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AMCOMET Activities and Achievements (since AMCOMET-3 2015)

The Praia Ministerial Declaration¹, endorsed by Ministers Responsible for Meteorology during the Third Session of AMCOMET (Cabo Verde, 13-14 February 2015), set the Work Plan for the AMCOMET Secretariat during the intersession. Below are the key decisions and recommendations and status of implementation:

1. Establishment of Task Force on Specialized Technical Committees (STC) Alignment² to advocate for the establishment of a sub-committee on meteorology on the Specialized Technical Committees (STC) on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (STC-ARDWE) and to retain the AMCOMET brand name.

STATUS: Outcomes and recommendations from the STC-ARDWE Meeting which took place in October 2015 were not considered by the AU Summit of Heads of States and no decision has been taken to date. AUC is expecting to have another STC-ARDWE Meeting in October 2017. More information will be provided by AUC during the 3rd AMCOMET Bureau Meeting expected to take place 13 September 2017.

2. Request Member States to ratify the AMCOMET Constitution endorsed by Ministers Responsible for Meteorology during AMCOMET-3.

STATUS: The AMCOMET Constitution has been ratified by Chad and Libya.

3. Request to Member States to support the AMCOMET operations and Secretariat functions through a financial contribution of USD 10,000 per Member States classified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and a minimum of USD 10,000 for other Member States.

STATUS: Cabo Verde, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal paid 2016 Contribution. Madagascar paid 2017 contribution.

4. Request the AMCOMET Secretariat, in collaboration with AUC, to develop the Concept Note for Africa Meteorology Day to be celebrated annually on 29 June.

STATUS: The Draft Concept Note has been developed but has yet to be reviewed by all relevant stakeholders. The Concept Note is attached as Annex 1 to this report.

5. Following the approval of the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services), Ministers requested the AMCOMET Secretariat, AUC and other relevant partners to

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http://www.wmo.int/amcomet/sites/default/files/field/doc/events/doc_17_praia_ministerial_declaration_final_en.pdf

² STC Alignment Task Force Members: Angola, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroun, , Comoros, Egypt, Mozambique, Morocco Sudan and Zambia

prioritize the development of the Strategic Plans of NMHSs and to facilitate the implementation of existing projects in the Flagship Programmes. A Task Force³ on the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan was established to facilitate the above.

STATUS: Support for 9 NMHSs⁴ to develop their National Strategic Plans using the Strategic Plan Template⁵ and Guide⁶ developed by WMO-AMCOMET and endorsed by RECs and Member States representing the sub-regions in May 2016 under the auspices of the AUC and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Funding has also been secured to implement existing projects in the Flagship Programmes, namely AMDAR implementation in Kenya and implementation of "Highway" in the Lake Victoria Region. More information is available under Resource Mobilization Section.

Due to lack of financial resources, the Task Force on the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan has not met to date.

6. Endorsement of the African Space Policy and African Space Strategy, developed by the AU Space Working Group

STATUS: The African Space Policy and African Space Strategy were subsequently endorsed by AU Heads of State and Government in January 2016.

The AMCOMET Task Force⁷ on the African Space Programme met in September 2016 on the margins of the EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa and agreed to develop a Pilot Project as input to the African Space Implementation Plan. Focus of the Pilot project are identification of existing assets and gaps on the ground (infrastructure) and application segments as well as to propose concretely how regional cooperation in the Application Segment can be strengthened.

The proposed pilot project has not yet been developed due to lack of resources.

7. A strategic partnership was established between AMCOMET and the Africa Climate Policy Center (ACPC) to collaborate on the pan-African Climate Research for Development (CR4D) Initiative. CR4D aims to create a multi-institutional and multi-stakeholder collaborative platform that mobilizes expertise and resources to facilitate user-inspired climate science research to inform policy. AMCOMET is part of the joint Oversight Board of the CR4D Initiative with the ClimDev Africa Programme. A CR4D Task Force⁸ was established to provide guidance on the implementation of the CR4D Agenda.

STATUS: A sub-committee was established to develop CR4D's 5-Year Strategic Plan, currently being reviewed for endorsement by CR4D's Scientific Advisory

³ Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan Task Force Members: Cameroun, Cote d'Ivoire, Namibia, Sudan, and Tunisia

⁴ Burundi, Comoros, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Rwanda, , Senegal, Somalia Tanzania and Uganda

⁵ http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/binaries/content/assets/mohippo/pdf/international/wiser/nmhs-strategic-plan-template_africa.pdf

⁶ http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/binaries/content/assets/mohippo/pdf/international/wiser/wmo-integrated-strategic-planning-guide_africa.pdf

⁷ African Space Programme Task Force Members: Algeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa

⁸ CR4D Task Force Members: Egypt, Gabon, Malawi, , , Senegal and Uganda

Committee. The Institutional Collaboration Platform, a congress of users and providers of research is expected to be established in October 2017.

8. The AMCOMET Secretariat continuous to actively mobilize resources to support the implementation of the priorities identified in the Praia Ministerial Declaration.

STATUS: In 2015, the AMCOMET Secretariat secured approximately 674,000 USD, through financial and in-kind support. Funds were used for the Third Session of AMCOMET, Workshops for developing National Strategic Plans for all Member States and development of regional proposals, among others.

In 2016, the AMCOMET Secretariat secured approximately 525,000 USD, financial and in-kind support, to develop nine (9) National Strategic Plans three (3) Capacity Needs Assessments for Regional Climate Centres, validate the Strategic Plan Template and Guide, and hold a consultation meeting for WISER implementation in East Africa.

For 2017: The AMCOMET Secretariat has secured approximately 3.5M GBP to implement (2017 – 2020) the AMDAR Programme in Kenya and the HIGH impact Weather Lake System Project in the lake Victoria region (“Highway”).

Longer-term: The AMCOMET Secretariat continuous to work with various partners to secure funding in support of NMHSs and RCCs in the region through the Global Framework for Climate Services in the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Programme as well as through the Africa Hydromet Programme.