

**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MEDIUM-RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS
AND THE AFRICAN CENTRE FOR METEOROLOGICAL APPLICATIONS FOR
DEVELOPMENT (ACMAD)**

*Approved by Council at its 41st session (December 1994)
(ECMWF/C/41/M(94)2 para. 94 and ANNEX 7),*

*Entry into force of the Agreement on 11 May 1995, in force until 1 January 2010
amended by a vote by correspondence in March/April 1995,
extended by Council at its 49th session (December 1998)
(ECMWF/C/49/M(98)2 Amend. 1 para. 201),
extended by Council at its 59th session (December 2003)
(ECMWF/C/59/M(03)2 para. 173)
extended by Council at its 80th session (December 2013)
(ECMWF/C/80(13)M Rev.1 para.168)
extended by Council at its 93rd session (December 2018)
(ECMWF/C/93(18)M para. 147)*

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Subject : CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ACMAD AND ECMWF

Dear Dr Rabier,

We have the honor to refer to your letter of 11 January 2019 regarding collaboration between the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) and the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) and in accordance with the decision of the Council of ECMWF and the Council of ACMAD, to confirm hereby that the working relationships between ECMWF and ACMAD shall be based on the following:

- a) The Directors of the two Centres, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constituent instruments, will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regards to matters of common interest. In particular such co-operation and consultation shall be set up for the purpose of effective co-ordination of activities and procedures arising from the activities of both organizations.
- b) Both Centres agree to keep each other informed concerning all programmes of work and projected activities in which there may be mutual interest, and shall exchange all publications concerning these and related fields.
- c) Products from ECMWF which are supplied to ACMAD will not be distributed or disseminated or in any other way made available to third parties without the prior written consent of ECMWF. The application and utilization of Products from ECMWF under the terms of this Agreement shall in no way engage the responsibility of ECMWF.
- d) ACMAD agrees to make available each year to ECMWF results of verification studies relating to ECMWF Products.

- e) Recognizing the vital importance of observational data for weather forecasting, the ACMAD member states will endeavour, as far as is reasonably possible, to make available to ECMWF via the Global Telecommunications System or otherwise, all relevant meteorological and related observational data collected from the territory covered by the ACMAD member states.
- f) ECMWF shall not incur any expenses in connection with this collaboration, unless otherwise agreed by the Council of ECMWF.
- g) This agreement will remain in force until 1 January 2025. It will be reviewed not later than 1 April 2024.

Since we understand that this procedure is acceptable to both Centres, we agree that your letter of 11 January 2019 and this reply be considered as the basis for continued relations between the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts and the African Centre for Meteorological Applications for Development.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.




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Dear Dr Lamptey

I am pleased to inform you that the ECMWF Council, at its 93rd session in December 2018, unanimously authorised me to extend the Co-operation Agreement between ECMWF and ACMAD with wording identical to that now in force but with an amended clause (g).

I attach the new agreement and look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Dr Lamptey

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