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Subject: Collaboration of WMO Consultant Dr Wassila Thiaw with ACMAD on implementation of Activity 2.1 of the EU- funded Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA)

Dear Dr Kamga,

We are writing regarding the EU-funded Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications Programme (ClimSA) that supports the implementation of GFCS in 79 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (2019-2024). The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a technical partner, is working with regional partners, including the African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD), and with national partners to implement the climate services value chain and thus strengthen the provision and use of climate services.

As part of our <u>WMO ClimSA grant</u>, under Activity 2.1 WMO is carrying-out an operational evaluation of each of the ACP RCCs, including ACMAD, and during 2022 WMO shall undertake the following tasks:

- Task 2.1.1: conduct an evaluation and survey of operations of each of the RCCs/regional partners that could be the basis of an RCC, and prepare RCC evaluation reports that identify gaps and needs; these evaluations will build on the development of objective seasonal forecasting for each ACP region/sub-region completed in 2021 under ClimSA Activity 3.5;
- Task 2.1.2 Survey of NMHSs on use of RCC products;
- Task 2.1.3 Develop an action plan for strengthening the capacity of the RCCs that builds on Tasks 2.1.1 and 2.1.2; and
- Task 2.1.4 Workshops for RCCs on state-of-the-art methodologies: based on findings in Tasks 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3, design training materials for three inter-regional training workshops on state-of-the-art methodologies, grouping RCCs by their status/phase (1) proposed; 2) in demonstration; and 3) designated) (workshops to be prepared and organized by WMO with input from international experts).

To this end, WMO is entering into agreements with qualified entities to carry-out the four tasks listed above, and in the case of ACMAD, Dr Wassila Thiaw of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (mamadou.w.thiaw@gmail.com) shall lead this work in his private capacity. Dr Thiaw shall contact ACMAD ClimSA Coordinator, Mr Leon Guy Razafindrakoto (rleon_guy@yahoo.fr) with a copy to you to agree the next steps.

Should you have any queries on the above points or other matters related to implementation, please contact Ms Lisa-Anne Jepsen (ljepsen@wmo.int), WMO Project Manager, Intra-ACP Climate Services Programme (ClimSA).

We look forward to collaborating with CIMH throughout implementation.

Yours sincerely,

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