



**AMCOMET**

**Third Annual Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa – (CCDA-III),  
21 – 23 October 2013**

**AMCOMET Side Event Concept Note  
(22 October 2013; 16h - 17h30)**

*The Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology: a key role in the enhancement of climate services for development in Africa*

**Draft Programme**

<b>Date</b>	22 October 2013; 16h - 17h30
<b>Venue</b>	United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), Addis Ababa
<b>Chair:</b> Dr. Elena Manaenkova, Assistant Secretary-General, WMO	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
16:00 – 16:05	Welcome Remarks by Chair, <b>Dr. Elena Manaenkova</b> , Assistant Secretary-General, WMO
16:05 – 16:10	Opening Remarks by <b>Hon. Saviour Kasukuwere, MP</b> , Minister of Environment, Water and Climate, Zimbabwe
16:10 – 16:25	<b>Presentation:</b> AMCOMET and the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Amos Makarau</b>, Director of the Zimbabwe Meteorological Department and AMCOMET Bureau Chair Representative</li> </ul>
16:25 – 17:05	<b>Round table discussion :</b> Opportunities and Challenges for the implementation of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Haile-Gabriel Abebe</b>, African Union Commission</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Seleshi Bekele</b>, Senior Water Resources and Climate Specialist, Africa Climate Policy Centre</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Samba Tounkara</b>, Coordinator of ClimDev-Africa Special Fund, African Development Bank</li> </ul>
17:05 – 17:25	<b>Moderated Question and Answer Session</b>
17:25 – 17:30	Concluding Remarks by Dr. Elena Manaenkova, Assistant Secretary-General, WMO

<p><b>Side Event Objective</b></p>
<p>The side event intends to foster dialogue and discussion concerning the opportunities and challenges related to the implementation of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services) adopted the Second Session of AMCOMET in 2012 and endorsed by the African Union Summit of Heads of State during its 20th Ordinary Session in January 2013.</p> <p>The side event further offers an opportunity to highlight African perspective of the development and application of climate services at all levels, and discuss the need for African political leadership to foster cooperation around issues related to weather and climate services, with a view of mainstreaming climate information and services into decision-making and development planning process.</p>
<p><b>Expected results</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved Africa’s understanding of the importance weather and climate services for Africa’s development;</li> <li>• Enhanced understanding of Africa’s specific challenges and opportunities with regards to the implementation of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services);</li> <li>• Improved understanding of African countries on the need to further invest on weather and climate services in the context of Africa’s development priorities.</li> <li>• Increased synergies between the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services) and existing initiatives, in particular with the ClimDev-Africa programme;</li> <li>• Enhanced partnerships among institutions working on climate services in Africa.</li> </ul> <p>Increased awareness on the African Ministerial Conference on the Meteorology (AMCOMET);</p>
<p><b>Target audience</b></p>
<p>The side event will bring together the following categories of participants to share lessons, identify current gaps and future needs, and discuss a range of potential solutions that make meaningful impacts for the implementation of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services). These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-level decision makers from African member states and their RECs, regional and sub-regional climate centers, multilateral organizations, and bilateral organizations representatives;</li> <li>• International and African researchers and scientists who are actively engaged in advancing knowledge in climate services with a particular focus on Africa, and;</li> </ul> <p>Practitioner community, including private sector, community based organizations and civil society organizations, including NGOs, media and independent experts on climate services and development issues.</p>