

ACMAD STATEMENT TO 27TH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Urgent and immediate action on multihazards, multisector resilience, adaptation and mitigation: The incredible power of partnerships and operational collaboration to deliver quickly and at scale.

Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen!

The state of climate of Africa indicates that the continent is warming at a rate much higher than the global average. North Africa warming rate is close to 4 degrees per century almost two times the global average.

Extremely hot days have tripled over the last 40 year in Africa. African land masses hit by heavy rainfall increased from 4% in the early 80s to 40% in 2020 with up to 2% of the total population of one country affected by floods and living in shelters for more than a year.

This year, more than half of states in Nigeria were hit by floods.

Given these facts, accelerated formulation, regular revision and implementation of climate actions are prominent and very urgent.

More ambitious goals on mitigation, adaptation and resilience, losses and damages, finance, science, technology and capacity are complex to achieve but we have no choice or viable alternatives.

Therefore, to address this huge challenge, **partnerships** and **operational collaboration** are unquestionably part of any effective strategy.

The African Centre ACMAD is spearheading continental scale weather and climate watch as well as the applications of meteorology for informed climate action and sustainable development by:

- 1) Partnering with AUC, UNDRR, WMO and the Development cooperation programme of the Italian Government to establish and operate continental Multihazards Early Warning and Action System
- 2) Teaming up with AUC, OACPS and the European Development Fund to deliver climate services and applications in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific states
- 3) Operationalizing with UNOCHA impact forecasting leading to anticipation of the number of people potentially affected by floods and informed revision/updates of Emergency Preparation and Response plans and budgets
- 4) Pioneering informed local city climate action formulation (Locally Determined Contributions) with technical assistance of VITO and support of the development cooperation programme of the Belgium Government
- 5) Building capacities and rescuing the 20th century climate data of Africa in partnership with the Copernicus programme at the ECMWF supported by EU and the Government of Norway through the Norwegian Refugee Council

Let us grasp this complex challenge as an opportunity to pursue and expand the much needed partnerships and operational collaboration to deliver at speed and scale on climate actions and solutions.

Thank you

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