

VLab Report of Activities

The Questions in this form should be answered based on the VLab activities of your Centre of Excellence for the period from January to December 2015.

About the Centre of Excellence

1. Please select your Centre of Excellence (CoE) from the list below. *

Kenya 

2. What is the profile of the people supporting training activities in the CoE? *

Please select all options that are relevant.

- Training Manager
- Full time trainer
- Part time trainer
- Researcher
- Forecaster
- Administrative staff
- University lecturers
- Other: ICT experts; Hostel staff

Please use the space below to provide any additional comments regarding Question 2

Comments could include number of staff, proportion of support received from different institutions supporting the CoE or anything else regarding the support to plan and offer training in the CoE.

Support from EUMETSAT for Satellite Application Course

3. Is training (on the subject of training and education) offered to trainers supporting the activities of the CoE? *

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Yes

No

Please comment on the answer above *

If training is offered, please comment on the sort of training provided and frequency. If training is not offered, please comment if there is a need for this sort of training in the CoE and if so, what are the difficulties to provide it.

- a) Training of trainers, both online and face to face courses – At least once a year
 - b) Visiting trainers
 - c) Induction for new trainers – when the need arises
 - d) Management courses – continuous development
 - e) Curriculum Development
 - f) Research Methods – Once a year
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4. What were the major achievements of the CoE during this reporting period? *

- a) Conducted a blended Satellite Application Course in collaboration with me conducted the (EUMETSAT IMTR – Satellite Applications Course) in two phases;
 - b) Continued to participate in ASMET activities;
 - c) Participated in AMESD training.
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5. What were the main difficulties of your CoE during this reporting period? *

- a) Internet connectivity challenges within the region
 - b) Distance learning has not been fully embraced in the region.
 - c) Technological challenges (communication tools i.e. software like Centra) across the region
 - d) Limited human resource capacity in the instructional design for distant courses.
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About Training

6. Is any kind of Learning Management System used by your CoE to conduce training activities? *

- Moodle
- Edmond
- ConnectEDU
- Learning Management System is not used
- Other:

7. Is any kind of Online Conferencing System used by your CoE to conduce training activities? *

- Saba Centra
- Blackboard Collaborate
- GoTo (Webinar, Meeting)
- Cisco Webex
- Online Conferencing System is not used
- Other:

8. Please list any training resource you have developed over this reporting period *

For each Training Resource please include: 1) Title of Training Resource, 2) Type of resource (e.g. text book, video, Moodle course, PowerPoint slides, recorded lecture, etc) and 3) Availability of resource (can be shared, institutional use only).

Blended Continuous Professional Development course on Aeronautical Meteorological Forecaster Competencies - to be launched later this year;

9. What sort of training resources would you be interested in borrowing

from other CoEs or training programmes, to adapt and reuse in your CoE? *

If the CoE is not interested in adapting and reusing training resources, please indicate reasons.

No idea at the moment.

About VLab collaboration

10. Is the CoE working closely together with the CoE's sponsoring Satellite Operator/Agency in VLab training activities? *

Yes

No

Please comment on the answer above and, if applicable, suggest ways to improve collaboration *

- More exchange programmes (visiting trainer placements)
 - Capacity building in satellite image processing
 - Provision of data access licenses for training purposes
 - Benchmarking exchanges with other CoEs
 - Support for evaluation of the impacts of the EISAC (EUMETSAT-IMTR Satellite Application Course) training on the outputs of the NMHs in the region.
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11. What sort of support would you like to receive from other CoEs, Supporting Satellite Operators/Agencies, WMO Space Programme, VLab Co-chairs and TSO? *

Support for evaluation of the impacts of the annual EISAC (EUMETSAT-IMTR Satellite Application Course) training on the outputs of the NMHs in the region.

12. What sort of support could you offer to other CoEs, Supporting Satellite Operators/Agencies and WMO Space Programme? *

This could be any kind of support. For example: collaborate in RFG sessions organised by other CoEs, organise joint training events in a particular subject, or any other support/collaboration you think the CoE could offer.

Collaboration in RFG sessions by other COEs; Joint training events in satellite applications; Sharing of training facilities (staff and equipment) at IMTR.

Training Events organised in 2015

Please prepare a table containing all training events organised by the CoE during this reporting period. If you have submitted your events to the VLab Online Calendar, all you need to do is to download your report (CSV/Excel spreadsheet) directly from there. If the CoE had conducted other training events considered as part of their VLab activities, that for some reason were not submitted to the Online Calendar, please add them to the spreadsheet downloaded from the Online Calendar. In the case the CoE has not submitted the training events to the Online Calendar, please prepare a table or spreadsheet (Excel or word) containing the data as indicated in the figure below.

The table/spreadsheet containing the training events organised by the CoE in 2015 should be sent to the VLab TSO by email at luveeck@gmail.com

Example of Table of Events

Date	Title of Event	Location	WMO Region	Host	Type (online, classroom, blended, RFG)	Language	Number of trainees	Country of origin of trainees

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- By selecting this option I confirm that a table/spreadsheet containing the information about training events organised by this CoE (as requested above) will be sent by email to the VLab TSO by the 30th of April 2016 (at the latest).

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