

**ACMAD STATEMENT TO 30TH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS
FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD), I thank the COP30 Presidency and our hosts for providing this platform to amplify Africa's voice in climate science for resilience.

Extreme heat impacted many parts of the continent during 2024, agriculture, labour productivity and disrupting our education system.

Climate extremes (flooding, heat waves, dust storm, bushfires, droughts, etc) are already happening in Africa and many vulnerable communities cannot withstand their related impacts, their best adaptation strategy is to anticipate then developing strong climate information services (tailored early warning system, anticipatory actions and implement NAPs) becomes a necessity ... a right for vulnerable communities.

At ACMAD, we work to turn climate data into actionable information. We operationalized continental early warning systems to support all national meteorological services especially in time of fragility.

Our mission is simple: **help African countries better anticipate using climate smart system.**

But our efforts face serious challenges: data, technology and funding.

In line with its mandate, ACMAD will work closely with all partners, including states, to deliver high-quality climate information services and provide support to vulnerable communities.

Excellencies,

With a well trained youth and the right partnerships, Africa can move from vulnerability to resilience and from reacting to anticipating.

Let this COP30 be a turning point where commitments to early warning, data infrastructure, and equitable finance become reality.

ACMAD stands ready to serve, to collaborate, and to ensure that every African country benefits from reliable, life-saving climate services and no one is left behind.

Let's avoid inaction, together, we can go from "what the weather will be" to "which action to take".

Thank you.