

# Centre of Excellence

## Pretoria

VLMG-7, 22-25 July 2014

## Workshops and Projects

- Successful hosting the SWFDP workshop from 11-15 November 2013. SADC forecasters are given refresher training inclusive of Satellite training.
- Successful hosting the MSG satellite workshop from 2-6 December 2013
- Successful hosting the Marine satellite workshop from 9-13 December 2013
- Successful hosting of Weather briefings from South Africa

# Projects

- Publication of the CAT module for ASMET 7.
- Contributing to the Conceptual models for the Southern Hemisphere project
- Participation in the ASMET 8 project.
- Participation in BMTC science week and OMAN (marine) via Webinar

# Courses

- Satellite course for Honours students at the University of Pretoria
- Satellite interpretation course for the Forecasting students
- In 2014 a special short refresher course was given for the forecasters. Course work was done online before coming in for the full course

# Distance learning

- The courses on Moodle is being updated with latest information
- The courses are slowly changing to include online sections
- This way more practical session can be brought in into the classes.

## Some Challenges

- IT support during training sessions
- Firewall problems with running Saba Centra for web Briefings
- Firewall problems with working on Google Docs for CM4SH
- Staff resource with hosting workshops and online weather briefings and attending courses

## Some Future drivers

- Now that some of the short courses are open to the general public, the courses will have to be tailored to the audience.
- More attention will be given to blended learning
- The addition of the Moodle Page on Satellite interpretation, is to open the communication channels in the Southern Africa, African and global field, dealing with interesting satellite imagery.



# The end