

Addis Ababa hosts the 4th Steering Committee meeting of the CLIMSA/ACMAD project



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The African Center of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD) proudly announces the successful conclusion of the 4th ClimSA Steering Committee Meeting held in Addis Ababa on May 28, 2024. This important meeting was attended by members of the ACMAD Board, the EU Delegation to the African Union, the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), Technical Implementing Partners (World Meteorological Organization) and key stakeholders from the agriculture, disaster risk reduction and health sectors.

The main objective of the meeting was to monitor the implementation of ClimSA project activities at a high level and to provide strategic guidance for effective coordination at continental and global levels. The overall objective of the ClimSA project is to improve the production and application of climate services in key sectors such as agriculture, water, health, disaster risk reduction and infrastructure.

In his opening speech, **Mr Fetene Teshome, Director General of the Ethiopian Meteorological Institute and Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the WMO**, emphasized the importance of increased attention and cooperation in addressing the current global climate situation. He praised the ongoing efforts of collaboration with partners and donor organizations and highlighted the effective collaboration with the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications Programme (ClimSA).

As for **Dr. André Kamga, Director General of ACMAD**, he highlighted some of the significant achievements of the ClimSA-ACMAD project, including the operationalization of the User Interface Platform for agriculture, health and disaster risk reduction.

The meeting served as a valuable platform for sharing progress and best practices, as well as gathering feedback from partners to further improve ACMAD climate services. Among the many recommendations discussed was the urgent need to strengthen collaboration between ACMAD and the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) to facilitate the transfer of capacities and tools.

The event ended with insightful remarks from representatives of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the African Union Commission (AUC) and ACMAD setting a positive tone for future collaboration.

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