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AMCOMET and the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services)

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What is AMCOMET?

- **joint initiative** of the WMO and AUC and is a body **endorsed by the African Heads of States**
- a **high-level mechanism** for the development of meteorology and its applications in Africa
- **Vision:** to have a **framework of cooperation** (between WMO, AU, and relevant stakeholders) to support sustainable development through the sound governance of the science of meteorology and its applications (through programmes and projects)
- **Mission:** to **provide political leadership**, policy direction and guidance in the provision of weather and climate services that meet societal needs

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Int. African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather & Climate Services)

- Approved by the Ministers during the 2nd Session of AMCOMET in October 2012 and **endorsed by AU Summit of Heads of States** in Jan 2013
- The Integrated African Strategy positions weather and climate services as **essential components** of national and regional **development frameworks**
- Objective: **enhance cooperation** between African countries and **strengthen** capabilities of **NMHSs & RCCs** to realise their mandates
- Key mechanism for a **structured implementation of GFCS in Africa**

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Five (5) Strategic Pillars

- **SP1: Increase** political support and recognition of NMHSs and Regional Climate Centres
- **SP2: Enhance** weather and climate service delivery
- **SP3: Improve** access to services for marine and aviation sectors
- **SP4: Support** provision of weather and climate services for climate change adaptation & mitigation
- **SP5: Strengthen** partnerships with relevant institutions and funding mechanisms



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On-going Activities

- Development of the **implementation plan** for the Integrated African Strategy in collaboration with AU, ACPC, RECs and other relevant institutions
- Feasibility assessment for the Establishment of a **Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa**, in collaboration with ECCAS and CEMAC
- **Resource Mobilization** (TICAD V, China-Africa Forum, Norway, AFDB, EC, DFID, Korea, Irish Aid)



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- Validation of the **implementation plan** of Member States through REC meetings (currently planned: EAC - 5-7 May 2014; ECOWAS – 13-16 May 2014)
- AMCOMET **Task Force Meeting** expected to take place 26 – 28 May 2014 in Harare, Zimbabwe
- AMCOMET **Bureau Meeting** expected to take place 29 – 30 May 2014 in Harare, Zimbabwe



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Conclusions

- As the **high-level mechanism** for the development of meteorology and its applications in Africa, AMCOMET has **pan-African mandate to promote cooperation** at all levels and advocate for informed decision making based on robust science in matters related to weather and climate
- Platform to help **increase visibility and ensure a better coordination** and coherence on programmes, in particular the structured implementation of GFCS in Africa
- AMCOMET and its Integrated African Strategy should be **leveraged to promote institutional partnerships** and outcome-based programmes

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