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Delivering his remarks virtually at the Seventeenth Meeting of the Regional Committee of Heads of Disaster Management in West Africa (GECEAO), the Director General of the AGRHYMET Regional Centre, Dr. Guiguibaza-Kossigan Dayo, reaffirmed AGRHYMET's commitment to advancing disaster preparedness, resilience, and humanitarian coordination across West Africa and the Sahel.

Dr. Dayo expressed appreciation to ECOWAS and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire for convening the forum, noting that it reflects "our collective commitment to strengthening disaster preparedness, resilience, and humanitarian coordination across West Africa and the Sahel."

He recalled AGRHYMET's endorsement by ECOWAS in 2020 as the Regional Climate Centre for West Africa and the Sahel (RCC-WAS), a mandate that has guided its work in strengthening regional climate services and disaster risk reduction. Flagship products such as the **PRESASS** and **PRESA-GG** seasonal climate outlooks have provided actionable forecasts supporting agriculture, water management, and humanitarian planning.

Highlighting innovation, Dr. Dayo pointed to AGRHYMET's **Watch Room**, a hub for real-time monitoring of hydro-climatic and environmental extreme events, which enhances the region's ability to deliver timely, impact-based early warnings. Looking ahead, AGRHYMET pledged continued support to the ECOWAS Disaster Operation Centre (DOC) with tailored risk reduction and humanitarian products, while investing in capacity building for Member States.

"Together, through solidarity and innovation, we can transform early warning into early action and ensure that West Africa and the Sahel are better prepared for the challenges of tomorrow," Dr. Dayo affirmed in his virtual address.

