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## Roving Seminars - West Africa (METAGRI Project)

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**Overview**

The State Agency for Meteorology in Spain (AEMET) and WMO have developed the **METAGRI Project** which provide Roving Seminars on Weather, Climate and Farmers for countries in West Africa (see [background](#) for more information).

In **Phase I** of METAGRI project, 8-10 roving seminars were organized in Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal from Sep 2008 to Jan 2009. After a planning meeting in March 2009, **Phase II** of the METAGRI project was developed to organize an additional 3 roving seminars in the Phase I countries and 8-10 roving seminars in Benin, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinée, Guinée-Bissau, and Togo from July to September 2009. In 2011, **Phase III** of the project was developed to organize an additional 2 roving seminars in Phase I and II countries and expand the seminars to Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Nigeria.



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## Final METAGRI Meetings Evaluation/Communications/New METAGRI-OPS

Bamako, Mali  
26-30 September 2011

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**Background**

With the technical assistance of the National Meteorological Service (DMN) of Mali and the financial support of the State Agency for Meteorology in Spain (AEMET), WMO is managing the METAGRI project according to the mandate expressed at several Action Plans of the Conference of Directors of West African National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS). In the Sal Action Plan, point 2.2 states that the following activities must be performed: an Evaluation Seminar of previous METAGRI Phases, a Communications Seminar, promotion and fund-raising. These activities are under the AEMET Afrimet

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#### Department of Water Resources

##### Legal Status and Mandate

Enacted on the 22nd of February 1979, the National Water Resources Council Act, among other things established the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and mandated to ensure water resources assessment, monitoring and management. The functions and responsibilities of DWR include:

- preparing an inventory of water resources of the nation,
- coordinate the planning of technical requirements of the water resources services,
- preparing plans for investigating the rational management, use, control and protection of water resources,
- collecting, archiving, analysing and disseminating meteorological and hydrological data and products for various human uses,
- serving as the official voice in issuing weather warnings for public safety as well as the national authority and official source of information and policy advice on the present and future state of the atmosphere and other aspects of national weather and climate, in support of development,
- exploring the existence, location and behaviour of underground water and to ascertain the quantity of such underground water and executing and enforcing laws and regulations affecting water. These activities have positive implications for natural resource conservation. The Act also encourages the sustainable use of water resources.

##### Organizational structure

The Department of Water Resources comprises five technical units (Divisions) in addition to Administration and Public Relations, namely: Meteorology, Hydrology, Rural Water Supply, Water Quality Monitoring and Control, and Communications and Data Analysis.

The Department is the lead government institution for the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and also the focal point of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Regional Programme on AGRHYMET (Agriculture, Hydrology and Meteorology) under the Interstate Committee for the Control of Drought in the Sahel (CILSS).

The role of DWR in water resources development and management has a direct effect on overall natural resource management efforts. The following major activities related to water resources monitoring are carried out by the Hydrology Division:

- Discharge measurement
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- Salinity flow measurement
- Groundwater assessment

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Hotel Kenzi Agdal Medina, Marrakesh, Morocco  
Thursday 4 November 2010

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Main Plenary

**Project Objective:** Using mobile phone technology to support a sustainable warning service to reduce vulnerability to weather hazards in the Lake Victoria Region.

**Background:** This pilot builds on work initiated by the Weather Information for All (WIFA) project. The pilot is focused primarily on the communication of forecasts and warnings via mobile phone technology; the project also seeks to address the topic of data ownership, and evaluate the quality of observations installed under WIFA.

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