

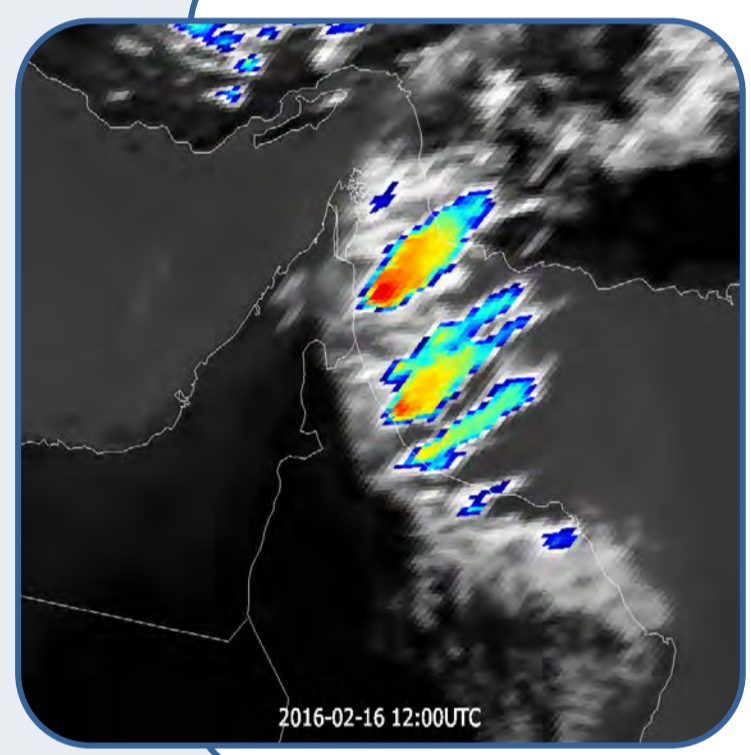
WMO Centre of excellence for Training in Meteorological Satellite Applications- Muscat

COE-Muscat was founded in January 2006 within WMO Region II under the sponsor of Eumetsat . The aims of the centre are:

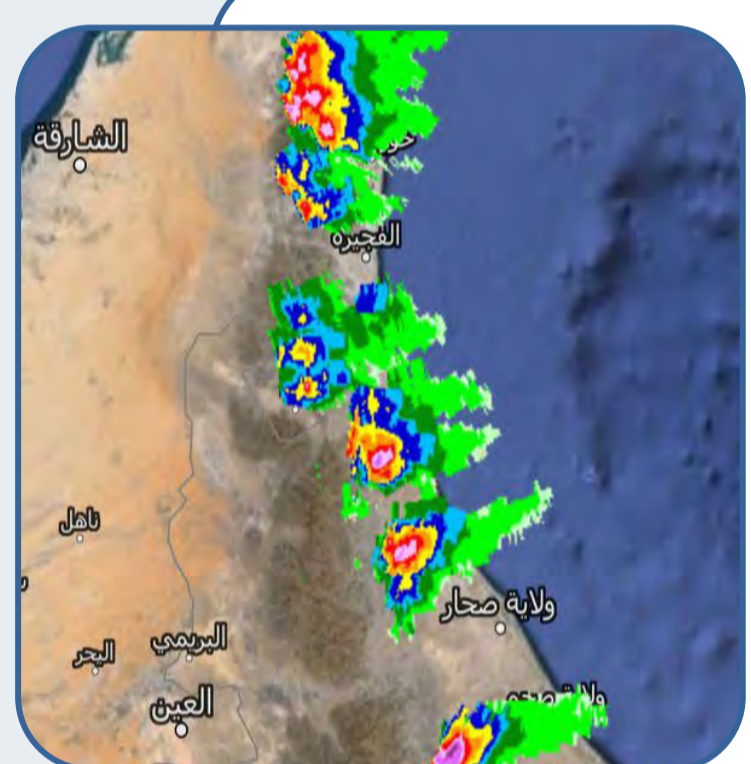
1. Addressing the training needs in remote sensing applications for Middle East Countries
2. Establishing and promoting the concepts of the Virtual Laboratory (VLab) for Training
3. Establishing and organizing a Regional Focus Group



Main achievements of COE-Muscat since 2014



Training material related to Middle East Region



Some of online briefing and lectures



Our staff directly involved in the online phase of Satellite Application Course in 2015.



New server for the Vlab



Some new staffs get involved in the centre Activities



Facilitated the Media department to create some media material

Major Challenges

- Training the trainers
- Allocating Enough Budget for Activities
- Convincing participants for real enrolment in online activities
- Assessment and crediting participants in online activities.

Future Plans

- Activating the Vlab –website in a wide range
- Increasing number of online activities : online course & Weather briefing
- Establishing RFGs regional focus group
- Train Trainers & increasing their number

Major Interest for projected collaboration

- Translate some existing training resources
- Present a case study in other RFG groups.
- Collaborating with other Vlabs (e.x: China-Beijing) to conduct an online course.