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### Dr. Ousmane Ndiaye assumes leadership of ACMAD as the New Director General

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On Monday, December 16, 2024, the African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development warmly welcomed its new Director General, Dr. Ousmane Ndiaye, who officially assumed his duties today. To mark the occasion, a general assembly was held in the conference hall, where Dr. Ndiaye met with staff members to present his vision and objectives for ACMAD's future.

In his speech, Dr. Ndiaye expressed his gratitude and welcomed all participants. He emphasized the importance of a shared understanding of ACMAD's mission to ensure the organization's success and efficiency. The new Director General outlined his vision for making ACMAD an **African Center of Excellence for Climate Information Services**, where we have a high-quality database available to all Africans, an improved weather and climate monitoring services and a strengthened continental early warning system. This can be possible if we focus on three key priorities: **“respect for punctuality, effective delivery of tasks and responsibilities, teamwork and collective commitment to enhancing the institution's reputation”** said Dr Ousmane Ndiaye.

Dr. Ndiaye also highlighted several project proposals and bilateral meeting initiatives aimed at supporting fundraising efforts and strengthening ACMAD's capacity. These include strategic partnerships and projects such as the WISER program, collaborations with the University of Leeds, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Barcelona Supercomputing Center, NOAA, and more.

Dr. Ousmane Ndiaye has over 26 years of experience in providing climate information services across Africa, the USA, and beyond. Prior to joining ACMAD, he served as the Director of Senegal's Meteorological Services at the ANACIM. During his tenure in ANACIM, he spearheaded several innovative projects, including a major partnership with NOAA to develop heatwave modeling systems. This initiative significantly enhanced early warning systems for heatwaves in Senegal, improving the resilience of communities to climate impacts.

ACMAD is excited about this new chapter and wishes Dr. Ousmane Ndiaye great success in his new role.

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