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Visit of the Representative of IRD at AGRHYMET Regional Centre

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Mr. Oumarou Malam Issa, Representative of the IRD in Niger, has visited the AGRHYMET Regional Centre on 30 January 2017. He was received by Mr. Samba Ly Souleymane, Acting Administrator of the AGRHYMET Regional Centre (ARC) with his close associates.

According to the Representative of the IRD, this visit is part of the strengthening of the partnership between his institution and the ARC. He praised the efforts undertaken by the CILSS in general and the ARC in particular to respond effectively and professionally to

the expectations of the Sahelian and West African populations.

For his part, the Acting Administrator welcomed the visit. He reiterated the excellent relations of cooperation between the two institutions, particularly in the fields of research. In addition, Mr. Samba Ly reaffirmed the commitment of CILSS officials to strengthen collaboration with the IRD with a view to making a significant contribution to improving the food security of Sahelian populations.

During the discussions, several points were discussed, notably the joint activities carried out by the two institutions, namely:

- Research activities carried out as part of the projects: Multidisciplinary Analysis of the African Monsoon (AMMA), AMMA CATCH, Interdisciplinary and Participatory Research on Interactions between Ecosystems, Climate and Societies in West Africa (RIPIESCA) And ESCAPE.
- The exchange of satellite data,
- Designing projects,
- The facilitation of scientific conferences,
- Training through the MoleCult laboratory dedicated to the genetic study of crop pets in Niger,
- Supervision of PhD students.

Finally, both sides discussed the prospects for strengthening the partnership between the IRD and the ARC. These include: production and dissemination of climate information through mobile telephony, joint production of scientific documents at major events such as the Conference of the Parties (COP).