

AMCOMET



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DECISIONS

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Compilation of Decisions – Second Session of AMCOMET held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe in October 2012

Decision 02/1: Constitution and the Rules of Procedures

We, the African Ministers Responsible for Meteorology,

Recalling that the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration (2010) designated a Task Force that will define the institutional framework and internal arrangements of AMCOMET;

Having reviewed the documents presented during the Session, that included the draft Constitution and Rules of Procedure; and

Noting that there were several aspects of the documents that required legal review and opinions.

Decide to:

- a. **Postpone** the consideration of the Constitution and Rules of Procedures to allow Member States time to consult with their legal counsels;
- b. **Request** AMCOMET Members to submit their written concerns, recommendations or proposals to the AMCOMET Secretariat on the drafts not later than 30 April 2013;
- c. **Request** the African Union Commission, the World Meteorological Organization and the Regional Economic Communities to also submit their written concerns, recommendations or proposals to the AMCOMET Secretariat on the drafts not later than 30 April 2013;
- d. **Request** the AMCOMET Secretariat to consolidate all the received comments and inputs and send them to Member States, AUC, WMO and RECs not later than 31 May 2013;
- e. **Request** the Task Force to meet in June 2013 to consider all comments and prepare the revised drafts of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure;
- f. **Request** the AMCOMET Bureau to meet in August 2013 to consider the final drafts of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure for submission to the Third Session of AMCOMET.

Draft Decision 02/2: Consideration of the Establishment of a Regional Climate Centre for Central Africa

We, the Ministers Responsible for Meteorology in Africa,

Recalling that the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration (2010) requested the establishment of a sub-regional structure for climate monitoring and adaptation to climate change for sustainable development in Central Africa, with the support of AUC, WMO and partners; and

Noting the message from Commission on Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) to the Second Session of AMCOMET, stressing the need for a regional climate centre in Central Africa to enable them to serve the interest of the sub-region.

Decide to:

- a. **Urge** WMO, in collaboration with the African Union Commission, and partners to take all necessary steps to establish a regional climate centre in Central Africa.

Draft Decision 02/3: Compliance with ICAO Requirements on Quality Management Systems

We, the Ministers Responsible for Meteorology in Africa,

Recalling that the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration (2010) committed to taking all the necessary steps to ensure that African National Meteorological Services meet the ICAO requirements regarding Quality Management Systems by 2012; and

Noting that in the continent, only five countries had certified their Services one month before the ICAO deadline on November 2012 for lack of resources, the ministers took a decision that, as a matter of urgency, all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that African National Meteorological Services meet the ICAO requirements regarding QMS in the shortest time possible. Where it is completely impossible, they should notify the ICAO Council as this is compulsory under Article 38¹ of the Convention.

Decide to:

- a. **Take** all the necessary steps to ensure that African National Meteorological Services meet the ICAO requirements regarding Quality Management Systems.

Draft Decision 02/4: Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services)

We, the Ministers for Responsible for Meteorology in Africa,

Recalling that the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration in 2010 agreed to take the necessary measures, within two years, to develop an African Strategy on Meteorology;

Further recalling that the African Union Summit held in Addis Ababa in January 2011, adopted Decision No. EX.CL/Dec.606 (XVIII) that took note of the outcomes of the Nairobi Ministerial Conference and recommended that a number of actions are taken including the preparation of an Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology for the full implementation of the AMCOMET process; and

Having reviewed the draft Strategy document presented during the Session.

Decide to:

- a) **Adopt** the Integrated Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services), with minor modifications as elaborated on paragraph 23 of the Expert Segment Report;
- b) **Invite** the African Union Commission and the WMO to submit the adopted Integrated Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services), to the relevant AU and WMO organs for endorsement; and
- c) **Establish** a Task Force to draft the Implementation Plan for the Integrated Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services) with detailed annual operational plans as

¹ Members will conform in accordance with the convention; in the event of impossibility of compliance, notification to the Council is **compulsory** under article 38

well as draft the Resource Mobilization Strategy for the Implementation Plan and to submit its findings for consideration during the Third Session of AMCOMET.

Draft Decision 02/5: Feasibility of an African Regional Space Program

We, the Ministers for Responsible for Meteorology in Africa,

Noting that the African Union is already developing an African Space Policy;

Acknowledging that the meteorological information should be tailored to users needs; and

Noting that it is time for Africa to develop an African Regional Space Programme to enhance data availability from remote and inaccessible areas.

Decide to:

- a) **Establish** a Task Force to investigate the feasibility of developing an African Regional Space Programme and to submit its findings for consideration during the Third Session of AMCOMET.

