



*Conclusions and Recommendations of the 19th
SACOM Session
ACMAD, NIAMEY. May 06-08, 2019*

In the year two thousand and nineteen, on the 6th, 7th and 8th of May, the 19th meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SACOM) was held at ACMAD headquarters in Niamey-Niger, chaired by Professor Daouda HAMANI, the President of the 19th SACOM session, with participation of four SACOM members. The SACOM members examined the items on its agenda including the draft ACMAD strategy for 2020-2023 and discussed the current status and perspectives for the committee. With regard to its overall view of the ACMAD's strategic plan for 2020-2023 period and SACOM status presented, the Scientific Advisory Committee:

1. congratulated ACMAD on the relevance of facts and findings justifying the strategy;
2. acknowledged the level of effort put in identifying main priorities including building resilience, combating climate change by strengthening adaptation to impacts and enhancing applications and value of meteorological services to achieve Africa's agenda 2063;
3. critically examined and amended the structure of the strategy with a context, vision and long term outcomes, mission and medium term priorities, strategic objectives and major areas of intervention;
4. was pleased to see efforts to define monitoring indicators as requested by previous ACMAD Governing Board and SACOM meetings;
5. noted with appreciation the consideration of capacity development as the first strategic objective given findings from WMO assessments highlighting that more than half of African NMHSs are at category 1 or below in a scale of 4;
6. appreciated the inclusion of research focus on weather and climate predictability and applications at ACMAD and partnerships with Universities and research institutes to improve understanding of processes and phenomena, model development and prediction;
7. welcomed the emphasis put on quality services in Africa focused on resilience and adaptation to climate change applications;
8. recommended to submit the SACOM adopted strategic plan to ACMAD Governing Board;
9. pleaded with NMHSs of AU members states, the WMO, UNECA and partners to support and facilitate implementation of this strategy;

10. recommended the preparation and implementation of a resource mobilization strategy;

11. resolved agenda items for SACOM meetings based on the Terms of Reference of the committee. It includes:

- Minutes of last meeting and matters arising from it
- ACMAD programme
- ACMAD products
- User needs and benefits
- Emerging issues
- Staff requirements
- ACMAD strategy
- Any other business

12. noted the need to ensure quorum with at least a virtual meeting every three to six months and therefore proposed that three positions be filled as soon as possible

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