



**ALMAWAVE GROUP IN AFRICA:
THE SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF THE SUBSIDIARY SISTEMI TERRITORIALI WILL BE
USED FOR THE AFRICAN INFORMATION HIGHWAY**

CEO Valeria Sandei: *"We are gradually strengthening our positioning in Africa, a continent that is increasingly receptive to innovation, in the area of strategic data management thanks to our skills, technologies and experience"*

Rome, October 5th, 2023 - SisTer (Sistemi Territoriali), an Almaxwave Group company offering decision support system solutions, geospatial analytics and Big Data expertise in the Utilities and Government sectors, has been awarded the COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa) tender to enhance the Africa Information Highway (AIH)'s Open Data Platform provided by the Bank to all African countries, regional and sub regional organizations.

Initiated by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the AIH includes in its components the Open Data Platform (ODP) which connects all African countries and regional organizations telematically, with the objective of significantly increasing public access to official statistics, while supporting African countries in improving the quality, transparency, management, dissemination and exchange of data.

Thanks to its expertise in Open Data - and in particular on the ISO standard SDMX (Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange)¹, for which SisTer is a recognised reference point - the company will use its consolidated experience to enhance the ODP with new functionalities that are developed and modern.

Valeria Sandei, Chief Executive Officer of Almaxwave: *"The Group's steadily expanding international presence stems from a strategy focusing on distinctive vertical competencies and technologies. In Africa - which is increasingly dynamic and receptive to technological innovation - we are gradually strengthening our position, as demonstrated by this deal with the African Development Bank. The contract covers an area - data management and related protocols - which is extremely sensitive and vital to the digital transformation of every country. I believe that, in an increasingly data-driven world, further opportunities may emerge"*.

The tender forms part of a wider transaction carried out by the African Development Bank, in collaboration with global organizations such as the International Monetary Fund through the e-GDDS (enhanced General Data Dissemination System): the AfDB is enhancing the Open Data Platform to make it fully SDMX compliant and native to improve the dissemination and reporting practices with modern automated methods based on SDMX standard.

The COMESA tender award follows major activities in Africa: the contract to automate transcripts and translations from the Judiciary of Tanzania, attendance at Gitex Africa in Morocco and the forthcoming participation in the Italian Trade Agency (ITA)'s Africa Business Lab Project. From October 4-6, Almaxwave will also be in Lusaka, Zambia, as part of the important Digital Government Africa 2023 event. This is the only pan-African summit that seeks to align national eGovernment plans across the continent.

¹ SDMX: An international initiative to standardize and modernize mechanisms and processes to exchange statistical data and metadata among international organizations and their member countries



Almawave profile

Almawave S.p.A., an Almoviva Group company, is an Italian Artificial Intelligence and written and spoken natural language processing player. Almawave leverages cutting-edge proprietary technologies and applied services to deliver upon the potential of AI as enterprises and the public sector evolve digitally. An international focus is provided by Almawave do Brasil, Almawave USA. The Group has dedicated technology laboratories and over 400 professionals with significant expertise of enabling technologies and the main frameworks - Big Data, Data Science, Machine Learning, AI Architecture and Integration - in addition to broad business process knowledge. Almawave's technological asset base, conceived and built as a model of natural experience in the interaction between man and machine, can interpret text and voice in 40 languages, interacting in multi-channel mode, analysing data and information with a view to knowledge development and automation. The company has a customer base of over 300, with thousands of final users of its platforms. Two new companies were added to the Group scope: The Data Appeal Company, operating with an AI-based product in the world of location intelligence for the Tourism, Fintech and Retail and Sistemi Territoriali, offering decision support system solutions, Geo spatial analytics and Big Data expertise in the Utilities and Government sectors. www.almawave.it

SisTer Profile

Sistemi Territoriali S.r.l. is the Almawave Group company offering decision support system solutions, Geo spatial analytics and Big Data expertise in the Utilities and Government sectors. It emerged as a spin-off of the National Research Council, providing support to public and private sector entities within the realm of information analysis and DSS, with a specific focus and expertise in Location Intelligence ("Geographic Information Systems (GIS)"). Over the years, it has expanded its know-how to Big Data and Open Data and today, leveraging a number of proprietary assets, has a leading client portfolio in the public and private sector. The company has also expanded internationally, winning tenders for major global entities. www.sister.it

African Development Bank Group Profile

The African Development Bank Group (AfDB) is Africa's premier development finance institution. It comprises three distinct entities: the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Development Fund (ADF) and the Nigeria Trust Fund (NTF). On the ground in 44 African countries with an external office in Japan, the AfDB contributes to the economic development and the social progress of its 54 regional member states.

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