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## Implementation Unit General Coordinator visits Nigeria within the scope of the SWAIMS program

Between June 21 and 23, 2023, the Camões I.P. Implementation Unit General Coordinator, Commodore Nuno Cortes Lopes, visited Abuja, Nigeria, to pay a courtesy call to the main interlocutors responsible for the program, as well as to carry out a status report on the national component of the program.

Commodore Nuno Cortes Lopes met with the Chargé d'Affaires of Portugal in Nigeria, with representatives of the Delegation of the European Union and of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and with the "Technical Assistance Team" (TAT), which supports the ECOWAS within the scope of the programme.

On this visit, the Implementation Unit General Coordinator was accompanied by Captain (N) Pedro Rodeia Ribeiro, Liaison Officer and Naval Expert in Abuja.

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