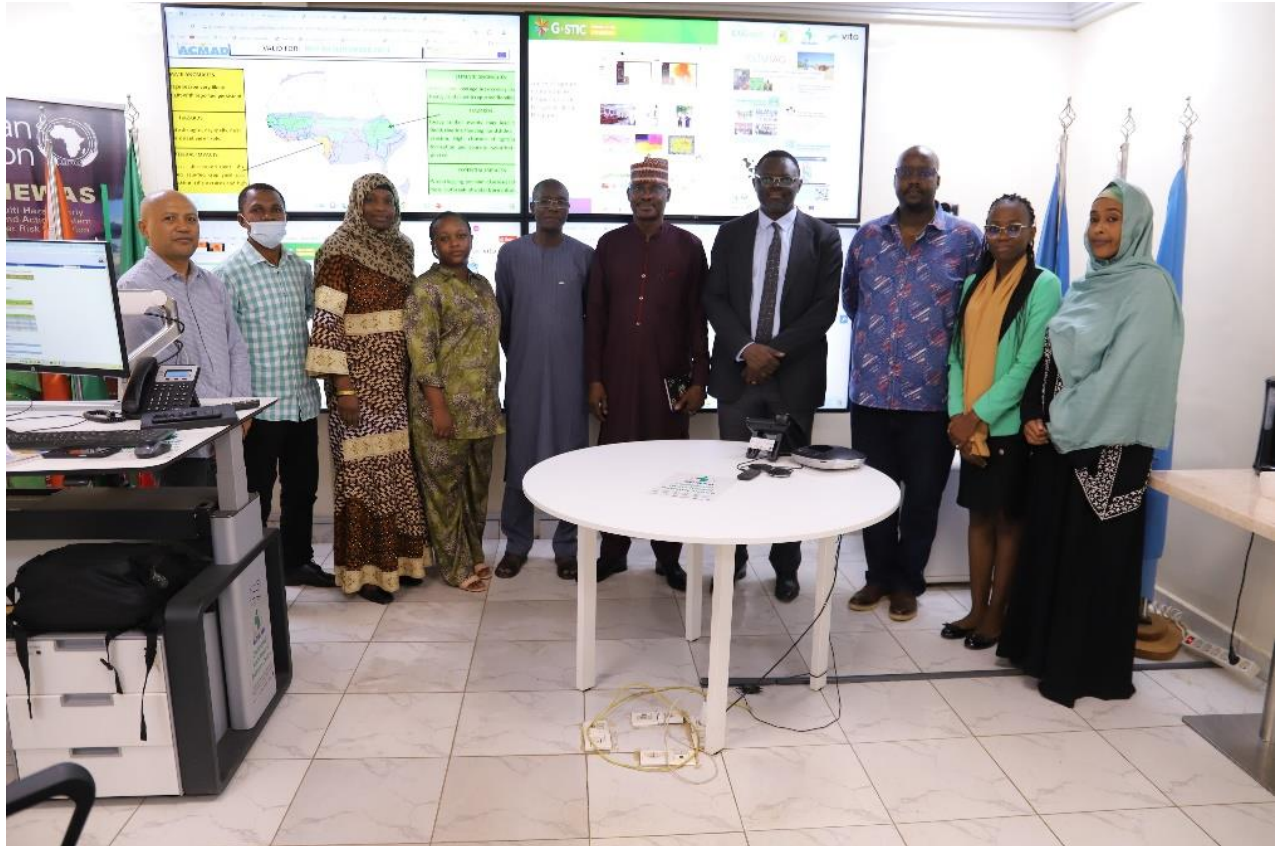


Official visit of the Executive Secretary of the National Committee for Environment and Sustainable Development at ACMAD



NIAMEY, NIGER –June 19, 2024- The African Center of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) was honored to host a distinguished guest, **Dr KAMAYE Maâzou**, the **Executive Secretary of the National Committee for Environment and Sustainable Development (CNEDD)**, Niger. He was accompanied by his communication manager, the coordinator of the national adaptation program (PANA), and the head of the adaptation program. 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 as well other pilot initiatives undertaken by ACMAD.

Upon arriving, the Executive Secretary was warmly welcomed in the office of **Dr. André Kamga**, the Director General of ACMAD, where they engaged in discussions. After a brief introduction, **Dr. KAMAYE** and his team were conducted to the Situation Room of the Continental Multi-Hazard Advisory Centre for Africa (CMHAC) where **Godefroid NSHIMIRIMANA**, Thematic Expert in Meteorology, provided a concise overview of ACMAD, highlighting its role as a Regional Climate Centre and the Continental Multi-Hazard Advisory Centre for Africa (CMHAC).

He also presented the major achievement from pilot projects that ACMAD carried in Niger as country pilot. The first pilot project is U-CLIP funded by Enable, which aimed to establish an open web-based urban



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climate change information platform for Niamey, Niger. The platform was tailored to suit the needs of local authorities and stakeholders from civil society. M. Godefroid emphasized on the uptake of the U-CLIP platform by the local actors who will assist in the formulation of widely supported measures to enhance Niamey's resilience to projected impacts of climate change. Furthermore, he mentioned the role of the Youth in temperature measurement campaign undertaken to assess the climate impacts of trees in urban area during the heat wave period. He informed the audience that this pioneering U-clip project has led to another initiative in the effort to combat climate change called "Niamey Forest climate project" funded by the Flemish Government through GSTIC Climate Action Program which aimed to support Niamey's action plan for massive tree planting as a climate resilience measure, to alleviate climate extremes such as heat wave period.

Dr André KAMGA highlighted that the U-CLIP has been successfully implemented and all the documentations are available. He informed the participants that Enabel is ready to support the expansion of this initiative to other cities in Niger, and therefore it is necessary for a national institute such as the CNEDD to take the lead in discussions with Enabel on the feasibility of this project. He concluded by explaining to the CNEDD delegation that the way forward for these two pilot projects is to define/quantify new "urban tree" measures for the NDC (2025), suggesting a better incorporation of urban climate policy into the NDC, as well as promoting the benefits of including urban climate policy in the NDC (e.g. for access to climate finance).

Following the presentation, the **Executive Secretary** was pleased and proud to see the ACMAD's activities in Early Warning initiative and the results and achievement of the pilot project. He expressed the desire to strengthen collaboration with ACMAD and to follow up the achievement especially the U-CLIP and "Niamey Climate Forest project" and would like to take the lead in upscaling phase 2 of the U-CLIP at national level in other cities. He also recommended to put in place task force to elaborate a MoU between ACMAD and CNEDD which will strengthen the collaboration between the two institutions.

The visit concluded with a pleasant family photo captured in the situation room symbolizing the positive spirit of collaboration and shared goals.

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