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PRESS RELEASE

GHANA CARDINAL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SECAM

The 19th Plenary Assembly of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) has elected His Eminence Richard Kuuia Baawobr of Ghana its new President. The new President is Bishop of the Diocese of Wa, Ghana.

Another Cardinal, His Eminence Fridolin Besungu Ambongo of the Archdiocese of Kinshasha in the Democratic Republic of Congo was elected First Vice-President while Most Rev. Lucio Andrice Muandula of the Diocese of Xai Xai, Mozambique was elected Second Vice President.

The Plenary Assembly being held from 25th July to 1st August, 2022 at the Ghana Institute of Public Management and Administration (GIMPA) deliberated on the theme: *Ownership of SECAM: Security and Migration in Africa and the Islands*.

It was attended by 130 Cardinals and Bishops representing over 600 members of SECAM from all over Africa. Present at the Assembly also were Delegates from the Vatican, the Bishops Conferences of America, Europe and Partner Agencies.

The new President of SECAM was created a Cardinal on May 29, 2022 by Pope Francis and will be officially installed Cardinal on August 27, 2022.

This is the first time since the establishment of SECAM, 53 years ago that a Ghanaian has been elected the President of SECAM.

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