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**16<sup>th</sup> Regional Technical Conference ( RECO-16)**

**16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Regional Association I  
(RAI-16, Africa)**

**AMCOMET-3**

**OUTCOMES: Report to CdD 23 February 2015**

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## RAI-16 Main Outcomes

- **WMO EC Seats:** RA I (Africa) has 9 seats and the session agreed to ask for 1 additional seat;
- **President of RAI:** Dr. Amos Makarau (PR of Zimbabwe) was elected president of RA I (by consensus);
- **Vice-president of RAI:** Mr. Doua Konate (PR of Cote d'Ivoire) was elected vice-president of RA I (by consensus);
- **Potential Hosts to RAI-17:** Egypt, Ethiopia, Uganda, and United Republic of Tanzania offered to host the seventeenth session, subject to further confirmation.



# Subsidiary Bodies Established By RAI-16

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- (a) Management Group (MG);
- (b) Working Group on Observations, Telecommunication and Infrastructure;
- (c) Working Group on Climate Services and Applications;
- (d) Working Group on Hydrology and Water Resources;
- (e) Working Group on Improved Weather Forecasting, Natural Disaster Reduction, Service Delivery, and Communication;
- (f) Working Group on Compliance Issues in Marine and Aeronautical Meteorological Services and Cost Recovery;
- (g) Tropical Cyclone Committee for the South-West Indian Ocean;
- (h) Task Team on Aeronautical Meteorology in RA I;
- (I) Task Team on WIGOS.



# RAI-16 Main Outcomes

## **RAI Priorities for 2016 – 2019 WMO Financial Period**

- **Capacity Development**
  - **Human Capital**
    - Educational Training, specifically for degreed meteorologists (in aviation, agro-meteorology, hydrometeorology, biometeorology, dynamic / statistical forecasting, marine meteorology and oceanography)
    - Continuous Training to keep abreast and be actively involved with the evolving science, innovation and technology, including climate change and its associated impacts
    - Training on management and leadership of NMHSs (governance)
  - **Infrastructure Development**
    - Strengthen Observational Networks and Systems on land, water and air (WIGOS)
    - Strengthen Data Telecommunication Systems for Data Exchange (WIS)
    - Data processing, analysis and forecasting (nowcasting, short-, medium-, and long-range forecasting, including NWP)
    - Climate Database Management Systems (CDMS)
    - Data and Product Dissemination Systems (RANET, Farmers Weather Bulletins)
    - Data Rescue (DARE)



# RAI-16 Main Outcomes

## **RAI Priorities for 2016 – 2019 WMO Financial Period Cont...**

- **Aeronautical Meteorological Services for Aviation**
  - Quality Management Systems (QMS) (Certification of NMHSs)
  - Competency Assessment
  - Cost Recovery (transformation of NMHSs into autonomous entities, and facilitate and enhance cost recovery)
  - Open Skies Regionalization
- **Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)**
  - Development of National Frameworks of Climate Services (NFCS) / User Interface Platform (UIP)
  - Climate Services Information Systems (CSIS) for tailor made products and services (agriculture and food security, water resources, public health and disaster risk reduction, urban services and energy, among others)
  - Research and Development (R&D)
    - Application of knowledge to understand weather and climate systems
    - Downscaling products from national to community levels for informed decision-making (through statistical / numerical methodologies)
  - Archival of Digitized Data



# RAI-16 Main Outcomes

## RAI Priorities for 2016 – 2019 WMO Financial Period Cont...

- **Service Delivery**
  - Public Weather Service (radio, TV, RANET and other electronic media)
  - Roving Seminars
  - Public Awareness
  - Educational Outreach Programmes
  - Providing early warning information for weather and climate related Disaster Risk Reduction (**DRR**) at the national level (tropical cyclones, storm surges, fire weather, floods and droughts)



## RAI-16 Next Steps.....

- **Finalize** and Publish the RAI-16 Report;
- **Review** the duration of RAI Session; since 6 days proved a big challenge;
- **Restructure** RECO to allow more presentations by RAI Members;
- **Identify** Members of Working Groups;
- **Activate** the Working Groups; and link to relevant AMCOMET Task Forces (i.e. QMS and Cost Recovery); and
- **Prepare** Action Sheets from the RAI-16 Report.



## Expert Meeting and the 3rd Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET-3)

**AMCOMET-3 Session Opening** was presided over by **H.E. Jorge Carlos de Almeida Fonseca**, the President of the Republic of Cabo Verde;

**Opening Ceremony** was attended by SG of WMO (**Michel Jarraud**) and the ASG (**Elena Manaenkova**), outgoing Bureau Chair, **Hon Saviour Kasukuwere** (Zimbabwe), **H.E. Jose Lopes Correia**, Minister of Justice and **Ms. Olushola Olayide** (AUC);

**Participants:** 185 participants, 30 Ministers (including their representatives with credentials);

**Session Chair:** **H.E. Jose Lopes Correia**, Minister of Justice



## AMCOMET-3 Main Outcomes

- **Approval** of the Constitution and Rules of Procedures;
- **Approval** of the Implementation and Resource Mobilization Plan;
- **Approval** of the budget for sustaining the operations of the AMCOMET Secretariat;
- **Establishment** of 5 Task Forces (Implementation Plan, Regional Space Programme, Specialized Technical Committees (STCs), QMS-Cost Recovery-Competency, CR4D);
- **Urged** ECCAS and CEMAC, in collaboration with the AMCOMET Secretariat, AUC, WMO and other relevant stakeholders, to take the necessary steps towards the finalization of the establishment of the RCC for Central Africa;
- **Agreement** reached, through voting, for countries to contribute to the AMCOMET budget
- **Endorsement** of the African Space Policy and Strategy

**Thank You For Your Kind  
Attention**