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SECAM HELD IN ACCRA ANNOUNCES NEXT ELECTION OF NEW HEAD OVER A RADIO RELEASE

INTERVIEW OF BISHOP EMMNUEL BADEJO

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USPA NEWS - Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) released a Radio News Release (Soundbite) announcing the New Head of the Catholic Church in Africa to be Elected on Saturday. We publish the full text as it was delivered by the Symposium held in Accra (Ghana) and the link of the soundbite for listening the Interview of Bishop Emmanuel Badejo (Nigeria). The Symposium of Episcopal of Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) (www.SECAM.org), the association of Catholic Bishops of Africa, Madagascar and the Islands, is hosting its 19th Plenary Assembly from 25th July 2022 to 1st August 2022 in Accra, Ghana. The Plenary Assembly of the Symposium is held every three years.

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Interview of Bishop Emmanuel Badejo (English): https://bit.ly/3zez9H4

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On Saturday, July 30th, the SECAM will elect its new President.

The President of the SECAM is the highest-ranking official of the Roman Catholic Church in Africa.

The outgoing President of the SECAM is His Eminence Cardinal Philippe Ouédraogo, from Burkina Faso.

The SECAM, established in 1969 in Kampala, Uganda during the visit of St. Pope Paul VI, was born out of the desire of African Catholic Bishops present at the Second Vatican Council to speak with one voice on matters pertaining to the Church in Africa.

The Symposium, headquartered in Accra, consists of eight regional associations:

- Association of Episcopal Conferences of Central Africa (ACEAC);
- Association of Episcopal Conferences of Central African Region (ACERAC);
- Assembly of the Catholic Hierarchy of Egypt (AHCE);
- Association of Member Episcopal Conferences of Eastern Africa (AMECEA);
- Episcopal Conferences of the Indian Ocean (CEDOI);
- Regional Episcopal Conference of North Africa (CERNA);
- Inter-Regional Meeting of the Bishops of Southern Africa (IMBISA);

- Reunion of Episcopal Conference of West Africa (RECOWA/CERAO).

More information about the 19th Plenary Assembly of the SECAM: https://bit.ly/3yIv8KD

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SECAM was launched on July 31, 1969 during the visit of His Holiness Pope Paul VI to Kampala (Uganda). The headquarters / secretariat of SECAM is in Accra, (Ghana) and a specific office is established in Nairobi (Kenya) for the translation of the bible into African languages and its distribution in Africa and Madagascar. Furthermore, SECAM is an observer to the African Union and is represented by the Cardinal Archbishop of Addis Ababa (Ethiopia). On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of SECAM (July 1969 - July 2019) a pastoral exhortation called “The Kampala Document” and entitled: “Church Family of God in Africa, Celebrate Your Jubilee. Welcome Christ Your Saviour” was promulgated by the pastors of Africa to the People of God and men and women of good will.
After the celebration of this golden jubilee of SECAM, a new chapter opens for the Church Family of God in Africa. A "new Africa", more centered on God whose members become Salt of the earth and Light of the world (Mt 5, 13-14; KD N° 22, 133) to accompany the hopes and anxieties of the people and to direct them towards Jesus Christ the True Liberator of humanity. In 1973 the Bishops of the SECAM established an episcopal communications commission composed of Bishops who are in charge of communications in the 8 Regions as the delegates from the regions requested. This was supported by the Pontifical Commission for Communications and thus was born the Pan African Episcopal Commission for Communication known with its French acronym, CEPACS: Committee Episcopale Pan-Africaine de la Communication Sociale. The commission represents the SECAM in matters concerning Communications and is itself represented before the SECAM by its Bishop President, who currently is Bishop Emmanuel Adetoyese Badejo of the Catholic Diocese of Oyo, Nigeria. SOURCE?Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM)

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