



WMO-CGMS Virtual Laboratory
for Education and Training in Satellite Meteorology

ACTIVITY REPORT

Period: September 2011 to August 2012

Satellite Operator/Agency: EUMETSAT

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUPPORT OFFERED TO VLAB CENTRE(S) OF EXCELLENCE (CoE) AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF VLAB TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Which VLab CoE(s) is(are) supported by this Satellite Operator/Agency?

CoE in Oman, Kenya, Niger and South Africa.

What were the major achievements in supporting VLab CoE(s) during this reporting period?

One of the major achievements was the organisation of regular courses at our CoE. We also have started to organise in courses Casablanca with the aim to help the Moroccan Met. Service to become a CoE.

What were the main difficulties in supporting VLab CoE(s) during this reporting period?

Main difficulties was the Internet connectivity. In Niamey extra funds were needed to optimize this service.
We have to communicate more via Telephone and e-mail.

Is any kind of Learning Management System (e.g. Moodle, Blackboard, etc) used by this Satellite Operator/Agency to conduct training activities? If so, can it be shared with the CoEs you support?

Moodle, yes it can be shared.

Is any kind of Online Conferencing System (e.g. Saba Centra, Blackboard Collaborate, GoToWebinar, etc) used by this Satellite Operator/Agency to conduct training activities? If so, can it be shared with the CoEs you support?

Sabameeting (aka Centra).
CoE Barbados has used Sabameeting for Aviation week May 2012.
CoE Pretoria uses Sabameeting for SATREP Online weather briefings.

Can you suggest ways for the VLab (including CoEs, Supporting Satellite Agencies, Partner Programmes, WMO Space Programme, VLab Co-chairs and TSO) to provide better support to the training activities of this Satellite Operator/Agency?

The funding of the TSO has to be assured; dissemination of training material GEONETCast, which is useful for Africa.

Does this Satellite Operator/Agency has a website dedicated to explain its involvement and support to VLab (as indicated in the document “Expectations from Satellite Operators)? If so, please provide URL.

<http://www.eumetsat.int/Home/Main/DataProducts/Training/index.htm?l=en>

Do you maintain regular contact with the other VLab Supporting Satellite Operators/Agencies to discuss data access and format issues as well as training needs to improve the use of satellite data and products? Can you suggest ways of improving this contact?

Please use the table below to list any training materials you may have developed over this reporting period:

Title of training material	Type of resource	Availability of resource	Submitted to ESRC
ASMET 6	Training modules	Available via MetED	No
Webcast Dust		COMET	
Webcast Climate		COMET	
Nr. Case studies			
Webcast Mr. Prata			

Is this Satellite Operator/Agency working closely together with the supported CoE(s) in VLab training activities? Can you suggest ways to improve this collaboration?

Yes we work together. We would suggest to have more regular online meetings.

Please use this space for additional remarks you may wish to make relating to the delivery of training by the Satellite Operator/Agency and the sponsored CoE(s).



Please complete the table in the next page with information about the training events organised by this Satellite Operator/Agency, as part of VLab activities, during this reporting period.

Alternatively, you may export the information you have entered in the Online Calendar of Events to Excel and just add the post-event information needed (i.e.

number of participants and Country of origin of participants). You can then copy and paste your own table to the last page of this report.

Date	Title	Location	WMO region	Host	Type	Language	Number of trainees	Country of origin of trainees
04.-06.06.	Cyclone Week	Online	RA VI	EUMeTrain	Event Week	English	~50 enrolled participants	several
25-29.06	CM-SAF	Online	Global	CM SAF EUMETSAT	Event Week	English	60 Student enrollments	several
06.-07.09.	EUMETSAT Satellite Conference Training session	Online	Global	EUMTESAT	Online Conference	English	113 participations	several
April	RFG	Online	Africa	EAMAC		English		
17-20.07	Volcano ash presentation	Online	Africa		RFG	English	5	
18-20.09	Floodings	Online	Africa		RFG	English	5	