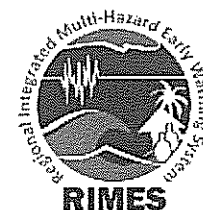


**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MEDIUM-RANGE WEATHER
FORECASTS
AND
THE REGIONAL INTEGRATED MULTI-HAZARD EARLY WARNING
SYSTEM**



The European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (hereinafter referred to as 'ECMWF') and the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (hereinafter referred to as 'RIMES') hereinafter referred to as 'Parties';

NOTING that ECMWF is an international, intergovernmental organisation, established by its Convention which entered into force on 1 November 1975 and was amended on 6 June 2010;

NOTING that RIMES is an international, intergovernmental, non-profit-making entity established on 30 April 2009 under the Agreement on the Cooperation on Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Afro-Asian Region;

NOTING that RIMES concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) concerning co-operation on capacity building for preparedness, mitigation and early warning of natural disasters;

AGREE to co-operate as follows:

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of the present Agreement is to establish a general framework for the exchange of information and of expertise between the Parties.

Article 2

Co-operation Framework

1. RIMES and ECMWF agree that with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constitutional instruments, they will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly on matters of common interest.
2. Both Parties agree to keep each other informed concerning programmes of work and projected activities in which there may be mutual interest.
3. The provision of ECMWF data and products to RIMES and its Member States will be subject to separate project-specific sub-agreements between the Parties.
4. Products from ECMWF which are supplied to the National Meteorological Services of the RIMES Member States 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.
5. RIMES shall provide information regularly to ECMWF on its use and application of ECMWF's products. RIMES agrees to make available each year to ECMWF results of verification studies relating to ECMWF products.
6. Recognizing the vital importance of observational data for weather forecasting, the RIMES 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 RIMES Member States.
7. Data and information made available to ECMWF shall be available also to the Member States and Co-operating States of ECMWF.
8. ECMWF shall not incur any expenses in connection with this collaboration, unless otherwise agreed by the Council of ECMWF.

Article 3

Settlement of Differences

The Parties agree that they have no liability or obligations to each other by virtue of entering into this Agreement. Any differences between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through mutual agreement.

Article 4

Privileges and Immunities

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by ECMWF.


Article 5

Entry into Force, Amendment and Termination

1. This Agreement shall come into force upon the signature by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.
2. This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent. The Party wishing to amend a provision of this Agreement shall notify the other Party in writing. Any amendment shall enter into force when each Party has notified the other in writing of its acceptance of the said amendment in accordance with its own procedure.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party provided that six months' notice is given to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Agreement in two original, authentic copies in English.

For
The European Centre for Medium-Range
Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)



(Professor Alan Thorpe)
Director-General

For
The Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early
Warning System (RIMES)



(Dr Subbiah Arjunapermal)
Director, RIMES

Date: 9/12/11

Date: 8.2.2012.

