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## AGRHYMET RCC WAS

### Accra Mission Advances Operationalization of AGRHYMET RCC-WAS as WMO Regional Climate Centre

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The continuation of the Joint High-Level Mission convened in Accra, Ghana, marked a decisive milestone in operationalizing the AGRHYMET Regional Climate Centre for West Africa and the Sahel (RCC-WAS) toward full accreditation by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Hosted jointly by Ghana's Ministry of Works, Housing and Water Resources and the Ministry of Communication, Digital Technology and Innovation, the mission brought together AGRHYMET leadership, ECOWAS, WMO, the Ghana Meteorological Agency (GMet), and the Ghana Hydrological Authority (HYDRO). Welcoming delegates, **the Honourable Minister of Works, Housing, and Water Resources, Hon. Kenneth Gilbert Adjei**, underscored the urgency of climate-informed development, declaring that *"Climate resilience is no longer optional. It is central to our development."* He commended AGRHYMET's leadership in advancing regional climate services and reaffirmed Ghana's commitment to embedding climate intelligence into infrastructure, water management, and food systems.

The **Honourable Minister of Communication, Digital Technology and Innovation, Hon. Samuel Nartey George**, also pledged Ghana's continued support for AGRHYMET, particularly in fulfilling its mandatory functions as a WMO Regional Climate Centre. He emphasized that AGRHYMET's role in data exchange, forecasting, and regional harmonization is critical for building resilience across West Africa and the Sahel, and assured that Ghana will remain a committed partner in advancing these objectives.

Responding critically, **the Director General of AGRHYMET, Dr. Guiguibaza-Kossigan Dayo**, emphasized that the mission was designed to strengthen collaboration between AGRHYMET RCC-WAS and Ghana's national services, ensuring that meteorological and hydrological data needs are clearly addressed. He highlighted the importance of identifying technical capacity gaps, aligning national climate services with AGRHYMET's RCC framework, and developing Memoranda of Understanding on data exchange. The DG stressed that expectations are mutual: AGRHYMET seeks to provide regionally relevant climate products and technical support, while Ghana's agencies commit to sharing data and integrating climate intelligence into national planning. He expressed appreciation for the strong support shown by both Ministers, noting that their leadership is vital in empowering GMet and HYDRO to deliver services that safeguard communities and strengthen resilience.

Over five days, the mission will deliver concrete progress. Strategic consultations will be held with GMet and HYDRO leadership, meteorological and hydrological data systems will be assessed, and technical capacity gaps will be identified. Knowledge exchange sessions will highlight best practices in forecasting, early warning systems, and regional innovation. **The mission will culminate in the drafting, validation, and signing of Memoranda of Understanding with GMet and HYDRO**, cementing frameworks for stronger collaboration and operational reliability.

West Africa and the Sahel face intensifying climate risks—erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, and coastal erosion—that threaten water systems, infrastructure, and food security. By embedding climate intelligence into national and regional planning, AGRHYMET RCC-WAS and national Hydromet agencies are transforming data into actionable resilience strategies. Water, at the heart of food systems, is a shared resource across borders, and this mission reinforced solidarity and cooperation to ensure Ghana and the wider region are better prepared to anticipate and adapt to climate shocks.

The Minister of Works, Housing and Water Resources further assured full government support, declaring: *“We will continue to support policies and partnerships that enhance climate resilience across all sectors.”* With AGRHYMET, ECOWAS, WMO, and Ghanaian agencies working hand in hand, the Accra mission stands as a turning point—operationalizing AGRHYMET RCC-WAS as a WMO Regional Climate Centre and transforming science into resilience for millions across West Africa and the Sahel.

The Accra High-Level Mission was **organized through Component 1 of the West Africa Food System Resilience Program (FSRP)**, funded by the **World Bank**. This alignment ties AGRHYMET RCC-WAS operationalization to FSRP’s objectives, embedding climate services into agriculture, water management, and disaster risk reduction. With sustainable financing and regional solidarity at its core, the World Bank’s support strengthens WMO accreditation efforts and helps turn climate data into actionable resilience strategies for West Africa and the Sahel.





