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

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The setting: A child injured after being hit by a hail stone

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Climate risk management is now a matter of life and death



Links between weather/ climate and disasters



Weather, Climate and Gender





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WHAT IS AMCOMET?

- a permanent **Forum** that convenes every two years to discuss weather and climate services and its contribution to socio-economic development
- **Vision:** to have a framework of cooperation to support socio-economic development through the sound governance of the science of meteorology and its applications
- **Mission:** to provide political leadership and policy direction in the provision of weather and climate services that meet societal needs of Africa



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TASK FORCE ON THE AMCOMET CONSTITUTION

Southern Africa:	Zambia
Eastern Africa:	Ethiopia
Central Africa:	Tchad
Western Africa:	Mauritania
Northern Africa:	Morocco



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Task Force on the Implementation Plan of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services)

- 1. Southern Africa: Namibia
- 2. Eastern Africa: Sudan
- 3. Central Africa: Cameroon
- 4. Western Africa: Code d'Ivoire
- 5. Northern Africa: Tunisia



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Task Force on Regional Space Programme

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| 1. Southern Africa: | South Africa |
| 2. Eastern Africa: | Kenya |
| | Tanzania |
| 1. Central Africa: | D R of Congo |
| 4. Western Africa: | Nigeria |
| 5. Northern Africa: | Algeria |



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WHY AMCOMET?

- is the authority that fosters the **political will** to strengthen NMHSs to fully perform their mandates
- advocates for political cooperation, streamlining policies and **sound decision-making** based on robust science
- promotes the development of weather and **effective dissemination of weather and climate services** for development
- serves as **platform to harmonise programmes** in cooperation with AUC, RECs and other partners



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INTEGRATED STRATEGY

- Approved by the Ministers during the 2nd Session of AMCOMET in October 2012 and **endorsed by African Union Summit of Heads of State** in January 2013
- 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



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5 STRATEGIC PILLARS

- **Increase** political support and recognition of NMHS
- **Enhance** weather and climate service delivery
- **Improve** access to services for marine and aviation sectors
- **Support** provision of weather and climate services for climate change adaptation
- **Strengthen** partnerships with relevant institutions and funding mechanisms



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WMO and AMCOMET Technical Advisors will work on:

- building capacity of decision makers in the understanding and use of climate services
- strengthening cooperation between NMHSs, RCCs, RECs, and relevant institutions
- investing in improving capacities and competencies of NMHSs and RCCs
- investing in research to support the development of science-based climate info
- availing funds to promote the application of science and technology

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Role of Policy Makers

- policy makers are the owners and users of enhanced weather and climate services, hence must be the champions for its effective provision, nationally and internationally
- AMCOMET has the full backing of ministers in charge of meteorology as a driving force in the provision and use of weather and climate services in Africa
- Mainstreaming climate issues into development activities will help bridge the needs of adaptation and poverty eradication



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Activities at technical level

- **Development** of the implementation plan for the integrated African strategy in collaboration with AU, ACPC, RECs and other relevant institutions at a pan-African level
- **Establishment** of the Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa, in collaboration with ECCAS and CEMAC
- Support of on-going activities in the region like GFCS, QMS, WIGOS and with other UN Agencies



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Next Steps

Third Session of AMCOMET Q3 of 2014 in Cabo Verde



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Agenda issues

- Consider reports from the 3 Task Forces;
- Get update on the Regional Climate Centre for Central Africa;
- Status of implementation of Quality Management System in Africa;
- Election of new office bearers;
- Agree on activities for 2015-2016/7 and apportion responsibilities;



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