



AMCOMET

**SECOND TASK FORCE MEETING OF THE AFRICAN
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON METEOROLOGY
(AMCOMET)**

29 – 30 May 2014

Cresta Lodge

Harare, Zimbabwe

FINAL MEETING REPORT

I. Introduction

1. The Second Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET-2), in the city of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 15-19 October 2012, decided the establishment of three Task Forces, which are as follows:
 - a. Task Force of the Constitution and Rules of Procedures to consider all comments from Member States and relevant institutions and to prepare the revised drafts of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure for consideration by the AMCOMET Bureau and eventual endorsement during the Third Session of AMCOMET;
 - b. Task Force on the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan to draft the Implementation Plan for the Integrated Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services) with detailed annual operational plans and to submit its findings for consideration during the Third Session of AMCOMET; and
 - c. Established a Task Force for the African Regional Space Programme to investigate the feasibility of developing an African Regional Space Programme and to submit its findings for consideration during the Third Session of AMCOMET.
2. The Ministers further urged WMO, in collaboration with the African Union Commission and partners, to take all necessary steps to establish a regional climate centre in Central Africa.
3. The Ministers requested Member States to take all the necessary steps to ensure that African National Meteorological Services meet the ICAO requirements regarding Quality Management Systems.
4. The Decisions taken during the Second Session of AMCOMET were also endorsed by the African Union Summit, which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January of 2013.
5. The Task Forces therefore met to consider the documents and updates presented by the experts and come up with appropriate Recommendations to the Bureau.

II. Opening Ceremony

6. **Dr. Amos Makarau**, Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe with World Meteorological Organization (WMO) was the Master of Ceremony. Opening Statements were made successively by **Dr. Joseph R. Mukabana**, Representative of the WMO Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the AMCOMET Secretariat; and **Ms. Olushola Olayide**, Representative of the Commissioner of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission (AUC).
7. The meeting noted with appreciation the presence of Ministers and Ambassadors, notably **H.E. Mr Mukhtar Abdulkarim Adam**, State Minister of Environment Forestry And Physical Development (MEFPD) of Sudan, **H.E. Yamfwa Mukanga**, MP, Minister of Transport, Works, Supply and Communications of Zambia, **H.E. Ndiyoyi Mututi**, Ambassador of Zambia to Zimbabwe, and **H.E. Ms. Balbina Daes Pienaar**, Ambassador of Namibia to Zimbabwe.
8. **H.E. Hon Saviour Kasukuwere**, Minister of Environment, Water and Climate of Zimbabwe and Chair of AMCOMET, welcomed the participants and thanked them for supporting the AMCOMET process. He highlighted the work of the Task Forces and noted that they had important roles to play in the successful implementation of the AMCOMET process. He urged the meeting to make objective recommendations to the

Bureau. The Hon. Minister wished the delegates good deliberations and officially opened the meeting.

III. Participants

9. The meeting was attended by the following Member States Cameroun, Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Kenya, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, DR Congo, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tchad, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
10. The meeting was also attended by the following Regional Economic Communities, East African Community (EAC), Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), South African Development Community (SADC); and
11. The following partner institutions were also represented, African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD), Centre Régional AGRHYMET CILSS, IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), , SADC Climate Service Centre (SADC-CSC), UN-Economic Commission for Africa – Africa Climate Policy Centre (UNECA-ACPC), World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the African Union Commission (AUC).

The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

IV. Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work

12. The meeting adopted the Agenda and Programme as attached as **Annex 2**.

V. Nomination of Task Force Chairs and Rapporteurs

13. **Zambia** was elected as the Chair of the Task Force on the Constitution and Rules of Procedures, with **Morocco** as the Rapporteur;
14. **Tanzania** was elected Chair of the Task Force on the African Regional Space Programme, with **South Africa** as the Rapporteur; and
15. **Namibia** was elected Chair of the Task Force on the Implementation Plan for the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology, with **Cameroun** as the Rapporteur.

VI. Task Force on the Constitution and Rules of Procedures

The minutes, way forward and recommendations of the Task Force on the Constitutions and Rules of Procedures are attached as **Annex 3**.

VII. Task Force on the Joint African Regional Space Programme

The minutes, way forward and recommendations of the Task Force on the Joint African Regional Space Programme are attached as **Annex 4**.

VIII. Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services)

The minutes, way forward and recommendations of the Task Force on the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services), including the establishment of a Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa and the status of African countries meeting Quality Management Systems and Competency Assessment and Documentation requirements are attached as **Annex 5**.

IX. Sustainability of the AMCOMET Secretariat

The minutes, way forward and recommendations of the Sustainability of the AMCOMET Secretariat are attached as **Annex 6**.

X. Adoption of the Report

16. The AMCOMET Secretariat presented the Recommendations of the Task Force for the Constitution and Rules of Procedures, the Joint Regional African Space Programme and the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan.
17. The Meeting adopted the Recommendations as presented.

XI. Closing Ceremony

18. Closing statements were made by **Dr. Elena Manaenkova**, Assistant-Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and **Ms. Olushola Olayide**, Representative of the Commissioner of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission (AUC).
19. The meeting noted, once again, with appreciation, the presence of Ministers and Ambassadors who participated throughout the meeting, notably **H.E. Mr Mukhtar Abdulkarim Adam**, State Minister of Environment, Forestry and Physical Development (MEFPD) of Sudan, **H.E. Yamfwa Mukanga, MP**, Minister of Transport, Works, Supply and Communications of Zambia, **H.E. Ndiyoyi Mututi**, Ambassador of Zambia to Zimbabwe, and **H.E. Ms. Balbina Daes Pienaar**, Ambassador of Namibia to Zimbabwe.
20. **Dr. Amos Makarau**, Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Technical Chair of AMCOMET, officially closed the meeting.

ANNEX 1: Final Participant List

Second Task Force Meeting of AMCOMET

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I. AMCOMET Task Force on Implementation Plan:

1. H.E. Ms. Balbina Daes Pienaar
Ambassador of Namibia to Zimbabwe
2. H.E. Mr Mukhtar Abdulkarim Adam
State Minister of Environment Forestry, and Physical Development (MEFPD) of Sudan
3. Mr Franz Uirab
Permanent Representative of Namibia with the WMO
Chief, Meteorological Services, Namibia
4. Mr Sharafeldein Hassan IDRIS AHMED
Sudan Meteorological Authority
5. Mr Philippe Richard
Permanent Representative of Cameroun with the WMO
Director, Direction de la Météorologie Nationale, Cameroun
6. Mr Daouda Konate
Permanent Representative of Cote d'Ivoire with the WMO
Director, Direction de la Météorologie Nationale, Cote d'Ivoire

II. AMCOMET Task Force on the Constitution

7. H.E. Yamfwa Mukanga, MP
Minister of Transport, Works, Supply and Communications of Zambia
8. Mr Jacob NKOMOKI
Permanent Representative of Zambia with the WMO
Director, Zambia Meteorological Department
9. Dr Joseph Kanyanga
Assistant Director, Zambia Meteorological Department
10. Mr Joe Kapembwa
Director, Planning and Monitoring, Zambia Meteorological Department
11. Mr Fetene TESHOME
Permanent Representative of Ethiopia with the WMO
Director-General, National Meteorological Agency of Ethiopia
12. Mr Elie Mbaitoubam
Permanent Representative of Tchad with the WMO
Directeur Général de la Météorologie Nationale
La Direction Générale de la Météo du Tchad

13. Mr Mohamed El Ghali Khtour
Permanent Representative of Mauritania with the WMO
Director General, National Meteorological Service of Mauritania
14. Mr Abdalah Mokssit
Permanent Representative of Morocco with the WMO
Director, Direction de la météorologie nationale of Morocco
15. Mr. Abdallah Nassif
Deputy Director, Direction de la météorologie nationale of Morocco

III. AMCOMET Task Force on the Regional Space Program

16. Dr. Themba Dube
Senior Manager for Climate Services, South African Weather Service
17. Mr Jean-Pierre Mpundu Elonga
Administrateur Délégué Général Agence nationale de la Météorologie et de Télédétection par satellite (METTELSAT)
18. Dr Agnes Kijazi
Permanent Representative of Tanzania with the WMO
Director General, Tanzania Meteorological Agency
19. Dr Pascal Waniha
Senior Meteorologist, Tanzania Meteorological Agency

IV. Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and African Regional Institutions

20. Mr Adama Alhassane DIALLO
Director General, African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD)
21. Dr Farid Traore
Centre régional AGRHYMET CILSS
22. Mr. Zachary Atheru
Programme Manager, IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC)
23. Mr. Bradwell Garanganga
Representative of the Executive Secretary, SADC South African Development Community
24. Mr. John G. Mungai
Meteorologist, East African Community (EAC)
25. Mr Isidore EMBOLA
Project Manager, Commission de la Communauté Économique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)
26. Mr Dominique KUITSOUC
Expert, Climate Change Adaptation, Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
27. Mr Jean Paul Gaudechoux
Regional Technical Adviser on Sustainable Environment & Climate Change Issues
Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

28. Dr Solomon Demissie
Senior Consultant for Water and Climate Change
UN Economic Commission for Africa / Africa Climate Policy Center (UNECA-ACPC)

V. AMCOMET Chair (Zimbabwe)

29. H.E. Saviour Kasukuwere, Minister of Environment, Water and Climate
30. H.E. Prince Mupazviriho, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate
31. Dr Amos Makarau, Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the WMO
32. Mr. Elliot Bungare, Head, International Relations, Zimbabwe Meteorological Department
33. Mr. S. Nangumbe, Meteorologist, Zimbabwe Meteorological Department

VI. African Union Commission

34. Ms. Olushola Olayide, Senior Policy Officer
35. Mr. Hambani Masheleni, Senior Policy Officer
36. Dr Valanathan Munsami
Chair of the Space Working Group
Chief Specialist: Astronomy and African Space Science

VII. World Meteorological Organization

37. Dr Elena Manaenkova, Assistant Secretary-General
38. Dr Joseph R. Mukabana, Director, Regional Office for Africa and LDCs
39. Mr Stephen Njoroge, Consultant, Regional Office for Africa
40. Ms Paulette Ashong, Secretary, Regional Office for Africa

VIII. AMCOMET Secretariat

41. Ms Jay Wilson, Senior AMCOMET Liaison
42. Ms. Rebecca Manzou, Seconded Expert, Zimbabwe
43. Mr Mohammed Kadi, Consultant, Implementation Plan
44. Dr Michel Legrand Saah, Consultant, Regional Climate Centre for Central Africa

ANNEX 2: Programme

Second Task Force Meeting of AMCOMET

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Day 1 – 26 May 2014

Time	Agenda Item	Moderator
09.30 – 11.15	Opening Ceremony	AMCOMET Bureau Chair
11.15 – 11.30	Adoption of the Agenda & Organization of Work	AMCOMET Bureau Chair
11.30 – 12.00	Nomination of Task Force Chairs and Rapporteur <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitution and Rules of Procedures• African Regional Space Programme• Implementation Plan for the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology	AMCOMET Bureau Chair
12.00 – 13.00	Presentation of the Constitution and Rules of Procedures	Chair of Task Force on Constitution
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
14.30 – 15.30	Plenary Discussions on the Constitution and Rules of Procedures	Chair of Task Force on Constitution
15.30 – 16.00	Way Forward and Recommendations on the Constitution and Rules of Procedures	Chair of Task Force on Constitution
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee / Tea / Health Break	
16.15 – 16.45	Update on the status of the African Regional Space Programme	Chair Task of Task Force on African Regional Space Programme
16.45 – 17.30	Presentation of the Draft African Space Policy	AUC
17.30	End of Day One	

Day 2 – 27 May 2014

Time	Agenda Item	Moderator
09.30 – 10.30	Plenary Discussions on the African Regional Space Programme	Chair Task of Task Force on African Regional Space Programme
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee / Tea / Health Break	
10.45 – 11.15	Way Forward and Recommendation on the African Regional Space Programme	Chair Task of Task Force on African Regional Space Programme
11.15 – 11.30	Presentation of the Draft Implementation Plan for the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services)	AMCOMET Secretariat / AUC
11.30 – 12.00	Presentation of the Global Framework for Climate Services	World Meteorological Organization
12.00 – 12.30	Update on the Feasibility of Establishing a Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa	AMCOMET Secretariat / AUC
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
14.30 – 15.00	Status of African NMHSs meeting ICAO Requirements (Quality Management System and Competency Assessments)	AMCOMET Secretariat / AUC
15.00 – 16.00	Plenary Discussions on the Draft Implementation Plan	Chair of Task Force on the Implementation Plan
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee / Tea / Health Break	
16.15 – 17.00	Way forward and Recommendations on the Draft Implementation Plan	Chair of Task Force on the Implementation Plan
17.00 – 17.30	Discussion on the Sustainability of the AMCOMET Secretariat	AMCOMET Bureau Chair
17.30	End of Day Two	

Day 3 – 28 May 2014

Time	Agenda Item	Moderator
09.30 – 10.00	Plenary Discussion for Recommendations to the Bureau	AMCOMET Bureau Chair
10.00 – 10.30	Any Other Business	AMCOMET Bureau Chair
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee / Tea / Health Break	
10.45 – 12.30	Drafting of Meeting Report	AMCOMET Secretariat / AUC
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
12.30 – 16.30	Drafting of Meeting Report	AMCOMET Secretariat / AUC
16.30 – 17.00	Consideration and Approval of Report and Recommendations of all Task Force Members	AMCOMET Bureau Chair
17.00 – 17.30	Closing Ceremony	AMCOMET Bureau Chair
17.30	Closure of Task Force Meeting	

ANNEX 3: Report of the Task Force on the Constitution and Rules of Procedures

I. Task Force Members

- a. Zambia (**Chair**)
- b. Morocco (**Rapporteur**)
- c. Ethiopia
- d. Mauritania
- e. Tchad

II. Task Force on the Constitution and Rules of Procedures

H.E. Yamfwa Mukanga, MP, Minister of Transport, Works, Supply and Communications of Zambia, thanked the delegates for electing Zambia as Chair of the Task Force on the Constitution and Rules of Procedures. He further thanked the Government of Zimbabwe for the warm welcome to the Zambian delegation to Harare.

Mr. Jacob Nkomoki, Permanent Representative of Zambia to WMO presented the background of the Constitution and Rules of Procedures, outlining the Decisions taken during the Second Session of AMCOMET in October 2012 and the AU Summit of Heads of States in January 2013. He further noted other AU decisions concerning the establishment of Specialized Technical Committees of the African Union that have an implication on the governance of the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology.

The presentation is attached as **Annex 3A**. Support documents, namely EX.CL/Dec 744 (XXII), Assembly/AU/Decision 227 (XII) and Assembly/AU/Dec. 365 (XII) of the African Union are attached as **Annex 3B, 3C, and 3D**. The advice from the Office of Legal Council of the African Union is attached as **Annex 3E**.

Following the presentations, the delegates reviewed the documents, the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures. Comments and feedbacks have been captured in the documents. The updated versions are attached as **Annex 3F and 3G**.

III. Way Forward and Recommendations

The presentation highlighted the advice of the AU Legal Office that AMCOMET does not need its own Constitution or Rules of Procedures as a sub-committee of the Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment. The Task Force, taking into account that AMCOMET is an initiative of the African Union and the World Meteorological Organization, decided that it should remain as such. In light of this, the meeting decided to examine the draft AMCOMET Constitution and Draft Rules of Procedures, with the provision that when the Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) are fully operational, the Constitution and Rules of Procedures will be harmonized as appropriate.

The meeting also highlighted the need of a governance mechanism and structure to ensure the efficient functioning of AMCOMET and its bodies, through a Constitution and Rules of Procedures that motivate high-level participation of Ministers in charge of Meteorology. This takes into account existing mechanisms that have demonstrated success such as the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and UNECA Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

The Task Force on the Constitution requested the Bureau to take the following actions:

- a. Takes note of the Report of the Task Force on the Constitution and Rules of Procedures and present it to the Third Session of AMCOMET.

- b. Requests the AMCOMET Secretariat to liaise with the WMO Legal Office to review the draft Constitution and draft Rules of Procedures and make the necessary modifications in consultation with the Task Force;
- c. Adopts the same governance mechanism and structure for AMCOMET as AU and WMO, and with the same arrangement for the meeting of AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and UNECA African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, and
- d. Urges the Bureau to take necessary actions for the adoption of the draft Constitution and draft Rules of Procedures during the Third Session of AMCOMET.

ANNEX 4: Report of the Task Force on the Joint African Regional Space Programme

I. Task Force Members

- a. Tanzania (**Chair**)
- b. South Africa (**Rapporteur**)
- c. Kenya
- d. Democratic Republic of Congo
- e. Nigeria
- f. Algeria

II. Task Force on the Joint African Regional Space Programme

Dr Agnes Kijazi, representing the Chair of the Regional African Space Programme thanked the delegates for electing Tanzania as Chair of the Regional African Space Programme and wished the participants good deliberations.

Mr. Hambani Masheleni from the AUC-Human Resource and Science and Technology provided an overview of the genesis of the space policy and strategy. He also indicated that there is a growing need in Africa to develop its own space programme to enable the continent to exploit space commerce in a more harmonised and coordinated manner. As various Ministerial Conferences and Councils requested the development of a Space Programmes, the AU Summit of Heads of States, in January 2013, decided to establish a Joint Task Force on an African Regional Space Programme to be led by the African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST) and the African Union Commission with the leadership of Human Resources and Science and Technology (AUC-HRST).

Dr. Valanathan Munsami, Chair of the Space Working Group (SWG), established by the AMCOST, presented the background, rationale, goals, objectives and principles of the draft Space Policy, which was presented to AMCOST in April 2014. The draft Space Policy will also be presented to the AMCOST Bureau Meeting in Sudan expected to take place in September 2014, and eventual approval by the African Union Summit in January 2015. It was also mentioned that the SWG is in the process of drafting the Space Strategy. Below is the composition of the Space Working Group:

- North Africa Algeria and Egypt
- East Africa Kenya and Tanzania
- West Africa Ghana and Nigeria
- Central Africa Cameroon and Congo-Brazzaville
- Southern Africa Namibia and South Africa

The Presentation is attached as **Annex 4A**.

The meeting agreed that AMCOMET and African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST) need to work closely together to support the development of the African Space Policy and the African Space Strategy. The meeting also noted that African Ministers already decided on the establishment of a Regional African Space Programme, therefore relevant institutions need to facilitate the implementation of this Decision.

The meeting reviewed the document on African Space Policy and proposed amendments as attached on **Annex 4B**.

III. Way Forward and Recommendations on the Joint African Regional Space Programme

The Task Force of the Joint African Regional Space Programme:

- a. Recalls the African Union Decision on the investigation of the feasibility of developing an African Space Programme;
- b. Welcomes the draft African Space Policy and adopts the amendments by the AMCOMET Task Force;
- c. Requests the Chair of the Task Force to present the Draft African Space Policy to the Bureau for consideration during the Third Session of AMCOMET;
- d. Urges AUC to present the draft African Space Policy with the proposed amendments to other relevant sectors;
- e. Takes note that the AMCOMET Bureau Chair has reached out to the AMCOST Bureau Chair with a view to fully engaging in the process and requests the AUC and AMCOMET Secretariat to facilitate engagements of the Chairs of AMCOMET and AMCOST in order to strengthen synergies and ensure a mutually beneficial approach throughout the entire process of developing an African Regional Space Programme;
- f. Requests AUC and AMCOST, in collaboration with AMCOMET, to link the African Space Programme to the WMO Space Programme and other ongoing regional programmes and initiatives, such as Monitoring of Environment for Security in Africa (MESA) and African Satellite Meteorology Education and Training (ASMET) programme;
- g. Requests the AUC Space Working Group (SWG) to ensure inclusive participatory process in the development of the African Space Strategy to adequately address sectoral needs; and
- h. Further request the AUC to present the finalized African Space Policy to the AUC Policy Organs at the appropriate time.

ANNEX 5: Report of the Task Force on the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services)

I. Task Force Members

- a. Namibia (Chair)
- b. Sudan
- c. Cote d'Ivoire
- d. Cameroun (Rapporteur)
- e. Tunisia

II. Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services)

Mr. Franz Uirab, representing the Chair of the Task Force on the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan thanked the delegates for electing Namibia as Chair. Mr. Uirab welcomed the participants and noted the time constraints and requested the participants to provide concrete and concise feedback to enable the session to finish on time.

The Task Force reviewed draft Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan for the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services); the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS); the establishment of a Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa; the status of the Quality Management System (QMS) for aeronautical meteorological services for aviation and Competency Assessments for meteorological personnel and Documentation; including the Sustainability of the AMCOMET Secretariat.

Ms. Jay Wilson, Senior AMCOMET Liaison presented the draft Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology. The presentation is attached as **Annex 5A**.

The meeting also reviewed the Log Frame of the Implementation Plan of the Integrated African Strategy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services), which comprises the critical components of the Implementation Plan. The participants provided feedback attached as **Annex 5B**.

III. Way Forward and Recommendation for the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan

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

- a. Takes note of the AU Decision on the establishment of the Task Forces;
- b. Welcomes the draft Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan;
- c. Endorses the amendments to the draft Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan along with the Regional Flagship Programmes, and their associated Expected Results and Activities;
- d. Requests the AMCOMET Secretariat to finalise the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan;

- e. Requests the Chair of the Task Force to present the draft Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan along with the Regional Flagship Programmes to the Bureau for consideration during the Third Session of AMCOMET; and
- f. Requests the AUC to present the endorsed Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan to the AU Policy Organs.

IV. Way Forward and Recommendation for the Global Framework for Climate Services

Mr. Filipe Lucio, Director of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) Office of WMO presented the GFCS implementation in Africa and highlighted its links with AMCOMET. The presentation is attached as **Annex 5C**.

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

- g. Requests Member States, the AUC and RECs, to collaborate with AMCOMET, on the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) at continental, sub-regional and national levels;
- h. Urges Member States to be actively involved in the implementation of GFCS by establishing the appropriate coordination mechanisms, including user interface platforms, to address the entire value chain for the production, data exchange and application of climate services in climate sensitive sectors and by investing in the development of the appropriate capacities;

V. Way Forward and Recommendation for the Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa

Dr. Michel Legrand Saah, Consultant for the feasibility of establishing a Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa presented his findings following Member States and Regional Economic Community (REC) consultations. The presentation is attached as **Annex 5D**.

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

- i. Welcomes the draft report for the establishment of a Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa;
- j. Request AMCOMET Secretariat to submit the report on the necessary steps taken to establish a Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa to Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC);
- k. Requests ECCAS and CEMAC to convene a meeting of experts to review the feasibility document for validation and reach a consensus on the venue, designation and structure of a Regional Climate Centre within their respective sub-region;
- l. Further request ECCAS and CEMAC to submit the recommendations of the Meeting of Experts to the Ministers in charge of Meteorology in Central Africa for adoption and transmission to Heads of States of Central African States for consideration and endorsement; and
- m. Requests the AMCOMET Secretariat to present the validated report to the Third Session of AMCOMET for endorsement; and
- n. Further requests the AUC to present the validated report to the AU Policy Organs.

VI. Way Forward and Recommendation on the Quality Management System and the Competency Assessment and Documentation

Ms. Jay Wilson presented the status of African National Meteorological and Hydrological Services' meeting the Quality Management System requirement from ICAO and the Competency Assessment and Documentation. The presentation is attached as **Annex 5E**.

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

- o. Takes note of the updates on Status of African Countries in meeting the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Requirement Compliance on Quality Management Systems (QMS) & Competency Assessment and Documentation;
- p. Urges Member States and RECs to support NMHSs, who have not attained QMS and Competency Assessment and Documentation Certification, to take all the necessary steps to meet the ICAO Requirements;
- q. Urges WMO and ICAO to continue supporting Member States as needed in the implementation process of QMS and Competency Assessment and Documentation;
- r. Urges Member States to transform their NMHSs into autonomous entities, through legislation, to enable provision of efficient and effective services and facilitate cost recovery of aeronautical and marine meteorological services to sustain the QMS process at the national level; and
- s. Takes note of Member States' specialized services provided by NMHSs to many sectors that drive the economies of African States, including agriculture, water resources, public health, energy, disaster management, aviation and marine transport, among others, and introduce QMS for all services, including agro-meteorology (for agriculture), bio-meteorology (for health), hydro-meteorology (for water), and marine meteorology (for maritime transport and fisheries).

ANNEX 6: Report on the Sustainability of the AMCOMET Secretariat

I. Way Forward and Recommendation on the Sustainability of the AMCOMET Secretariat

Ms. Jay Wilson presented potential sources for the Sustainability of the AMCOMET Secretariat, including operations, programmes and projects. The presentation is attached as **Annex 6A**.

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

- a. Urges all Member States to own the AMCOMET process by showing commitment to the sustainability of the AMCOMET Secretariat (operations, activities, projects and programmes) through the following sources:
 - i. Standing annual contributions from Member States (10K USD as a minimum, as is the practice in other Ministerial Bodies);
 - ii. Propose an assessed contribution of 0.01% of GDP of Member States to the AMCOMET Fund;
 - iii. Propose an increase to the WMO assessed contributions of African Member States (currently at 0.02% of WMO overall budget) and allocate such increase to the effective funding of the AMCOMET process; and
 - iv. Alternative sources of funding for programmes and projects through the following:
 1. Trust Fund (Voluntary Contributions);
 2. Bilateral and Multi-lateral Partnerships; and
 3. Allocate a portion of country development projects (World Bank, GEF, AfDB, etc) as institutional support for AMCOMET.