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ACMAD Participates in High-Level Disaster Risk Reduction and Early Warning Systems Meetings in Kampala, Uganda

Kampala, Uganda – April 2025. The African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) took part in two critical events held in Kampala, Uganda: the 22nd Session of the African Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction (AWGDRR) and the 3rd Coordination and Co-Production Meeting of the Africa Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Action System (AMHEWAS), from April 15-17, and April 10–13, respectively.

Under the theme “*Moving from Commitments to Action: Delivering on Priorities in the Windhoek Declaration,*” the 22nd AWGDRR session focused on operationalizing the Programme of Action for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 in Africa. ACMAD’s Director participated actively, presenting ACMAD’s vision and reaffirming the Centre’s role in delivering climate information services to support disaster risk reduction (DRR) across the continent.

The forum also offered a valuable opportunity for ACMAD to assess the growing demand for tailored climate information services (CIS) and better understand the challenges surrounding the provision and uptake of such services by end users.

On the margins of this meeting, ACMAD also engaged in the **3rd AMHEWAS Product Coordination and Co-Production Meeting**, bringing together key stakeholders from across the continent to strengthen interoperability between situation rooms and accelerate the implementation of the AMHEWAS initiative.

Discussions emphasized coordination mechanisms, co-production of early warning products, and the integration of innovative tools to support risk-informed decision-making. ACMAD, as a core partner of the AMHEWAS network, plays a vital role by:

- Delivering multi-model forecasts on extreme precipitation, strong winds, and tropical cyclone tracks through the **Continental Watch**, published biweekly (Tuesdays and Fridays);
- Collaborating with the African Union Commission (AUC) and IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) to produce situation reports;
- Supporting the delivery of ad hoc briefings to facilitate anticipatory action.

These events mark significant progress toward strengthening early warning systems across Africa, reinforcing a shared commitment to collaboration, innovation, and resilience-building in the face of growing climate risks.

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