users.

**In addition to these 8 side events, ACMAD's has been invited to contribute in many side events and meetings for exchanges and sharing of experiences.**

Finally After this lacklustre COP 28, major projects are ahead to move forward in the transition away from fossil fuels and the response to the impacts of climate change. Now that the signal has been sent, it is up to the States to concretely implement this transition away from fossil fuels, in a logic of equity between the countries of the North and the countries of the South. States should therefore develop trajectories that include clear dates for phasing out fossil fuels, with even shorter deadlines for rich countries. They should integrate these exit trajectories into their next Nationally Determined Contributions, which are the greenhouse gas reduction plans that states will have to submit by COP 30 in Brazil in 2025. In addition, the issue of climate finance for the countries of the South will be a key issue from next year's COP 29 in Azerbaijan, where the New Quantified Collective Goal will be negotiated.

ACMAD is more than ever committed to leverage on partnership to build the resilience of African communities through better climate services.

Gallery photos COP 28:





## Announcements

Event	Date
11ème Forum des prévisions saisonnières de caractéristiques climatique pour les pays du Golf de Guinee (PRESA-GG 11)	Accra, du 26 au 1 Mars 2024
(ACCOF 15)	Feb 09 8h
PRESAC 18	march 04 /08 2024
AMBAssador of Algeria visit in Acmad	09 january