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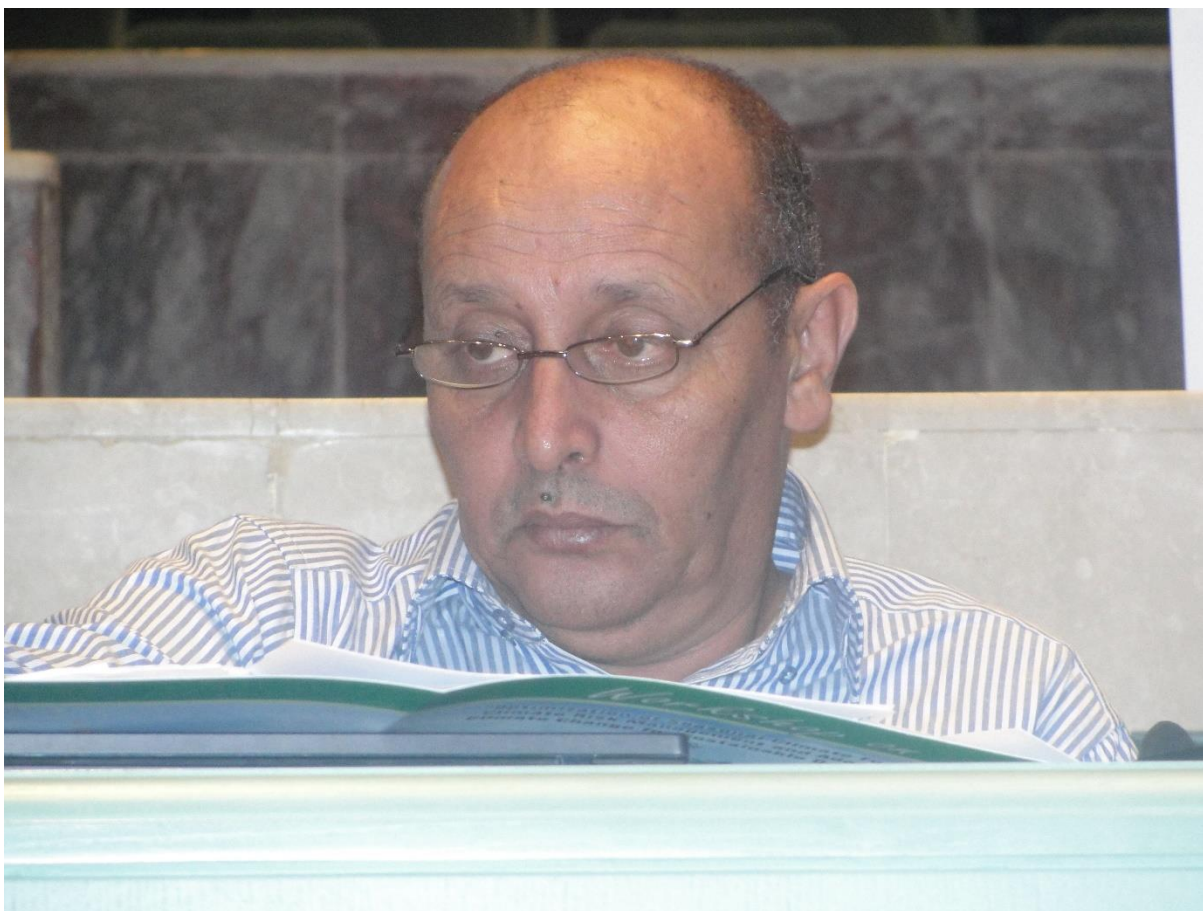


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A tribute to Prof Lazreg Benaichata

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Climatique en Afrique (Projet ViGIRisC Afrique) »
2010-2014**





It is with deep sorrow that we heard of the death of Prof. Lazreg. We hereby express our deepest compassion with his family.

Lazreg Benaichata, Professor at the University Ibn Khaldoun de Tiaret in Algeria, was the coordinator of VIGIRISK project at ACMAD. He promoted forecasting and interactions between forecasters and disaster managers from 20xx to 20xx. With a strong background on statistics applied to climatology, he was involved in statistical seasonal forecasting for North Africa and was always open to share his knowledge and understanding of the Mediterranean climate with his African colleagues and students.

We remember him as a friendly colleague very proud of his family and active in the field of meteorology. The current ACMAD Team members in Niger jointly with all colleagues who knew him and have left the centre, **present our compassionate condolences** to his family.

ACMAD Team in Niamey-Niger

It is with deep sorrow that I write this tribute. I express my deepest condolence first to his family and to his University and friends.

Dr. Benaichata believed in bridging the gap between the research and operational communities especially in Meteorology, a common interest we shared together. Like myself, he had worked in both communities at both national and international levels. Although he completed his contract as VIGIRISK Project Coordinator at the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) in Niamey, Niger before I joined the Centre, his regular visits to the Centre brought us close to each other as we realized we shared common ideas. Until his recent demise, we both lecture on part-time basis in the Graduate Programme of the West African Science Service Centre on Climate change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL).

In May 2015, Dr. Benaichata invited me to make a presentation as a representative of ACMAD in an international Symposium on Agro-biotechnology, environment and sustainable development at his University, IBN Khaldun University of Tiaret in Algeria. This was a very memorable trip for me.

Just before his sudden death in July 2020, Dr. Benaichata was part of a group of us working on an article for publication. My last email exchange with Dr. Benaichata was on July 11, 2020, a date I will not forget.

May his soul rest in peace.

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