



Official visit of Algeria Ambassador to ACMAD

NIAMEY, NIGER –January 09, 2024- The Algerian Ambassador, His Excellency **Bekhedda MEHDI**, conducted an official visit to the African Center of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) in Niamey, Niger on January 09, 2024. The main objective of the visit was to discover and understand the ACMAD's mission, ongoing initiatives, and, most importantly, to reinforce the collaboration between ACMAD and the Algerian Government. Being the first country to lead ACMAD, Algeria through his Meteorological Agency has played a key role since 1992 IN the establishment of this continental institution in Niger.

Upon arrival, the ambassador received a warm welcome in the office of ACMAD's Director General, **Dr. André Kamga**, leading to an extensive discussion. **Dr André Kamga** provided a concise overview of ACMAD, emphasizing its role as a Regional Climate Center and the Continental Multi-Hazard Advisory Center for Africa. The center plays a vital role in delivering impact-based weather hazards advisories, watches, climate services for early warning, adaptation to climate change, and capacity building for member states.

Following the meeting, His Excellency **Mr. Bekhedda MEHDI** had the opportunity to visit the ACMAD situation room, operational since 2022 under the Africa Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action System (AMHEWAS) framework. **Dr. André Kamga** showcased key products, including the early warning system and capacity-building activities, highlighting interfaces developed to support onset monitoring in Africa, drought monitoring systems, and more.

Dr. André Kamga emphasized the significance of strengthening partnerships for the development of climate services in Africa, stating "To achieve the objective of Early Warning for all, it is necessary to join forces among all partners."

The ambassador was pleased to explore the range of activities and services provided by ACMAD. He expressed the desire to strengthen collaboration with ACMAD and promised to follow up the Algeria contribution to ACMAD.

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