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**AFRICAN CENTRE OF METEOROLOGICAL APPLICATIONS  
FOR DEVELOPMENT (ACMAD)**

**REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF  
THE ACMAD BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**UNECA/ADDIS-ABABA 22 - 23 APRIL 1994**

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Sixth meeting of the Board of Governors of the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development ACMAD was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 - 23 April 1994 to review the activities of the Centre during the last year, approve its programme for 1994-1996 and discuss strategies for mobilizing resources for the operations of the Centre.

2. Board members from Algeria, Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, Malawi, Niger and Nigeria participated in the meeting. Angola, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire and Mauritius were unable to attend. ECA, WMO, UNDP and the OAU also participated as ex-officio members. The list of participants is given in annexe 3.

### Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

3. The meeting was opened by H.E. Layashi Yaker, United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and Chairman of the Board. In his opening remarks he welcomed the new members of the Board, following UNECA/CM resolution 755 (May 1993). He informed the BOARD of the nomination of Mr. Idrissa ALSO, newly appointed Director of the Meteorological Service of Niger, (Host country), as the Vice Chairman of the BOARD in replacement of Mr. M.Y. BOULAMA. He, further, assured Mr. Idrissa ALSO of his full support during this session and looked forward to his special contribution, as ACMAD Host country representative and Vice Chairman of the BOARD, to the implementation of ACMAD Programme.

He pointed out that there were two main priority pre-occupations for this meeting, namely a review of the implementation of the work programme of the Centre since the last meeting and the mobilization of resources for its operations.

4. He recalled that in establishing the Centre member States decided that their annual contributions would cover the recurrent budget of the Centre. The international community was to be approached to support capital investment and manpower development. However, most Partners in Development had made it clear that their support for the Centre will depend on the importance that African countries showed in the Centre by ratifying its statutes and paying their contributions. As of now, only very few countries had met their pledges and the Centre was finding it increasingly difficult, even to pay its skeleton staff. For the same reason, the Centre could not recruit the core staff as was recommended by the fifth meeting of the Board. To make matters worse, assistance already pledged by some donors has not been forthcoming.

5. The members of the Board were reminded that at the last meeting they took it upon themselves to ensure that their countries paid their contributions. They were also to carry out resource mobilization campaigns in their respective subregions. Although some of them had ensured that their countries met their obligations, they still have to intensify their resource mobilization campaign until every country had honoured its obligations. The future of the Centre, he emphasized, depended on the efforts that members made to improve the situation. Long-term planning for the Centre could not be carried out without addressing the resource mobilization problem. He stressed that external support could be attracted if the African Institutions attempt to support themselves.

6. On the more positive side, he noted that ACMAD was presently featuring very prominently in the on-going negotiations for the elaboration of the African Instrument of the International Convention to Combat Desertification, particularly in Africa. This was evidence that the Centre could play a key role in the

implementation of the climate and weather-related programmes of Agenda 21. It is therefore the responsibility of members to make it a Centre of excellence.

7. He informed the meeting that the two agencies sponsoring the Centre, namely, UNECA and WMO, continued to do their utmost within the constraints of their budgets to support the Centre. On several occasions, WMO had borne the cost of many coordinating meeting and sensitization missions to Partners in addition to direct technical support and resource mobilization efforts. UNECA on its part had also provided administrative, technical as well as financial support to the Centre. The Secretary-General of WMO and himself had made it their point to promote support for the Centre each time the opportunity offered itself since their first meeting during the last BOARD session in Nairobi (Feb. 93).

But he regretted that the response of the majority of the member states is far from expectation. He informed the BOARD that he intends to send a special communication to the Member states to appraise them of the situation and request them to respond positively to the critical financial situation faced by ACMAD.

8. The assistance provided by UNEP to the Centre, within the context of the Climate Network of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, was recognized. This had helped the Centre to carry out a study on climate impacts in the region which is now being published. He also expressed his gratitude to those countries that had, in addition to paying their contributions, seconded senior professional staff to ACMAD for short periods. This had made it possible for the Centre to implement a number of programmes and proved to our partners that we can take up a challenge in capacity building using our meagre resources for the benefit of Africa Development while contributing to the World climate Watch.

## II PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

### Agenda item 2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

9. After amendments to highlight the resource mobilization strategies, the meeting adopted its as agenda shown below.

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
3. Matters arising from the fifth Board meeting (Nairobi, February 1993).
4. Report of the Director-General of ACMAD on the Status of implementation of ACMAD Programme as at 30 April 1994.
5. ACMAD Work Programme and Budget for 1994 - 1996.
6. Statutory matters: Revision of the Staff Rules and Regulations.
7. (a) Strategies for the mobilization of resources.  
  
(b) Preparation of the Second ACMAD Partners Conference.
8. Any other matters.
9. Date and venue of the next meeting.
10. Adoption of the Report.
11. Closure of the meeting.

Agenda item 3. Matters arising from the fifth Board meeting  
(Nairobi, February 1993)

10. The Director-General of ACMAD identified issues from the last meeting that required follow-up actions and reported to the meeting what had been done. Issues reviewed included the following:

(a) Dissemination of ACMAD Products

11. ACMAD products were disseminated regularly using the telefax possibilities, the Meteorological Data Dissemination (MDD) by the European Meteorological satellite (EUMETSAT) within the WMO World Weather Watch (WWW). The product are also disseminated for the whole of Africa to the general public through "Radio France International" on a daily basis.

(b) Reserve Fund

12. This reserve fund was not yet established due to the lack of resources from the member States.

(c) Recruitment of Permanent Staff

13. Due to lack of resources arising from the low level of contribution from member States, no permanent staff was recruited.

(d) Establishment of Working Group to update ACMAD  
Staff rules and regulations

14. This working group was not established because of financial resource constraints and the lack of local expertise on the matter. An appeal was made to UNECA to assist with the required expertise to carry out the exercise.

(e) ACMAD Work Programme

15. The ACMAD Programme established in 1989 was reviewed by many specialists, institutions and representatives of member States. A co-ordinating meeting between UNECA, WMO and ACMAD was held in November 1993, and a draft ACMAD Work Programme for 1994-1996 was developed. This was now being submitted for review and approval by the Board under agenda item 5.

(f) Contributions to the regular budget of the Centre

16. Efforts to collect the contributions of member States during this period were not very fruitful. Although 23 Countries have ratified and 18 have confirmed that the process is in progress out of these only 11 have payed some of their contributions. But Ethiopia and Niger had met all their obligations up to the year 1994. However, all member States had renewed their commitments to the Centre and some have suggested that further sensitization of their Government at the highest level by UNECA and WMO should be pursued . In addition it is to be noted that the Member states have reaffirmed their strong commitments to the goals and objectives of ACMAD by their voluntary contribution in seconding many of their senior professional staff to the Centre for periods up to 3 months (30 countries have done so during 92/93).

(g) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UNECA and WMO for the implementation of the ACMAD Programme

17. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ECA and WMO was made available to the Board for information. However, in the discussions that arose, members supported the idea of strengthening the collaboration between the two agencies in their assistance to ACMAD and suggested that their collaborative activities should focus on the issues of resource mobilization from member States and from Africa's partners in development.

Agenda item 4. Report of the Director-General of ACMAD on the Status of implementation of ACMAD Programme as at 30 April 1994

18. The Director-General presented his report on the activities of the Centre since the last meeting. Areas covered included:

- (a) A Summary of the main operational activities undertaken
- (b) A situation of the ratification and financial contributions as at 30/04/94
- (c) A new approach in programme implementation through voluntary contributions of Member states by seconding to the Centre senior professional staff for short periods.
- (d) A financial situation of the Centre at 30/04/94.

19. In addition to the operational activities in medium-range weather forecasting for Africa (preparation and dissemination), the main activities were:

- (i) On the job-training in the interpretation of the Numerical weather product, tropical meteorology and new technological development.
- (ii) Strengthening the support and the collaboration of UNECA, WMO and UNEP and many partners which yielded two important resolutions namely ECA Resolution 755 (XXVII) (May 1993) and WMO resolution 10/2 (June 1993) with reference to the ACMAD Programme implementation and resources mobilisation.
- (iii) Negotiation of collaboration with PARTNERS'S "global facilities" specialized in climate forecasting and applications development. This action yielded two long term training fellowships in USA (9 months) and the co-sponsoring of two workshops in climate prediction to be organised during 1994/1995.

- (iv) In collaboration with the Niger Meteorological service, ACMAD hosted the WMO meeting for Africa on climate matters (2-7 April 94). It also organised with the contribution of UNEP and WMO a workshop on seasonal forecasting attended by professionals of 15 countries (from 8 to 30 April 1994).
- (v) Sensitization of potential partners with the view to promote ACMAD achievements and the preparation of the Second ACMAD partners Conference;
- (vi) Evaluation by UNECA and WMO of the progress made by ACMAD and identification of the main constraints after two years of operational activities (three evaluation reports have been published by UNECA and WMO);
- (vii) Completion of a Climate Impact study on Africa within the AMCEN Climatology Network, which is now being published by UNECA and UNEP;
- (viii) Production of a draft Programme of Work for 1994-1996 after consultations and expert reviews of the initial ACMAD Programme of 1989 and holding of the 4th a co-ordination meeting on ACMAD between UNECA and WMO (Addis-Ababa November 1993);
- (ix) Launching of the new initiative for the strengthening of ACMAD management through secondment of team leaders to the Centre for long periods of 12 months and beyond as special contribution of the member States to the implementation of the ACMAD programme, pending the availability of funds for the recruitment of the core permanent professional staff.

20. The detailed financial situation for the periods 1992/1994 with the commitments up to 30/4/1994 was given in detail thanks to the technical contribution, in financial management, made by the UNECA/MULPOC Bureau of Niamey, during the whole financial period. The Board noted that, the 1994 financial contributions of Ethiopia(21,000 US\$), will even out the income and expenditure of the Centre for the present period which ends on 30/04/1994. This clear financial situation was due to the fact that no important commitments were made by ACMAD without available cash. The member States contribution in cash amounted to 25% of the authorized budget expenditure. Happily, the voluntary contribution in kind through secondment of senior professional staff reached 215 M/M, thanks to this new ACMAD approach in the programme implementation which was supported by 30 African countries and a number of partners. In fact, the contribution of 80 senior professional staff for periods up to 3 months to the ACMAD Programme Implementation was equivalent to 10 permanent senior professionals per year.

21. The meeting took note of the annual report and commended the Director General for the achievements made by the Centre. It expressed appreciation for the special voluntary contributions made by the member States through the secondment of senior professional staff to the Centre.

It further thanked all those members who had met the assessed financial contribution to the Centre and encouraged those who pledged contributions and requested them to expedite the payment taking into consideration the serious financial problems faced by the Centre.

It Also expressed its gratitude to the sponsoring Institutions (UNECA and WMO) and to the partners in development for their valuable contribution to the operations of the Centre and in assisting the promotion of ACMAD programmes.

The BOARD recommended that the Director-General should take appropriate steps to create effective working relationships with all relevant regional and sub-regional institutions for an efficient and economical implementation of ACMAD activities. In particular, strong relationships should be developed with the sub-regional economic groupings such as IOC, CILSS, IGADD, SADC, ECOWAS, UMA, and the technical institutions such as AGRHYMET and the Drought Monitoring Centres (DMC).

The BOARD further recommended that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be finalised as soon as possible by the representative of the two secretariats (UNECA and WMO) by developing the collaborative mechanism more strongly and more clearly for the benefit of the PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION of the ACMAD PROGRAMME and the resource mobilization.

Following the message of good wishes to the BOARD by Prof. G.O.P. OBASI, Secretary General of WMO, the BOARD impressed its strong appreciation to the efforts made by WMO and wished that the forthcoming signature of the MOU between UNECA and WMO will further strengthen the existing collaboration by the two secretariats for the benefit of ACMAD.

Agenda item 5. ACMAD Work Programme and Budget for 1994 - 1996

22. The Director-General presented the ACMAD programme of work and budget for the period 1994 - 1996, and highlighted the main activities to be conducted by the Centre during this period. These activities are divided into tasks with each task covering a spectrum of related activities with an implementation strategy.

23. The Board approved the Proposed Programme of Work 1994-1996 given in Annex I to this report. However, in implementing this work Programme, the Board recommended that ACMAD should:

- a) Formulate projects for each of the four tasks and implement the different activities as resources are made available.
- b) Take stock of the related activities of other institutions in Africa to avoid duplication and find out "who is doing what" in ACMAD related activities in Africa.
- c) Make full use of the existing African Institutions for the implementation of the ACMAD Programme of Work and, as appropriate decentralise some of its activities to be performed within special agreements.

24. The BOARD noted that the budget estimates for the financial period 1994-1996 is of the same level and the same detailed line expenditures as that of financial year 93/94, with a total amount of 998.800 US\$ per year.

The BOARD appreciated the sound financial management developed by ACMAD in collaboration with ECA/MULPOC Niamey. It also recommended that existing support from the ECA/MULPOC Niamey for the financial management of its Centre be continued and urged the member States

to meet their financial contributions in time in order to enable full operation of the Centre. The board approved the proposed budget for the financial period 1994/1996 as attached in Annex II to the report.

25. With reference to the implementation strategy of the adopted ACMAD PROGRAMME OF WORK 94-96 and the appeal made for assistance, UNDP indicated that within the limits of the resources available, it has made a commitment to support the two DROUGHT MONITORING CENTRES (DMCs) of HARARE and NAIROBI to the tune of US\$ 500.000 (five hundred thousands) within the context of global efforts to combat drought and desertification, this amount is for both Centres. The BOARD appreciated very much the valuable and timely assistance for the DMCs, and confirmed to the UNDP representative that any assistance to any ACMAD PARTNER INSTITUTION or related Project in AFRICA is indeed a contribution to the implementation of ACMAD PROGRAMME of WORK.

**Agenda item 6. Statutory matters**

26. The Director-General presented a report pertaining to the implementation of the Staff Rules and Regulations of the Centre. He identified the main problems encountered after three years of operation and suggested that the revision of these staff rules and regulations be carried out by an expert in the field which could be made available to the Centre by UNECA specialised Unit.

27. The Director general reported on the special impact the devaluation of the host country local currency had had on the salaries of the staff including those seconded by member States. He also reported on the temporary measures taken pending the decision of the ACMAD BOARD of Governors (letter to the Chairman of the BOARD dated 25/01/1994 ref.94/031/MSB/ACMAD).

28. The Board recommended that, within the framework of the rationalization of UNECA sponsored institutions, the revision of the staff rules and regulations should be carried out with the objective to streamline those regulations, make entitlements financially affordable by the member States and easily implementable, keeping in mind the interest of the staff of the Centre. Further the ECA should assist the Centre in the revision of its staff rules and regulations to be considered by the next Board meeting scheduled for November 1994.

29. Pending the final approval of the revised ACMAD staff rules and regulations, the Board decided that as of "01 January 1994":

- a) The salary scale and the family allowances of the locally recruited permanent staff would be quoted in F CFA currency at the United Nations Conversion rate of December 1993 (296 FCFA/US\$).
- b) An increment of 25% (twenty five per cent) of the salaries paid in December 1993 to the locally recruited permanent staff as an adjustment in response to the inflation induced by the devaluation of the FCFA.
- c) An increment of 20% (twenty percent) of the daily subsistence allowance (1993 rate) paid by ACMAD to the seconded professional staff as an adjustment in response to the inflation induced by the devaluation of the FCFA.
- d) To freeze the post-adjustment indemnity to its current rate of 54% (fifty four percent) of the basic salary for the internationally recruited permanent professional staff.

**Agenda item 7. Strategies for the mobilization of resources and preparation of the second ACMAD PARTNERS Conference**

30. The Board recognized that, as of now, ACMAD's internal resources needed to be complemented by external inputs. It also recalled that the Centre, with its limited resources, had made significant impact in capacity building which the International Community should be made aware of. The International Community should also recognize that the Centre's activities significantly contribute to international efforts towards sustainable development. Hence, The Board requested all concerned to launch an effective public awareness campaign to convince partners in development to actively support the Centre and provide it with the opportunity to develop its potential for the benefit of member States and the International Community and it recommended that:

i) All Board members play more active role in the affairs of the Centre; they should encourage their respective countries to pay regularly their annual contributions; ratify the ACMAD constitution, maintain regular contacts with their counterparts within the subregion they represent, and inform them of the status of the implementation of ACMAD Programmes;

ii) The Ministers of Economic Planning involve the various ministries in their respective countries in promoting the objectives of ACMAD and solicit their support to the Centre;

iii) Contacts be initiated with potential partners in Africa including NGO's, relevant institutions and universities to establish working relationships with such bodies with a view to utilizing their capabilities for the progress of ACMAD.

31. The BOARD urged that ACMAD, UNECA and WMO secretariats should, individually and collectively, approach the various partners in development to inform them of the efforts made by some member States to pay their annual contributions and more importantly the steps taken by a large number of member States to second their technical staff to the Centre. Despite the prevailing economic difficulties faced by these countries, positive steps have been taken by Member states so the International Community should now lend its full support to ACMAD PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION by new resources commitments.

32. The Board expressed the need for ACMAD to generate additional resources within as this would attract assistance for the Centre from partners in development.

It endorsed the proposal to hold a PARTNERS Conference before the end of 1994 for mobilizing resources for the implementation of ACMAD Programme and in particular, emphasized the need:

- a) for Niger, as the host country of the Centre, WMO, UNECA and ACMAD to work together to plan and mobilize financial support for the conference and to make the conference a success;
- b) to launch immediately sensitization and promotional activities for the purpose of the conference; and
- c) to prepare project profiles and documents based on the approved Programme of Work for prior distribution to prospective donors; the ACMAD secretariat should assess the reactions of the various PARTNERS in Development on the proposals and their intention to provide support for the implementation of the various projects prior to holding the conference.

**Agenda item 8. Any other matters**

33. Despite the fact that the Board was aware of the financial constraints faced by the Centre, it emphasized that documentation for the Board meetings should be available in time and in both language (French and English) so as to allow:

- a) the members to study the issues to be considered by the Board before the meeting and
- b) equal participation of every member to the deliberation of the BOARD.

**Agenda item 9. Date and venue of the next meeting**

34. The Director-General suggested that the next meeting of the Board should take place in Gaboronne, Botswana, during the Eleventh Session of the WMO/Africa Regional Association which is planned from 14-25 November 1994. The rationale for this was that all the members of the Board will be present at no cost to ACMAD and this would also be an opportunity for the Executive Secretary of ECA and chairman of the Board to address the session on the ACMAD Programme and to consult with the Secretary General of WMO.

35. The Board accepted the proposal. The Chairman will consult with the Government of Botswana, host country of the WMO/RAI session, and confirm the date of the 7th session of the Board.

**Agenda item 10. Adoption of the Report**

36. After going through all the Agenda item, of the draft report some improvement were brought and the meeting adopted unanimously the report. The BOARD requested the Secretariat to finalise the report and disseminate it to all the members.

**Agenda item 11. Closure of the meeting.**

The meeting was closed by Mr. Layashi Yaker, Chairman of the ACMAD BOARD of GOVERNORS.

37. In his closing remarks, the Executive Secretary of UNECA, has first of all thanked all the members of the BOARD for the job well done by this important African Institution. He congratulated its Director General for the achievements made despite the financial difficulties thanks to a new approach in ACMAD programme implementation through voluntary member states contributions.

38. He appreciated the ongoing collaboration between UNECA and the WMO under the leadership of his brother Prof. G.O.P. OBASI, very well represented at this session of the BOARD by Mr. W. DEGEFU Regional Director for Africa. He wished that this collaboration will be further strengthened with the implementation of the MOU between the two Institutions. He also thanked the Government of Niger, ACMAD Host country, represented by Mr. Idrissa ALSO, who by chairing part of the session, has effectively and efficiently contributed to its success.

39. His high appreciation went to UNDP, who by its financial contribution to African Institutions and its commitments along with UNECA and WMO in Capacity Building will enhance the implementation of the ACMAD PROGRAMME. Mr. Layashi Yaker has also thanked all the other members of the BOARD, and informed them that he will report on their deliberations and expressed needs to the actual session of the Conference of Ministers. He finally thanked the Ethiopian Meteorological Services, the Interpreters and the different specialised Units of UNECA Secretariat with a special mention for the NIAMEY based MULPOC for their special and permanent contribution for the success of ACMAD PROGRAMME.

40. Mr. Layashi Yaker has instructed the Secretariat and ACMAD Management :

- to send this report of the BOARD to all the members within the resource mobilization campaign and contribution of Member states to the sustainability of this much needed African Institution.
- to take all the necessary measures to organise the ACMAD PARTNERS CONFERENCE by using all the means at our disposal to make from the Conference a success in resource mobilization.
- to promote the ACMAD PROGRAMME using every appropriate forum, highlighting its role for a sustainable development of Africa but also as an African long term contribution to the World Climate Watch and environment monitoring.

41. Concerning the ratification of the ACMAD Constitution and the payment of the financial contributions, Mr. Yaker suggested that ACMAD Management should only request the payment of the arrears as from the ratification year by each Member state, and there was a general consensus on this issue. He directed ACMAD Secretariat to launch a special study, with the support of UNECA and WMO secretariats, in order to identify other ways and means and new mechanisms of Member states Contribution and resources commitments.

42. Finally, Mr Layashi YAKER, strongly supported the recommendation made by the BOARD to hold its 7<sup>th</sup> session in GABORONNE, BOTSWANA, in November 1993 in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the WMO Regional Association for AFRICA (RAI). In fact, after hosting the first Presidential forum for the development of Science in AFRICA, sponsored by the President of BOTSWANA, this country has become the ideal place for the promotion of Scientific PROGRAMMES like ACMAD.



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LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES,**

Notant que le rapport de la cinquiesme reunion du Conseil d'Administration du Centre africain pour l'Application de la Meteorologie au Developpement (ACMAD), tenue a Nairobi en fevrier 1993 a ete examine par la septieme reunion du Comite regional intergouvernemental mixte des etablisements humains et de l'environnement,

Notant avec appreciation que le Centre a maintenu un taux appreciable d'exécution de programmes, grace en partie aux contributions de plusieurs Etats membres et de certains partenaires de developpement de l'Afrique, en application de la resolution 741 (XXVII) du 22 avril 1992,

Notant en outre avec une grande appreciation que le Groupe des Etats d'Afrique, des Caraibes et du Pacifique a exprime son desir d'appuyer le Centre,

Rappelant la resolution 621 (XII) du 24 avril 1987 qui a adopte les Statuts du Centre et en particulier l'article 5 sur la nomination des membres du Conseil d'Administration et l'article 11 sur l'assistance a fournir par la Commission economique pour l'Afrique et l'Organisation Meteorologique Mondiale au Centre,

Ayant a l'esprit la necessite d'élargir le parrainage institutionnel du Centre, de façon a élargir aussi sa base de mobilisation de ressources,

Expriment son appreciation a l'Organisation Meteorologique Mondiale, au Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement et a l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture pour l'appui precieux qu'ils ont apporte jusque-la au Centre,

Consciente de la necessite de faire en sorte que le coût de fonctionnement du Centre soit entierement a la charge de tous les Etats membres, afin de realiser les principaux objectifs concernant la mise en oeuvre de l'Agenda 21,

Consciente de la responsabilite qui lui incombe d'examiner periodiquement la composition du Conseil d'Administration du Centre,

1. Decide que les membres actuels du Conseil d'Administration sont les suivants: Afrique du Nord: Algérie, Maroc; Afrique de l'Ouest: Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Nigeria, Afrique Centrale: Burundi, Congo; Afrique Australe: Angola, Malawi, Maurice; Afrique de l'Est: Ethiopie, Kenya.

2. Exhorte les Etats membres, dans leurs relations avec leurs partenaires de developpement, a preconiser un appui accru au Centre;

3. Prie instamment les Etats membres qui sont membres du groupe des Etats d'Afrique, des Caraibes et du Pacifique et qui ont ratifie les statuts du Centre pour l'application de la meteorologie, d'appuyer les propositions de projet du dit Centre presentees au secretiariat des ACP, par l'intermediaire du representant du Fonds Europeen de developpement dans leurs pays et de tenir informees la Commission et l'Organisation Meteorologique Mondiale;

4. Demande aux Etats membres qui ne l'ont pas encore fait, de ratifier les statuts du Centre et d'honorer leurs contributions financieres;

5. Lance un appel au Secrétaire Général de l'Organisation Meteorologique Mondiale, au Directeur executif du Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement et au Directeur Général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture afin qu'ils renforcent leur appui au Centre en vue de la mobilisation des ressources financieres, scientifiques et techniques necessaires a la mise en oeuvre des programmes de recherche et autres du Centre ;

6. Demande au Secrétaire Exécutif de la Commission et au Secrétaire Général de l'Organisation Meteorologique Mondiale d'envisager la possibilite d'un coparrainage du Centre par les deux organisations;

7. Prie le Secrétaire Général de l'Organisation Meteorologique Mondiale d'envisager favorablement l'apport d'un appui financier pour renforcer son assistance technique au Centre, avec les moyens dont elle dispose;

8. Demande en outre au Secrétaire executif de la Commission et au Secrétaire général de l'Organisation Meteorologique Mondiale, d'organiser, en collaboration avec le pays hôte, une deuxieme reunion des bailleurs de fonds pour mobiliser des fonds en faveur de Centre.

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METEOROLOGICAL APPLICATIONS FOR  
DEVELOPMENT**

#### **THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS**

Aware that the report of the fifth meeting of the Board of Governors of the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD), held in Nairobi in February 1993, was reviewed by the seventh meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Regional Committee on Human Settlements and Environment.

Noting with appreciation that the Centre has maintained an appreciable level of programme delivery, thanks in part to the contributions of many member States and some development partners of Africa in the implementation of resolution 741 (XXVII) of April 1992,

Further noting with much appreciation that the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of countries has expressed willingness to support the Centre,

Recalling its resolution 621 (XXII) adopting the constitution of the Centre and particularly Article 5 on the nomination of the members of the Board of the Governors and Article 11 on the assistance to be provided by the Commission and the World Meteorological Organization to the Centre.

Mindful of the need to broaden the institutional sponsorship of the centre in order to equally broaden its resource mobilisation base.

Expressing its appreciation to the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Environmental Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the valuable support that they have been providing to the Centre so far.

Aware of the need to ensure that the running cost of the Centre are fully supported by all the member states in order to meet the main objectives of implementation of Agenda 21,

Cognizant of its responsibility to periodically review the membership of the Board of Governors of the Centre,

**United Nations Economic  
Commission For Africa**

**Conference of Ministers  
E/CCA/CN 19/18 May 1993**

1. Decides that the present membership of Board of Governors is as follows: North Africa: Algeria, Morocco; West Africa: Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Niger; Central Africa: Burundi, Congo; Southern Africa: Angola, Malawi, Mauritius; Eastern Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya.

2. Urges member States in their relations with their development partners, to advocate greater support to the Centre;

3. Further urges member States which are members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group and have ratified the constitution of the Centre to support its project submission to the ACP Secretariat through the representative of European Development fund in their country and keep the Commission and the World Meteorological Organization informed;

4. Calls upon member States to ratify the constitution of the Centre if they have not yet done so and meet their financial obligations;

5. Calls upon the Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environmental Programme and the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization to strengthen their support to the Centre in the mobilization of financial, scientific and technical resources necessary for the implementation of the research and other programmes of the Centre;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization to consider the possibility of the two agencies co-sponsoring the Centre;

7. Further requests the Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization to favourably consider channeling financial support and for enhancing its technical assistance to the Centre with available means at its disposal;

8. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization, in collaboration with the host country to organize a second donors meeting to mobilize resources for the Centre.

285th session, May 04/1993

**WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION**  
( W . M . O )

**THE AFRICAN CENTRE OF METEOROLOGICAL APPLICATIONS APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT AU DEVELOPPEMENT**  
( A . C . M . A . D )

Resol.10/2 EC-XLV: on ACMAD

**THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,**

**NOTING:**

- 1) Resolution 24 (EC-XXXIX) on ACMAD
- 2) Resolution 755 (XXVIII) adopted in May 1993 by the Conference of Ministers of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in which appreciation was expressed for the useful contribution of WMO to the implementation of ACMAD activities,

Noting Further with appreciation that the Centre has been providing operational products to the African countries as a result of the contributions of several ECA Member States and some development partners of Africa,

Recognizing the vital role of the World Meteorological Organization in the implementation of UNCED decisions, particularly those related to Agenda 21, the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the proposed Convention on Desertification and the need to strengthen WMO's collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations and institutions in this respect;

Having Reviewed the appeal of the ECA Conference of Ministers to the WMO for further support to ACMAD to enable the Centre to play a major role in, among others, the implementation of the relevant part of Agenda 21, the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the proposed Convention on Desertification, as well as in the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR);

1. Reaffirms WMO's strong commitment to the goals and objectives of ACMAD;

2. Expresses its full support for ECA Resolution 755 (XXVIII) on ACMAD;

3. Expresses Also its appreciation to the CEA Member States and the WMO Members who have contributed towards the implementation of the Centre;

4. Urges all Members of WMO to continue supporting the full functioning and further development of ACMAD activities through whatever means possible;

5. Requests the Secretary - General to strengthen WMO's assistance to the Centre in the mobilization of financial, scientific and technical resources necessary for its effective operation;

6. Authorises the Secretary - General to continue working closely with the Executive Secretary of ECA to implement, as appropriate this resolution and the relevant parts of ECA Conference of Ministers Resolution 755 (XXVIII).

**ORGANISATION METEOROLOGIQUE MONDIALE**  
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**CENTRE AFRICAIN POUR LES DE LA METEOROLOGIE**

( A . C . M . A . D )

Resol.10/2 EC-XLV: pour ACMAD

**LE CONSEIL EXECUTIF,**

**NOTANT:**

- 1) Sa résolution 24 (EC-XXXIX) sur l'ACMAD,

2) La résolution 755 (XXVIII), adoptée en Mai 1993 par la Conférence des Ministres de la Commission Economique des Nations Unies pour l'Afrique (CEA) dans laquelle l'OMM était remerciée de sa précieuse contribution à la mise en oeuvre des activités de l'ACMAD.

Notant en outre avec satisfaction que le Centre a fourni des produits opérationnels aux pays africains, grâce aux contributions de plusieurs Etats Membres de la CEA et de certains partenaires du développement de aux pays l'Afrique,

Reconnaissant que l'Organisation Météorologique Mondiale joue un rôle vital dans le suivi des décisions de la CNUED, en particulier celles relatives au programme Action 21, à la Convention-cadre sur les changements climatiques et au projet de convention sur la désertification, et qu'elle doit renforcer sa collaboration en la matière avec les organisations et institutions régionales et internationales compétentes,

Ayant étudié l'appel lancé par la Conférence des Ministres de la CEA pour que l'OMM renforce son appui au Centre afin que celui-ci puisse jouer un rôle majeur dans, notamment, l'exécution des parties pertinentes du programme Action 21, de la Convention-cadre sur les changements climatiques, du projet de convention sur la désertification ainsi que des activités relevant de la Décennie internationale de la prévention des catastrophes naturelles,

1. Réaffirme le profond attachement de l'OMM au buts et objectifs de l'ACMAD;

2. Exprime son plein appui à la résolution CEA 755 (XXVIII) relative à l'ACMAD;

3. Exprime aussi sa gratitude aux Etats Membres de la CEA et aux Membres de l'OMM qui ont concouru à la création du Centre;

4. Prie instamment tous Membres de l'OMM de continuer à aider l'ACMAD à fonctionner à plein à développer ses activités, par tous les moyens possibles;

5. Demande au Secrétaire Général d'intensifier l'appui que l'OMM apporte au Centre dans la mobilisation des ressources financières, scientifiques et techniques dont il a besoin pour fonctionner efficacement;

6. Autorise le Secrétaire Général à continuer comme il se doit d'oeuvrer, en collaboration étroite avec le Secrétaire Exécutif de la CEA, pour mettre en oeuvre cette résolution et les parties pertinentes de la résolution 755 (XXVIII) de la Conférence des Ministres de la CEA.