



AEMET International Meteorological Cooperation

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Within the framework established by the Spanish Cooperation Master Plan, AEMET maintains development cooperation programs with more than 25% of the NMHS of the WMO, mainly in Iberoamerica, West Africa and the Great Mediterranean Region.

The cooperation with Iberomerica and West Africa is channelled through the respective conferences of the Directors of the NMHS (CIMHET and AFRIMET). Other important programs are MedCOF, SDS-WAS or the support to CIIFEN and ACMAD.

The main area for AEMET international cooperation, for over forty years, is Iberoamerica, taking advantage of the unique framework that provides the cultural and idiomatic heritage. This relationship was formalized in 2003 with the creation of the Iberoamerican Meteorological Cooperation Program and its management authority, the CIMHET, constituted by all 21 NMHSs of Iberoamerica, including Spain and Portugal. The Conference establishes during its annual meetings action plans, which are developed with the participation of WMO.

From the experience, the Program has evolved, giving increasing importance to regional and subregional activities. Currently, the Program has three strategic lines:

- a) Institutional strengthening and resource mobilization
- b) Technical improvement in the provision of weather, hydrological and climate services
- c) Capacity development

Among the above-mentioned lines of action highlights the training, with more than 1,000 pupils of all Latin American NMHSs trained in more than 60 courses and workshops covering both technical and management topics since 2004, the development of 13 NMHSs modernization projects or the planification of virtual regional centers for adverse hydrometeorological phenomena warning.

During these years, CIMHET has been consolidated and provides a forum for dialogue between Iberoamerican NMHSs, recognized by WMO as an example of cooperation and operability.

Also, in the Iberoamerican context there are other networks that bring together at heads on water management and climate change sectors, respectively the Conference of Iberoamerican Directors of Water (CODIA) and the Iberoamerican Network of Climate Change Offices (RIOCC), that, join with CIMHET, they have great potential to carry out joint strategies and activities, comprehensively adressed.

By other hand, since 2007, AEMET and in collaboration with the WMO, is implementing the Program of Cooperation for development of West African NMHSs established by AFRIMET in their meetings, structured along strategic lines and different projects closely aligned with the priority areas of the Global Framework for Climate Services, in particular related with the health, agriculture and food production and coastal waters forecast.

To finance this cooperation, Spain maintains four trust funds in WMO for ACMAD, AFRIMET, CIIFEN and CIMHET.