

Joint ClimSA & SEWA Forum Kicks Off with a Strong Call for Collaboration to Accelerate Access to Climate Services



Theme: “Accelerating Access to Climate and Weather Services for Resilient African Economies and Communities”

Windhoek, Namibia—The African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) is excited to participate in the **Joint Forum for the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) and the Space for Early Warning in Africa (SEWA)** programme. This event is taking place in Windhoek, Namibia, from June 23 to June 27, 2025.

The event, co-organized by the African Union Commission (AUC), the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), the European Union (EU), and the Government of Namibia, serves as a continental platform aimed at strengthening climate resilience, enhancing early warning capacities, and promoting the use of climate services in Africa.

The forum opened with high-level addresses from representatives of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the EU, AUC, and OACPS. It brought together climate leaders, scientists, decision-makers, and development partners to assess progress, share success stories from the ClimSA initiative, foster partnerships, and officially launch the SEWA project.

During the first panel discussion on utilizing climate services for policy and decision-making, Dr. Ousmane Ndiaye, the Director-General of ACMAD, highlighted the importance of **public-private partnerships** to enhance impact.:

“We are not the solution, but part of the solution. We must collaborate to co-produce climate services that meet the real needs of users.”



ACMAD is actively contributing to the forum through participation in panel discussions and technical sessions, sharing impactful success stories that highlight how climate services have supported early warning systems, guided informed decisions, and built resilience in Africa.



The first day concluded with a strong collective commitment from all stakeholders to enhance collaboration and accelerate the provision of inclusive, impact-driven climate and early warning services.

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