

**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 41<sup>st</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> session (December 1998)  
(ECMWF/C/49/M(98)2 Amend. 1 para. 201),  
extended by Council at its 59<sup>th</sup> session (December 2003)  
(ECMWF/C/59/M(03)2 para. 173)  
extended by Council at its 80<sup>th</sup> session (December 2013)  
(ECMWF/C/80(13)M Rev.1 para.168)  
extended by Council at its 93<sup>rd</sup> session (December 2018)  
(ECMWF/C/93(18)M para. 147)  
extended by Council at its 108<sup>th</sup> session (June 2024)  
(ECMWF/C/108(24)M para. 198)*

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**Subject : CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ACMAD AND ECMWF**

Dear Dr Rabier,

I have the honor to refer to your letter of 9 July 2024 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 Board of Governors of ACMAD, to confirm hereby that the working relationships between ECMWF and ACMAD shall be based on the following:

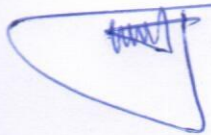
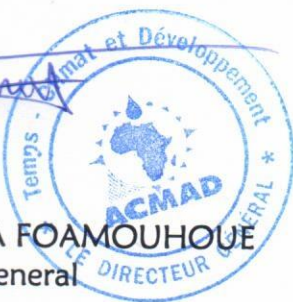
- a) The Directors of the two Centres, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constituent instruments, will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regards to matters of common interest. In particular 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.

- 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 2030. It will be reviewed in due time for approval by both Centres.

Since we understand that this procedure is acceptable to both Centres, we agree that your letter of 9 July 2024 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.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr Kamga Foamouhoue

I am pleased to inform you that the ECMWF Council, at its 108th session in June 2024, 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 Kamga Foamouhoue

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 12 March 2024 regarding collaboration between the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) and the African Centre for Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) and, in accordance with the decisions 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 regard 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 organisations.
- 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 utilisation of Products from ECMWF under the terms of this Agreement shall in no way engage the responsibility of ECMWF.

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- 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.
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Since I understand that this procedure is acceptable to both Centres, I suggest that this letter and your 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 my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely



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