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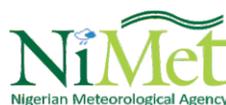


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# NiMet DG/CEO Anosike Participates In Anticipatory Action Task Force On Floods (AATF) Meeting Hosted By VP Shettima



A Cross Section showing the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Sen. Kashim Shettima (Middle), Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet (4th Left) and other participants

The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Prof. Charles Anosike, on Tuesday, 18th March 2025, participated in the Anticipatory Action Task Force on Floods (AATF) meeting hosted by the Vice President of Nigeria, Sen. Kashim Shettima.

AATF is Nigeria's initiative to shift flood response from reactive disaster relief to proactive preparedness. The initiative aligns with global frameworks such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, all of which emphasize proactive disaster preparedness to mitigate the impact of natural disasters and



protect vulnerable communities.

Members of the AATF briefed the Vice President on their various agencies' preparedness and ongoing activities with a view to mitigating the impact of flooding in Nigeria.

Speaking at the meeting, Vice President Shettima said that the human and economic toll of floods in Nigeria has become unbearable.

"We cannot afford to wait for disaster to strike before taking action. We must act now to protect lives and livelihoods by leveraging science, technology, and collaboration", he said.

Prof. Charles Anosike while speaking thanked the Vice President for his proactive leadership towards the implementation of anticipatory action to enable adequate preparedness and response for climate extremes.

He noted that NiMet's impact-based forecasts can help facilitate anticipatory action by providing timely alerts before extreme events occur. "These forecasts enable individuals and vulnerable communities to respond effectively. Therefore, by integrating NiMet's forecasts with other components of early warning systems, we can enhance risk awareness and response capabilities", he remarked.

Prof. Anosike highlighted key priority areas for improving NiMet's forecasts including enhancing NiMet's weather models, investing in forecast models, expanding the network of stations and improving In-situ observation, improving data assimilation capacity, and increasing application of machine learning techniques to improve predictions.



# NiMet Predicts Early Rainfall Events Across Most Parts Of The Country, As Keyamo Unveils 2025 Seasonal Climate Prediction



Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development Festus Keyamo (SAN), and DG/CEO NiMet flanked by dignitaries at the Public Presentation of the 2025 Seasonal Climate Prediction

The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo SAN, on Tuesday, 4th February 2025 in Abuja, unveiled the 2025 Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP) by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) to the public.

Themed ‘The Role of Early Warnings towards a Climate Resilient Aviation Industry for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development’, the SCP document predicts that most parts of the country will experience significant rainfall events at the beginning of 2025, and these rains will likely come before the onset.

The onset of rain is predicted to be delayed over the northern and central states of Plateau as well as parts of Kaduna, Niger, Benue, Nasarawa, Taraba, Adamawa, and Kwara. While early onset is expected over the southern states of Delta,



Bayelsa, Rivers, Anambra, and sections of Oyo, Ogun, Osun, Ondo, Lagos, Edo, Enugu, Imo, and Ebonyi. The rest of the country is predicted to have a normal onset.

The full SCP document is available for download from the NiMet website



# Aviation Minister Inks Landmark Air Services Agreement with Canadian Authorities

By Nigerian FLIGHTDECK



Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, signs the landmark codeshare agreement on behalf of Nigeria at the Ministry of Aviation headquarters in Abuja. Canadian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Pasquale Salvaggio, witnessed the signing, representing Canada.

**The landmark codeshare aviation agreement is a game-changer. It unlocks new opportunities for travellers and boosts economic collaboration. It also solidifies the longstanding relationship between Nigeria and Canada.**

**N**igeria and Canada have formalized a landmark codeshare aviation agreement. This pact enhances cooperation between their airlines. It allows airlines to market and sell seats on each other's flights. Passengers gain seamless travel options under a single airline's code.

The agreement was signed at the Ministry of Aviation headquarters in Abuja. Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, signed on behalf of Nigeria. Canadian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Pasquale Salvaggio, witnessed the signing of the agreement, representing Canada. The

event marked a milestone in bilateral aviation relations.

In a statement, Head of Press and Public Affairs, Odutayo Oluseyi, shared details. Minister Keyamo clarified it is not a full Bilateral Air Services Agreement. Instead, it is a codeshare arrangement. Nigerian airlines will collaborate with Canadian carriers under this deal. This partnership will improve flexibility and connectivity for passengers.

Keyamo thanked Canadian authorities for their cooperation. He noted his Canadian counterpart had signed part of the agreement earlier. To save costs, Keyamo signed the remaining portion in Nigeria. He emphasized the deal strengthens Nigeria-Canada aviation ties significantly.

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Aviation, Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar Kana, praised Keyamo's efforts. He commended the Minister's proactive leadership in advancing Nigeria's aviation sector. Kana welcomed Salvaggio, highlighting Nigeria's role as Canada's top economic partner in Africa. He expressed confidence the deal will benefit both nations.

Canadian High Commissioner Pasquale Salvaggio thanked the Nigerian government. He expressed pride in witnessing the signing of the agreement. Salvaggio reiterated Canada's commitment to strengthening

bilateral relations with Nigeria. He pledged continued support for initiatives boosting cooperation between both countries.

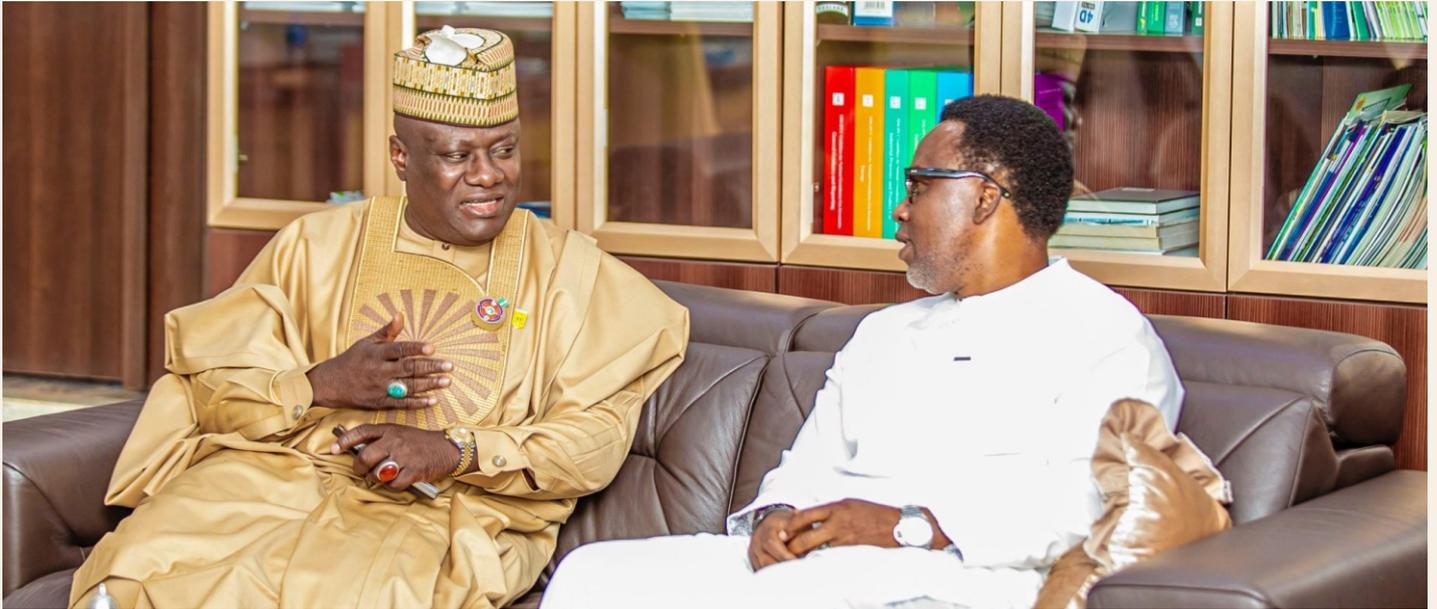
### **What is a Codeshare Agreement?**

A codeshare agreement allows airlines to expand their networks without extra flights. Passengers can book single tickets for journeys involving multiple airlines. This simplifies travel logistics and improves connectivity. Codeshare partnerships are key to global airline alliances.

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## Aviation Ministry Perm Sec Kana Visits NiMet



Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar Kana, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development and Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet

**D**r. Ibrahim Abubakar Kana, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development on Friday, January 10, 2025, has paid a visit to the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NiMet).

Welcoming the Permanent Secretary, the Director General, and Chief Executive Officer of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike briefed him on the operations of the agency and its relationship with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) of which it is a member and NiMet DG/CEO the permanent representative of Nigeria with WMO.

“We have strong relationships with the Federal Ministry of

Agriculture, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Blue Economy, and other MDAs who rely on our weather forecast for various operations, Professor Anosike explained.

Responding, Dr Ibrahim Abubakar Kana expressed appreciation for the services NiMet is rendering towards the socio-economic development of the nation. He praised Prof. Anosike, the management team, and the staff of NiMet for their hardwork and encouraged them to do more.

“I appreciate the strong relationship existing between NiMet and other government ministries and agencies. I call for even stronger and better

relationships between the heads of the agencies. I will work with the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Mr Festus Keyamo SAN to see that NiMet receives more government support”, he promised.

As part of the visit, the NiMet DG/CEO took the visiting Permanent Secretary on a tour of facilities in the agency including the new digital weather broadcasting studio.





# NiMet, MTN, Tomorrow.io Partner To Develop Digital Climate Advisory Services (DCAS) System



Prof. Charles Anosike, the DG/ CEO NiMet and PR of Nigeria WMO, and Karl Toriola CEO MTN Nigeria



The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) on Friday, 24th January 2025, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Nigeria's leading telecommunication services provider MTN, and advanced weather intelligence company, Tomorrow.io, to develop a Digital Climate Advisory Services (DCAS) System aimed at delivering location-specific, actionable weather advisories to Nigerian farmers via mobile SMS.

Speaking at the MoU signing at NiMet Headquarters in Abuja, the Director General and Chief

Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Professor Charles Anosike said that the overall aim of the partnership is to improve agricultural productivity and resilience by providing localized, timely weather advisories. "This aligns with the food security agenda of the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu government", he said.

Responding, the Chief Executive Officer of MTN, Karl Toriola said that MTN is always looking for ways to support government agencies and the Nigerian public in general.

"I am optimistic about what this partnership with NiMet and Tomorrow.io will do for the agricultural sector, emergency and disaster management, the public and the Nigerian economy as a whole".

The Managing Director of Tomorrow.io, Dr. Henry Onyemachi thanked the DG/CEO of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike for his strong leadership directing the process leading to the signing of the MoU. "For us at Tomorrow.io, it's a very happy moment for us reflecting on the progressive and very focused journey which began a year ago"

## Good Leaders Bring The Weather And Set The Climate Within The Team By Serving As A Role Model For The Way Team Members Should Interact With Others, Says NiMet DG/CEO Anosike



The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Professor Charles Anosike, has said that good leaders bring the weather and set the climate within the team by serving as a role model for the way team members interact with others.

Professor Anosike, who was speaking at the African Leadership Persons Of The Year 2025 Event In Casablanca - Morocco, on Friday, the 21st Of February 2025, said that leaders who understand this principle demonstrate a higher level of self-awareness. "They understand that the team's climate is unlike the weather – The weather changes tomorrow. The climate is experienced every day. Great leaders lead by doing!"

Continuing, he said: "While I stand here today, I recognize that this achievement is not entirely mine; Indeed, it is a reflection of the unwavering support of my Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo SAN,



and the incredible team I have the privilege of working with".

He expressed gratitude to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria – Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu for entrusting him with the responsibility of transforming the Nigerian Meteorological Agency – NiMet.

Prof. Anosike is one of the recipients of this year's African Leadership Persons Of The Year 2025 awards. He will be honoured and presented with the African Public Sector Leadership Impact Award at the awards ceremony to be held on Saturday, 22nd February 2025.



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet, and DR. Tufa Dinku, Research Scientist with the International Research Institute of Climate and Society (IRI)

## NiMet Staff To Undergo Training On Climate Data Maproom Courtesy IRI, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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Select staff of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) is to benefit from a training programme sponsored by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as part of the Building Agricultural Systems Resilience in Nigeria Project (2024-2026) being implemented by Sahel Consulting.

Staff of the agency had benefited in the past from a related training under the terms of the partnership.

The training will be facilitated by the key technical partner to the project, the International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI), part of the Columbia Climate



School at Columbia University.

The training programme which is in two parts will take place between February 18th to 21st for the Training of Trainers (ToT) session, and from February 24th to 28th for the training session by NiMet staff cascaded to participants from relevant ministries and agencies under the supervision of an IRI resource person.

Receiving Dr.Tufa Dinku, Research Scientist with the International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI), who was in his office to brief him on preparations for the training, on Monday, 17th February 2025, the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of NiMet,

Prof. Charles Anosike thanked The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and its training providers for the opportunity to train staff of the agency. "Access to high-quality climate data and information is crucial for developing effective, decision-relevant, and sustainable climate services. The training will improve the capacity of our staff, the beneficiaries of the training, and others who would also benefit, in effectively using climate information products", Prof. Anosike said.



# African Public Sector Leadership Impact Award for Transformational Leadership



DG/CEO NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike 2nd Left receiving The African Public Sector Leadership Impact Award for Transformational Leadership

The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Professor Charles Anosike, was on Saturday, 22nd February 2025 honoured at the 2025 African Leadership Persons Of The Year Awards organized by the African Leadership Magazine.

Prof. Anosike received the African Public Sector Leadership Impact Award for his transformational leadership at the Nigerian

Meteorological Agency (NiMet).

The awards, a side event at the African Leadership Conference themed 'Inclusive Leadership for an Interconnected Africa: New Paradigms for Future Realities', was organized by the African Leadership Magazine.

The event which held in Casablanca, Morocco also honoured other leaders including President Andry Rajoelina of Madagascar



(African Political Leader of the Year), President Bassirou Faye of Senegal (African of the Year), Mr. Olusegun Alebiosu, Managing Director/CEO of First Bank of Nigeria Plc (Special African Banking Leadership Award & African Leadership Award for Banking Excellence and Financial Innovation), Dr. Seinye Lulu-Briggs, Executive Chairman, Moni Pulo Limited (African Philanthropist of the Year 2024), and several others.

Photos show Prof. Anosike receiving the award from the former President of Tanzania, H. E. Dr. Jakarta Kikwete who is also the Chairman of the African Leadership Organization Advisory Board, and a cross-section of dignitaries at the event.



# Our Partnership With Universities Will Benefit Nigerian Farmers...Anosike, NiMet DG/CEO



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet, Prof. Sunday Paul Bako Vice Chancellor Taraba State University

The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Professor Charles Anosike has said that the agency's partnerships with universities and other institutions of higher learning in Nigeria would benefit farmers and people living in agrarian communities.

Professor Anosike said this during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NiMet and

Taraba State University on Thursday, 13th February 2025. According to him, "NiMet's network of university partners is increasing. This adds to the weather and climate data available to us in addition to the data being generated by our agency-owned weather stations. These various data enrich the accuracy of our weather forecasts in fulfillment of our mandate. These ultimately benefit the local farmers and other users".

Professor Anosike concluded that the agency would continue to monitor the performances of the MoUs signed with universities and other higher institutions to ensure that all the parties are fulfilling their obligations.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor of Taraba State University, Professor Sunday Paul Bako said that the aim of partnering with NiMet is to be able to meet the needs of the immediate university community and the larger community which is

agrarian. “We have departments of Geography, Agriculture, and others including Ecotourism at the Taraba State University that would benefit from the partnership and intervention. Our agricultural faculty runs extension programs so with the data generated from the weather station, we can raise awareness on sustainable farming and climate-smart practices”.

This MoU is for four (4) years and is renewable. The overall objective of the collaboration is the promotion of activities relating to meteorology/climatology, and climate change in Nigeria, enhancing the capacity of the parties to provide relevant tools that will enhance the delivery of products and services to various sectors related to meteorology/climatology and climate change in Nigeria.



# Partnership With CARE Nigeria Will Help Us Reach Our End Users ...Anosike, NiMet DG/CEO



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet and Dr Hussaini Abdu Country Director of CARE Nigeria

The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Prof. Charles Anosike says the partnership with CARE Nigeria, part of CARE USA, will help the agency reach the last mile and other users that would benefit from its weather and climate data.

Professor Anosike was speaking when he hosted the Country Director of CARE Nigeria, Dr. Hussaini Abdu, and his team in his office in Abuja on Tuesday, 18th February 2025.

“What we do is very critical to preparing the nation for disaster response. We have partnerships with the state governors through

the Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF), and other organizations and MDAs through whom we disseminate our weather and climate information. Partnering with

CARE, a big player in the humanitarian sector globally and in Nigeria will also help us to reach the end users of our weather and climate information in addition to our ongoing efforts. We deal with perishable products. Getting the information out to the farmers and other users on time is very important”, Prof. Anosike said.

**“We recognize how important NiMet is, and the work it does. We also work with smallholder farmers and remain committed to climate-smart agriculture.**

**We welcome the idea of partnering with NiMet because the agency is helping to sustain the work that organizations like ours are doing”**

**Dr. Hussaini Abdu**

Country Director CARE Nigeria

Responding, Dr. Abdul thanked Prof. Anosike for the opportunity to bring the CARE Nigeria team to NiMet to discuss areas of partnership.

“We recognize how important NiMet is, and the work it does. We also work with smallholder farmers and remain committed to climate-smart agriculture. We welcome the idea of partnering with NiMet because the agency is helping to sustain the work that organizations like ours are doing”, Dr. Abdu concluded.

Both organizations agreed at the meeting to formalize the proposed partnership by signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU).

On Wednesday 26th February 2025, NiMet and CARE signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU), on supporting contingency planning and the use of early warning systems along Sustainable Agricultural and food systems, Health and Nutrition, Livelihoods and economic development, as well as Humanitarian Risk Reduction through adaptation of climate change in designated States of Nigeria.



The overall objective of the collaboration between NiMet and CARE is to promote sustainable development and interventions in Nigeria and create a stronger policy and financing environment for climate programming and systems that uphold climate commitments in Nigeria.



At the MoU signing which was at CARE’s office in Abuja , the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of NiMet, Professor Charles Anosike said, “With the signing of the MoU, both teams will move quickly to implement the terms of the MoU.

This is one of our many efforts aimed at building resilience among our farmers and other climate information users”.

Responding, the Country Director of CARE Nigeria, Dr. Hussaini Abdu said, “I want to appreciate the DG/CEO of NiMet Prof. Charles Anosike, and his team.



We met your team just last week and already we are able to quickly put this MoU together. It shows the level of efficiency that colleagues on both sides are committed to. We hope that this is going to be a new beginning in terms of our relationship with NiMet”.

This MOU shall be for an initial period of 10 years, effective from the date of execution, and may be renewed thereafter on terms mutually agreed upon by both parties.



## MBMIST Katsina Holds 4th Matriculation Ceremony

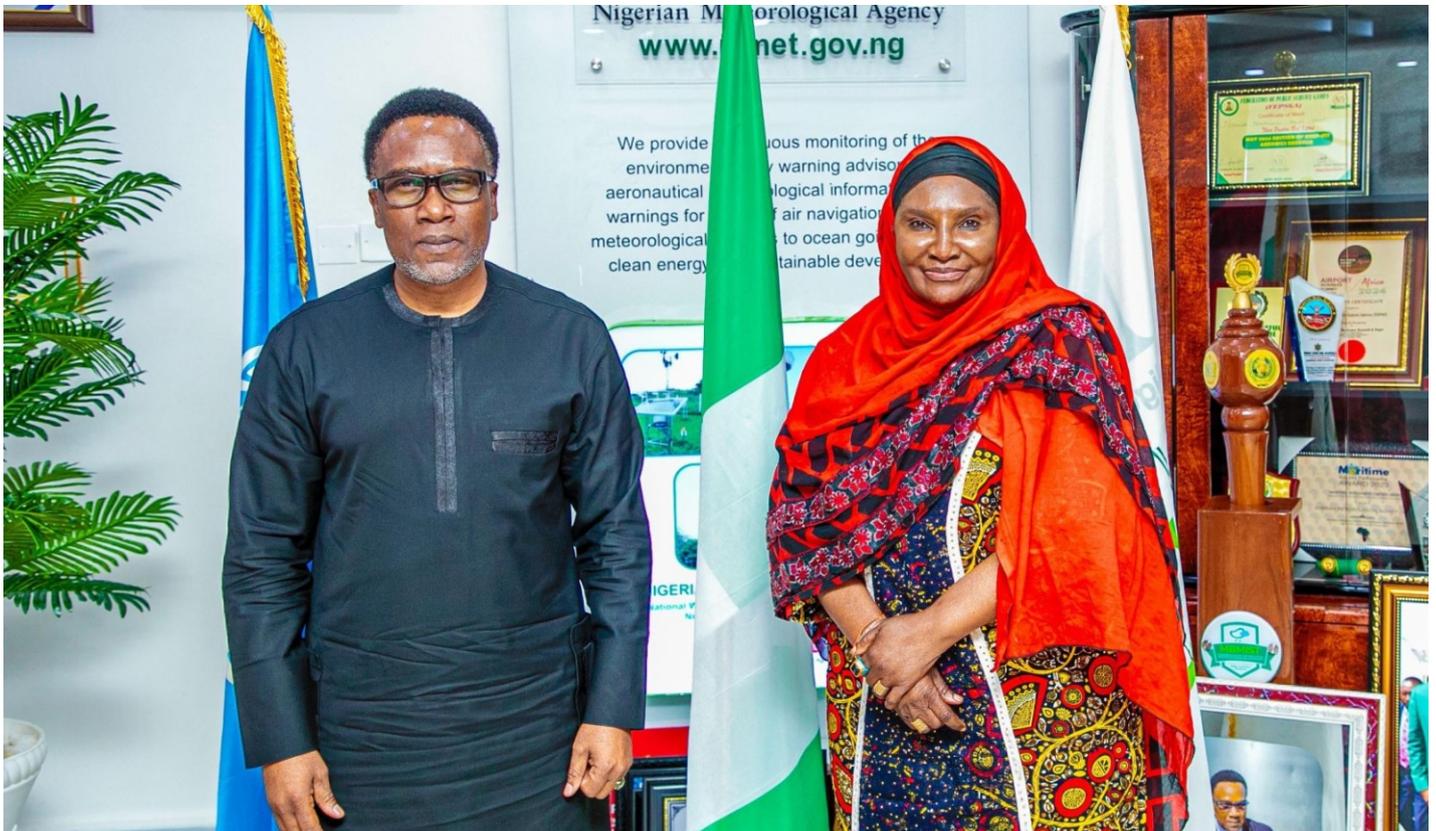
The Muhammadu Buhari Meteorological Institute of Science and Technology (MBMIST), Katsina State, a training institute of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), today, Tuesday, 11th February 2025 held its 4th matriculation ceremony.

The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike, represented by the General Manager (Administration), Dr. Emmanuel Uket, congratulated the students and charged them to be committed to their studies.

The Registrar of the institute, Dr. Murkhtar Balarabe, said that students of the institute are privileged as they benefit from theory taught in the classroom and practical experience at NiMet.



# NiMet And WOFAN Strategize To Mitigate Climate Impact On Farmers



DG/CEO NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike and Hajjiya Salamatu Garba founder WOFAN

**T**he Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), and the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN), a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering smallholder farmers, particularly women and youth, have discussed strategies to mitigate the impact of climate disasters on Nigerian farmers.

At a meeting hosted by the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike, in his office on Monday, 3rd March 2025, Prof. Anosike extolled the wonderful work that WOFAN is doing. "I commend WOFAN for the amazing work they have done over the years since 1993. With a network of close to 700,000 farmers and their various community-based

agricultural projects including training of agricultural extension workers, I consider the partnership between WOFAN and NiMet as one of my most important achievements because of the potential positive impact it would have on agricultural yield in Nigeria".

Continuing, Professor Anosike said that following the public unveiling of NiMet's Seasonal Climate Prediction in February 2025, partnership with WOFAN is coming at the right time. "We are highly dependent on rain-fed agriculture in Nigeria. Our work at NiMet won't be complete if our products and information are not passed to the farmers and other end users. With this partnership, we can meet the farmers before the onset of the rains to guide them properly on how to respond, reduce

damages, reduce and manage pests, and also reduce illnesses. We would also have the opportunity through interacting with the farmers to receive feedback from them on the impact of our weather information on their yield". Prof. Anosike concluded.

Responding, the founder of WOFAN, Hajia Salamatu Garba praised Prof. Anosike and the NiMet team for their consistency in releasing weather and climate information to the public, saying that WOFAN has always relied on climate information from NiMet in addressing climate-smart related issues. "We have always received NiMet data from other sources but with this partnership, we will have a more direct access", Hajia Garba said.

Both organizations will sign a memorandum of understanding to guide the partnership.



# NiMet DG/CEO Stresses The Need For Closing Early Warning Gap As The World Celebrates Met Day



The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Professor Charles Anosike has on the occasion of the celebration of the 2025 World Meteorological Day reiterated the need for closing early warning gap.

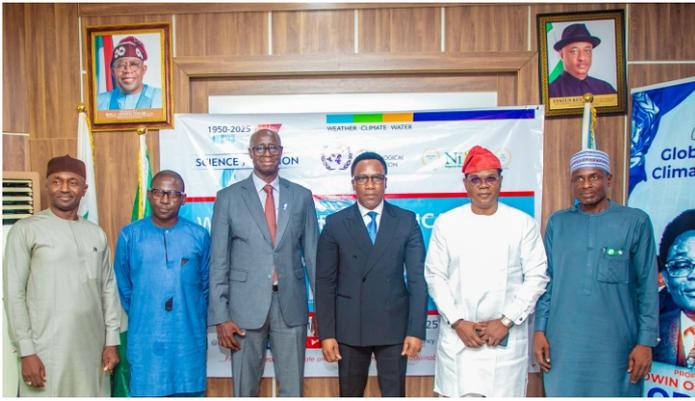
This year's celebration by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), was celebrated globally on Sunday, 23rd March 2025, and was also used to mark the 75th anniversary of the organization.

At a special ceremony to mark the day at NiMet's headquarters in Abuja on Monday, 24th March 2025, Professor Anosike said, "We must recognize that closing the early warning gap requires ALL – including strong collaboration,

coordination and cooperation between national and international partners, policymakers, the private sector, and local communities especially the youth. Government alone cannot do it.

The WMO representative in Nigeria, Bernard Gomez, who was present at the event said that National Meteorological and Hydrological Services must remain the source of authoritative warnings, while the private sector can help drive innovation, strengthen dissemination, and enhance risk knowledge.





# Photo NEWS

The Director General and CEO of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Prof. Charles Anosike, joined other Aviation sector CEOs at the One-Day Aviation Sector Stakeholders Meeting hosted by the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo SAN.

The stakeholder's meeting which was held at Radisson Blu Hotel Ikeja with the theme, "Transforming the Aviation Industry through Strategic Partnerships", also served as a scorecard as the Aviation sector CEOs updated the public on their agencies' activities.





Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet, flanked by some Directors and Management staff of NiMet

## NiMet DG/CEO Anosike Wins Independent Newspaper Aviation Sector CEO Of The Year 2024

**A**t a colourful and well-attended ceremony held at the Expo Convention Centre, Eko Hotels and Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos, on Saturday, March 15th, 2025, the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Professor Charles Anosike, was honoured with the prestigious award of 'Aviation Sector CEO of the Year 2024' by the Independent Newspapers Limited.

In his citation read by the organizers, Professor Anosike was honoured for his proactive efforts within a short time in

transforming NiMet. The citation also mentioned the agency's valued contribution to various socio-economic sectors of the country through partnerships with local and international institutions.

The citation said, among other things, "We particularly note your agency's issuance of early warnings aimed at preventing the loss of property, including farmlands, and lives, especially to floods across the country due to climate change, which is a threat multiplier."

Professor Anosike dedicated the

award to the hardworking staff and management of NiMet, and thanked the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo SAN, for his supportive leadership.

Keyamo also received the Minister of the Year 2024 award by the organizers.



## NiMet DG/CEO Anosike Felicitates Aviation Minister Keyamo On The 2024 Sun Newspaper Minister Of The Year Award

The Director General and CEO of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Prof. Charles Anosike, has felicitated the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo SAN, on his award as '2024 Minister of The Year' by The Sun Newspaper.

"On behalf of myself, family, management, and staff of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency

(NiMet), I congratulate our Honourable Minister, Festus Keyamo SAN, on his award as 2024 Minister of the Year bestowed on him by the Sun Newspaper. We are proud of his numerous achievements and wish him many more successes in the future", Prof. Anosike said.



# Photo NEWS

**P**rofessor Charles Anosike, Director General and Chief Executive Officer of NiMet (middle), Haruna Zakari, Technical Assistant 1 to the DG/CEO of NiMet (1st left), Zainab Yunusa, Senior Special Assistant to the President on NEC and Climate Change (Office of the Vice President) (2nd left), Mohammed Ahmed, Special Assistant to the President on Special Duties, National Emergency Management (Office of the Vice President) (right), and Wilfred Idowu, Technical Assistant 2 to the DG/CEO NiMet, during a courtesy visit to the DG/CEO of NiMet by the team from the Office of the Vice President on Wednesday, 29th January 2025, to explore collaborative opportunities on the implementation of 'Anticipatory Governance and Foresight Capacity Program for Nigeria' project being implemented from the office of the Vice President.



## NiMet Holds E-Flight Folder Training For Airlines

**T**he Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has organized a two-day training for airline operators on the use of e-flight folder, a web app that manages interactions and delivers flight folders to airlines and pilots electronically. The request or submission of flight schedules, for both scheduled and non-scheduled, are done seamlessly and electronically. In an instant, the folders are available for the airlines to use. Pilot and user feedback mechanisms are also integrated.

The training which was held in Lagos on the 13th and 14th of January 2025 at the NCAA Training Centre was aimed at introducing the e-flight folder app by NiMet to the airlines and also to receive their feedback.

The participants acknowledged NiMet for introducing the revolutionary e-flight folder app which they said will help them to better discharge their duties.



# NiMet DG/CEO Anosike Charges Staff To Implement Budget In Line With Agency's Strategic Objectives



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet,

The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Prof. Charles Anosike has charged staff of the agency to implement the 2025 budget in line with the established strategic objectives

Professor Anosike was speaking at the Budget retreat of the agency on Tuesday, 11th March 2025.

“We have to prioritize our work and projects and ensure that the projects and our activities conform with the established strategic objectives of the agency. These objectives are covered through five critical themes, namely, Infrastructure development, sufficient finance, effective stakeholder partnerships, employees growth and welfare, and efficient operations. The outcome will be a Nigerian Meteorological Agency that is vibrant, efficient and sustainable”.

Prof. Anosike also charged the staff to operate within the procurement laws and processes and be guided with the knowledge that budgetary performance is key to delivering the overall

objective of NiMet.

Continuing, Prof. Anosike said that the retreat was primarily to review the 2025 budget of the agency and discuss managerial and welfare-related issues, and achievements recorded so far.



# NiMet, NOAH ReGen & Global Green To Partner On Climate Data Sharing



L-R: Frederic Degret CEO NOAH ReGen, Prof. Charles Anosike, DG/CEO NiMet, Mary Flowers CEO Global Green Development Group

As the world is transiting towards achieving NetZero in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), has entered into discussions with American-based Global Green Development Group, and NOAH ReGen to collaborate on the Jatropa-To-Biofuel program. Global Green Development Group and NOAH ReGen plan to implement the program in ten states in Nigeria

At a meeting held at NiMet Headquarters on Thursday, 20th March 2025, the Director General

and Chief Executive Officer, Professor Charles Anosike, welcomed the partnership proposal saying that it was in line with the mandate of the agency to observe and monitor the atmospheric condition in Nigeria, analyze the data, generate and disseminate forecasts which contribute to socio-economic development.

“NiMet has a wide ecosystem of climate change actors and partners. Also, we do a lot of work with over 70 million subsistence farmers in Nigeria. We have begun the dissemination of our seasonal climate prediction

(SCP) to these farmers and other end users.

We can partner by sharing our climate and weather data to support your Jatropa-To-Biofuel program”.

Continuing, Prof. Anosike said that the partnership will also enable the parties to consistently respond to climate disasters.

The Chief Executive Officer of Global Green Development Group, Mary Flowers said that for the project to succeed in Nigeria, they require NiMet’s data. “We need to join forces as data will drive everything. We need your

science and climate data which have existed for over 100 years. NiMet is the most important agency in what we are planning to do. With your data we can go to the market much quicker”, she said.

Speaking, Frederic Degret, the Chief Executive Officer of NOAH ReGen said that the Jatropha-To-Biofuel program meets the expectations of the Re’Planet Ecosystem launched by and in partnership with the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). “The Re’Planet Ecosystem is a game changer toolkit and global blended financial platform dedicated to nature-based assets and carbon credits (NBACCs) which enables nations to structure debt for nature swap and to unlock, value and monetize their highest potential of NBACCs including blue carbon”.



# Aviation Sector NEWS



Festus Keyamo (SAN) Hon. Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development

## Keyamo Pushes for Aviation Policies to Support Nigeria's Unique Private Sector Landscape

By NigerianFLIGHTDECK

**M**inister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, has proposed tailored aviation policies to support Nigeria's private sector-driven aviation landscape. Speaking at the annual Ministerial Press Briefing in Abuja, Keyamo announced the proposed Fly Nigeria Act, a policy mandating government officials to prioritize local airlines for official trips.

"In Nigeria, we have 100% private participation in aviation," Keyamo said. "Unlike Rwandair, South African Air, Egypt Air, and Moroccan Air, which are heavily subsidized by their governments, our policies must

support local operators who keep our skies and ecosystem alive."

**Fly Nigeria Act: A Game-Changer for Local Airlines**

The Fly Nigeria Act, one of such proposed tailored aviation policies, set to be presented to the National Assembly, will require all government-funded official trips to be taken using Nigerian airlines. Only when a local airline does not operate on a particular route can an international airline be used.

"We are in the process of pushing the Fly Nigeria Act to the National Assembly," Keyamo said. "There is a Fly America Act, and I believe there is also a Fly India Act. Most

major countries have their own 'Fly Act' to promote their national airlines."

"Only when a local airline does not operate on a particular route can an international airline be used," he explained.

Keyamo explained that the Act is not just an aviation policy but a strategic move to strengthen Nigeria's economy. "This will be enacted as a law," he added. "It aims to further boost business within the country, contributing to the \$1 trillion economy that President Bola Tinubu envisions."

The minister emphasized that the Fly Nigeria Act aligns with the government's five-point agenda to boost local airline capacity while adhering to international standards.

He also revealed that the federal government's focus on supporting local airlines has yielded positive results, including the recent code-sharing agreement between Emirates and Nigeria's Air Peace.

"Through diplomatic efforts, we brokered a deal that allows passengers to purchase a single ticket from Calabar to Dubai via Air Peace and Emirates," he explained. "This partnership strengthens our local operators and aligns with our five-point agenda to boost local airline capacity while adhering to international standards."

**Challenges, Opportunities, and the Path Forward**

Keyamo acknowledged the challenges faced by Nigeria's aviation sector, including high operational costs and

limited access to financing. However, he expressed optimism about the sector's potential for growth, citing the Fly Nigeria Act as a critical step forward.

"Our private sector-driven model presents unique challenges, but it also offers opportunities for innovation and growth," he said. "The Fly Nigeria Act is a bold move to create an enabling environment for local operators to thrive."

The minister also stressed the importance of collaboration between the government and private sector stakeholders. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to implementing policies that reflect Nigeria's unique aviation environment.

"We will continue to prioritize policies that support our private sector-driven model," Keyamo said. "Our goal is to create a sustainable and competitive aviation industry that benefits all Nigerians."

Keyamo's announcement of the Fly Nigeria Act underscores the government's determination to address challenges in the aviation sector. By fostering partnerships and implementing tailored policies, Nigeria aims to strengthen its position in the global aviation industry while contributing to the President's vision of a \$1 trillion economy.



Director General of NSIB, Captain Alex Badeh Jnr

## NSIB Strengthens Framework to Fulfill Multimodal Safety Mandate

By NigerianFLIGHTDECK

**T**he Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB), established under the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Establishment) Act 2022, is intensifying collaboration across multiple sectors. This effort ensures NSIB strengthens safety framework nationwide and solidifies its role as a leading multimodal accident investigation body. This effort is part of NSIB's mission to safeguard lives, improve safety standards, and

foster excellence in transportation safety.

Director General of NSIB, Captain Alex Badeh Jnr, revealed this while responding to questions at the signing of the NSIB/Aero Contractors Memorandum of Understanding. He stated that the agency is working on a comprehensive framework to help it carry out its mandate without stress or interference. "Transportation safety is a huge task, especially in a country with over 200 million people. We are building everything from scratch because there was no real framework before," he said.

NSIB has already signed an MOU with the Nigerian Navy and is discussing collaboration with the Maritime Academy in Oron. These agreements aim to enhance safety protocols and improve investigative capabilities in Nigeria's maritime sector. Additionally, NSIB is revitalizing an existing MOU with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to address road safety concerns. The bureau

is also working with the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) to strengthen railway accident investigations.

The agency is engaging with aviation-related companies, including Bristol and Cabotin, which operate in both the air and maritime sectors. These partnerships are expected to facilitate knowledge sharing and capacity building across multiple transportation modes.

NSIB aims to finalize its holistic framework by summer 2025, with plans to expand personnel training in maritime and rail safety. "Within the next year, you will see more multimodal engagements as we expand our scope," Captain Badeh assured. The bureau is developing strategies to ensure a well-coordinated safety framework that aligns with global best practices.

With these strategic MOUs, NSIB strengthens the safety framework further, positioning itself as a pivotal institution in Nigeria's transportation safety landscape. The agency remains committed to creating a solid and effective system to prevent future accidents and incidents.

# NAMA Deploys Advanced HF Transceiver for Airspace Safety

By NigerianFLIGHTDECK



NAMA Managing Director, Engr Farouk Ahmed Umar during the Factory Assessment Test (FAT) in Germany.

The Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) is set to deploy the Rohde & Schwarz HF transceiver to modernize airspace communications. This advanced system features cutting-edge signal processing for clearer transmissions. Additionally, it reduces noise interference common in traditional HF systems. The upgrade will significantly improve long-range communication across Nigeria's airspace.

Currently, NAMA officials are conducting a Factory Assessment Test (FAT) in

Germany. The team, led by NAMA Managing Director, Engr Farouk Ahmed Umar, is inspecting the Rohde & Schwarz HF transceiver at the manufacturer's facility. Furthermore, they will meet with Deo Makro Ltd, the local contractor facilitating the procurement. A statement signed by Director, Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Dr. Abdullahi Musa

The new system addresses limitations of existing Very High Frequency (VHF) networks. It ensures reliable coverage over remote regions, including the Gulf of

Guinea and northern desert areas. Consequently, pilots will experience seamless communication even beyond the Kano Flight Information Region.

Engr Farouk emphasized the project's importance during the inspection. He stated that the Rohde & Schwarz HF transceiver aligns with federal government efforts to upgrade aviation infrastructure. Moreover, it supports safer and more efficient upper airspace operations.

Transitioning to advanced HF technology marks a major milestone for Nigeria's aviation sector. The system's deployment will enhance air traffic management and reduce communication gaps. As a result, flight operations will become more secure and efficient nationwide.

NAMA's proactive approach demonstrates its commitment to global aviation standards. With the Rohde & Schwarz HF transceiver, Nigeria's airspace will meet international communication requirements. Ultimately, this upgrade will benefit airlines, pilots, and passengers across the region.

# NiMet DG/CEO Anosike Tours Northwest Zonal Office Facilities



Prof. Charles Anosike (Middle) DG/CEO NiMet on facility tour at Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport

In continuation of his nationwide tour of facilities of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), to ascertain firsthand the state of equipment and facilities and interact with agency staff, the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the agency, Prof. Charles Anosike, on Tuesday, 4th March 2025, began a tour of the Northwest zonal headquarters.

On arrival at the Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport Zonal Headquarters of the agency, Prof. Anosike and his team were met by the Meteorological Manager, Adewara Hassan, Mr Banky Jonathan, the State

Meteorological Inspector (SMI), and other members of staff.

Prof. Anosike afterward undertook a tour of NiMet's critical assets needed to keep maintaining aviation safety, including the METEO station located at the airport's tarmac area, the pilot briefing rooms at both the domestic and international wings of the airport and other facilities.

During an interactive session with the staff, Prof. Anosike gave them assurances of the continued support of the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus

Keyamo. SAN, and His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

"I am impressed with what we have seen during our tour. The Northwest zonal office of NiMet is well organized, even though many of our instruments as observed are not working due to lack of transparency in documentation, vandalism and in some cases sabotage. I thank our scientists, observers, forecasters, engineers, and all the staff working in the region for their dedication and commitment despite noted challenges".

Continuing, Professor Anosike



charged the staff to ensure that equipment and other facilities under their care are optimally protected and maintained. "Meteorology is the foundation of aviation safety protocols. Aviation can never be safe if meteorology services are not being done optimally. Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano, has a special status as a flight information region. We have to ensure that the investments government is making in replacing obsolete and damaged equipment are protected. We have to hold our contractors more accountable and ensure that the equipment they are supplying and installing meets the standards and specifications and that the contractors carry out the contracted training of our staff on the use of such equipment. The era of installing equipment without training and then the contractor disappearing is over. We need our staff in the regions to enforce this".

Concluding, Prof. Anosike assured the staff that management is working hard to improve staff welfare and that certain approvals in that regard have already been secured from the federal government.



# NiMet, GAIN Strengthen Partnership To Improve Nutritional Health



Prof. Charles Anosike (Middle) DG/CEO NiMet, 3rd Left Dr. Michael Ojo Country Director GAIN

**H**uman suffering caused by malnutrition has remained a challenge in many communities. To tackle this, The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) are strengthening their partnership.

This was the outcome of a strategic meeting by both organizations at a meeting held at NiMet headquarters in Abuja on Friday, 21st March 2025.

Speaking at the meeting, the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the NiMet, Professor Charles Anosike

remarked that nutrition begins with soil health and weather has a significant impact on soil health and plant nutrition.

“It’s very important that we formalize the relationship between NiMet and GAIN so that we can increase our understanding of the relationship between weather, soil health, and nutrition. With that we have a chance of fostering sustainable agricultural practices in Nigeria and helping our people”, Prof. Anosike said.

He informed that NiMet was already downscaling the 2025 seasonal climate predictions in



local languages with some of its partners.

Responding, the Country Director of GAIN, Dr. Michael Ojo informed that the mandate of the organization is to tackle human suffering caused by malnutrition.

“We have been working together with NiMet for at least 3 years. NiMet has been a friend and family giving GAIN support not only through weather forecasts but also by providing training to the farmers and extension workers we work with. We appreciate the support and commitment of the able team at NiMet”, Dr. Ojo said.





Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet, with WMO President and Sec. Gen Celeste Saulo

## NiMet DG/CEO Anosike Participates In Technical Coordination Committee (TCC), Strategic Foresight Workshop and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings WMO

The Director General (PAC) meeting, hosted by the and Chief Executive World Meteorological Officer of the Nigerian Organisation (WMO). The Meteorological Agency workshop lasted from 7-11 April 2025. The meetings' goal was to define the organization's ambitions, review the WMO's strategic objectives for

adequate progress monitoring, and work towards the development of the next WMO Strategic Plan 2028–2031 to shape the organization's future.

The meetings aimed at making the WMO responsive to members' needs and the challenges of climate change by leveraging emerging technologies, e.g., AI, ML, etc., efficient resourcing of WMO Regional offices, and encouraging members to support each other in capacity development so that no member is left behind.



# NiMet Ramps Up Staff Training

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has intensified its staff training as a way of improving performance and motivating staff.

In an interview with the Director of Human Resources of the agency, Dr. Nasiru Sani, he said that the agency has trained over a thousand staff members in the last year. Dr. Sani gave kudos to NiMet's Director General and Chief Executive Officer, Professor Charles Anosike for his support in improving the capacity of the staff.

"General training for staff on grade levels 04 to 07, and management staff Meteorological grade level 15 and above have been completed. There are about 500 staff from grade level 08 to 09 who have been trained. Some are currently receiving training on ethics and performance management across the zones (Enugu, Kano, Bauchi, Keffi, Ibadan/Lagos).

Continuing, Dr. Sani said that Professor Anosike-led management is very much committed to its strategy of training all cadres of staff of the agency and that the general training program for staff on grade levels 10 to 14 is receiving the attention of management.

Kano Training



Lagos Training



Abuja Training





## NiMet Unions Suspend Strike Action After Aviation Minister's Intervention

Following a high-level intervention by the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo SAN, CON, FCI Arb (UK), the strike action embarked upon by unions within the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has been suspended until May 13, 2025, pending the outcome of the Minister's intervention on the issues raised. This development emerged at the end of a crucial meeting convened by the Honourable Minister with leaders of the aggrieved unions, including the National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE) and the Association of Nigeria Aviation Professionals (ANAP). Speaking after the meeting, Comrade Aba Ocheme, National Secretary of NUATE, confirmed the decision: "We have resolved to suspend the ongoing strike till May 13, 2025, in recognition of the Honourable Minister's timely and sincere intervention. We await the progress of the actions he has committed to take." Corroborating the position, Comrade Alale Adedayo, National President of ANAP, noted: "As a mark of respect for the Honourable Minister's intervention and assurance, we have decided to temporarily call off the strike while the process of resolution is ongoing." The unions had downed tools over a number of unresolved grievances relating

to poor working conditions, including salary relativity with other aviation agencies, non-implementation of the 2019 consequential adjustment to the national minimum wage (affecting at least 30 omitted staff), demands for a 25/35% salary increase, 40% hardship/peculiar allowances, annual staff trainings, among others. In response, the Honourable Minister expressed empathy with the affected workers and pledged his commitment to finding lasting solutions to their concerns. As part of immediate steps, he announced the following: Personal intervention through formal communications to both the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Minister of Finance, aimed at fast-tracking the resolution of pressing financial concerns; Establishment of a Ministerial Committee, headed by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, to interface with the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment to clarify issues surrounding subsistence allowances and related matters. The Honourable Minister reiterated the importance of industrial harmony in the aviation sector and commended the union leaders for their maturity, patriotism, and willingness to dialogue in the national interest. The Permanent Secretary, Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar Kana, mni assures all stakeholders that tangible progress will be made before the May 13 deadline, and calls for continued cooperation as it works to ensure improved welfare and working conditions for NIMET staff and all aviation personnel.

# NiMet DG/CEO Anosike Stresses The Need To Integrate Meteorological Data Into Urban Transformation



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet, delivering goodwill message at Abuja City Environmental Sustainability Summit 2025

The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Prof. Charles Anosike, has said that increasing challenges of climate change and growing populations, make it imperative that meteorological data should be integrated into urban transformation to ensure adequate preparedness for climate disasters.

Prof. Anosike was speaking at the Abuja City Environmental Sustainability Summit, which was held on Tuesday, 29th April 2025, organized by Comrade Yussuf

Olatunji Kelani, the Special Assistant to the President on Climate Change Matters.

According to Professor Anosike, "The theme of the event (Sustainable Urban Transformation: Building a Resilient and Green Abuja), reminds us of our collective responsibility to reshape Abuja into resilient, eco-friendly spaces that safeguard the well-being of our future generations".

He said that sustainable urban transformation involves making deliberate changes to cities to improve their environmental, social, and economic aspects of

development.

"In the efforts to transform Abuja, climate-smart practices and social inclusion must be prioritized. We must embrace a systemic approach to help improve our understanding of how different drivers of hazards, exposure, vulnerability, and their dynamic root causes combine to exacerbate the impact of climate disasters", Prof. Anosike remarked.

Continuing, he reminded that the Nigerian Meteorological Agency offers essential services that advance sustainability, and productivity, and promote

effective environmental management. NiMet's weather forecasts, climate services, and seasonal climate prediction enable environmental managers to make informed decisions, mitigate risks, and adapt to changing climate conditions.

"Sustainable urban transformation and meteorology are intrinsically linked. As cities grow and evolve, their meteorological conditions, including weather patterns and climate, significantly impact their sustainability efforts. Understanding and addressing these impacts is crucial for creating resilient and sustainable urban environments", Prof. Anosike concluded.



# NiMet, ACRoSAL To Partner On Digital Climate Data Delivery To Farmers



Prof. Charles Anosike (Middle) DG/CEO NiMet, Jonathan Lehe Chief Strategy Officer Precision Development 2nd Right,

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), and the Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes (ACReSAL) Project, are to partner in developing a customized Digital Precision Agricultural Extension (DPAE) platform for smallholder farmers in northern Nigeria.

While briefing the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of NiMet, Professor Charles Anosike, at a meeting held at NiMet's headquarters in Abuja on Tuesday, 29th April 2025, Mukhtar Y. Tanko, representing the National Project Coordinator of ACRoSAL, said that

the ACRoSAL Project recognizes NiMet as an important stakeholder in the development, deployment, and sustainability of the DPAE.

He highlighted that the objectives of Sub-Component B2 of the Project are to support farmers at the household level to optimize climate-smart rainfed agriculture practices. "Achieving this requires utilizing weather data to optimize farm management, leading to improved agricultural productivity".

Continuing, he said that the Federal Government through

ACReSAL, intends to develop a customized Digital Precision Agricultural Extension (DPAE) platform for smallholder farmers in northern Nigeria. This digital agricultural extension service will provide an opportunity whereby farmers can receive both real-time information and advice on agriculture information and customized and predictive content, such as input recommendations, market information, and weather-related information.

Responding, Professor Anosike welcomed the idea of strengthening the partnership between the agency and

ACReSAL. “You can’t practice precision-smart agriculture without weather and climate information. We have an existing relationship with ACReSAL which has been productive, so we welcome this idea to strengthen our partnership. It is also important that NiMet is a part of co-developing the weather and climate dashboard and platform which should be interactive and easy for the farmers to access and use”.

The objective of the Digital Precision Agricultural Extension (DPAE) platform for smallholder farmers in northern Nigeria is to develop, pilot, and implement a precision digital agriculture extension system within Northern Nigeria as part of the strategy for improving farmers’ access to extension and advisory services. The digital extension platform will mobilize and coordinate the main actors (farmers, public extension services, inputs dealers, traders, processors, and mechanization services providers) along the value chains and contribute to their integration.





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