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CoE : Costa Rica

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Most important achievements

- 1. Creation of outreach virtual courses in
Meteorology and Hydrology**



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Most important achievements

2. Assistance to NMHS

- Peru: Training in Software to download and manipulate Satellite Imagery**
- Venezuela, El Salvador, Ecuador ... lost in bureaucracy**



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Most important achievements

3. Contribution to on-line events:

- Monthly Weather Discussions**
- Round Table on AMF requirements**
- Presentations on Geonetcast**

Many countries in the Americas, many people

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Main challenges

- **Bureaucracy in Latin America**
 - **On-line training is still**

OUT OF THE COMFORT ZONE

of many people

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Main strengths

- **The support from NOAA through**
 - **Always present Bernadette Connell at CIRA**
 - **Incredibly bilingual analyst Mike Davison**
 - **Speakers from NOAA and INPE**
 - **Logistics, hardware, guidance**
- **The support from EUMETSAT through Luciane Luveeck**

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Future plans

**Promote UCR outreach courses, including
the refresher course for aeronautical
forecasters**

Support the concept of Global Campus