



# Reports of COMSATS Thematic Group on "Climate Change and Environmental Protection"

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#### Introduction of TG-CCEP





- Decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Council Meeting of COMSATS, Cairo, Egypt
  - □ "Climate Change and Environmental Protection" was identified as one of the Thematic Areas for the future programmes and projects of COMSATS' Network
  - ☐ ICCES was identified as the Lead Institute, with ICNES(Jamaica) and IROST(Iran) as collaborating institutions
- Decisions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Council Meeting of COMSATS, Beijing, China (2008)
  - □ Suggested by Prof. Dr. Sixiong Zhao, ICCES, China, to utilize CAS-TWAS-WMO-Forum as a podium for the foundation meeting of the Thematic Group on 'Climate Change and Environmental Protection'







#### Introduction of TG-CCEP





- Decisions of the 13<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Council Meeting of COMSATS, Trieste, Italy (May, 2010)
  - □ ICCES agreed to arrange capacity building programmes for thematic group on "climate change and environmental protection"
    - Joint international workshop and training courses (CTWF)
    - Exchange of scientists and students (travel grant from CAS,TWAS,COMSATS).
  - ☐ The Meeting issued a communiqué in which commitment was made to start the Thematic Group activities







## **Broad Objectives of TG-CCEP**





- To achieve South-South cooperation by creating linkages among the organizations working in the "climate and environmental sciences" in the developing countries:
  - Joint Research Projects
  - Experts Exchange
  - Knowledge Sharing
  - Capacity Building
    - Short-term (Training Course, Visiting Scientist Program)
    - Long-term (Post graduate Studies; PhD and Master Programs)
  - Sharing of Facilities and Resources

#### Role of ICCES in the TG-CCEP





#### As the lead-Center of TG-CCEP, ICCES will:

- □ Share the ICCES' experience on climate and environmental research with member institutions of TG-CCEP, through:
  - Training course (CAS-TWAS-WMO Forum)
- ☐ Serve as the host institution for:
  - Visiting scientists and Post doctor program (TWAS, COMSASTS)
  - Ph.D. program (CAS, TWAS, COMSATS)
- □ Take the lead to develop the joint research project with other member institutions of TG-CCEP





## **Activities of TG-CCEP (2010-2011)**

- > Foundation Meeting of Thematic Group
- ➤ Proposal for Joint International Collaboration Project from MOST, China











The Foundation Meeting of COMSATS' Thematic Research Group on 'Climate Change and Environmental Protection' was jointly held by COMSATS and ICCES.

**Time:** November 20, 2010

Venue: Foreign Experts Building, Beijing, China.











First Meeting of COMSATS' Thematic Group on "Climate Change and Environmental Protection"

#### Agenda of the Meeting

Venue: 1st Meeting Room, Foreign Experts Building, Beijing

Date: November 20, 2010

#### 1) 0900 - 0925 Opening of the Meeting

- Opening remarks by the Chair of the Meeting, Prof. Lin Zhaohui, Director, ICCES
- Welcome remarks by Prof. Jiang Zhu, Deputy Director of IAP, Member of COMSATS Technical Advisory Committee
- Welcome remarks by Mr. Ali Tallae, Counsellor Technical Affairs, Embassy of Pakistan in China
- Welcome remarks by Mr. Farhan Ansari, on behalf of the Executive Director COMSATS
- 0925 0935 Introduction of COMSATS and its Thematic Groups, by Mr. Farhan Ansari, Assistant Director, COMSATS Headquarters
  - · Brief Introduction of COMSATS
  - . Brief Introduction of Thematic Groups of COMSATS
- 0935 0950 Objectives of the First Meeting of COMSATS' Thematic Group on 'Climate Change and Environmental Protection', by Prof. Dr. Lin Zhaohui, Director, ICCES
  - Brief Introduction of COMSATS' Thematic Group on 'Climate Change and Environmental Protection'
  - · Broad Objectives
  - · Specific Goals (Plan for 3 years)
  - Role of ICCES as the Lead institute of the Thematic Group, and other Collaborating Institutions

#### ♦ 0950 – 1030 Group Photo and Tea Break

- 1030 1230 Brief introduction of the participating organizations objectives, research areas, areas of potential collaboration (15 minutes each)
  - Prof. Dr. Lin Zhaohui, Director, International Center for Climate and Environment Sciences (ICCES), China, (Lead Institution)
  - Dr. Mahmoud Molanejad, Director, IOR-ARC Regional Center for Science and Technology Transfer (RCSTT), Iran

- . Mr. S. H. Kariyawasam, Director, Department of Meteorology, Sri Lanka
- Dr. Amos Makarau, Director, Zimbabwe Meteorological Services Department, Zimbabwe
- Dr. Muhammad Hanif, Director, National Weather Forecasting Center (NWFC), Pakistan Meteorological Department, Pakistan
- Dr. Abdalla Khyar Abdalla El Shobali, Director, Research and Training, Sudan Meteorological Authority, Sudan
- Mr. Muhammad Munir Sheikh, Head Climatology Section, Global Climate Change Impact Studies Center (GCISC), Pakistan
- Mr. Said Rahman, SUPARCO HQs, Pakistan

#### 1230-1400 Lunch Break

- 1400 1500 Brief introduction of the participating organizations objectives, research areas, areas of potential collaboration (15 minutes each)
  - Dr. Joshi Pawan Kumar, Head of department of natural resources, TERI University, India
  - Mr. Ling Leong Kwok, Head of Numerical Weather Prediction Development Section, Malaysian Meteorological Department, Malaysia
  - Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmed Raja, Head of Department, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Pakistan
  - Dr. Rijan Bhakta Kayastha, Assistant Professor, Himalayan Cryosphere, Climate and Disaster Research Center (HiCCDRC), Kathmandu University, Nepal

#### 6) 1500 - 1630 Discussion on the initiation of a Joint Research Project

- Identification of the common thrust areas of the participating institutions in which a joint research project may be initiated
- · Identification of the Collaborating Institutions
- · Title of the research project
- · Distribution of research assignments
- Identification of international partners (e.g. WMO, CAS, TWAS, NAM S&T Centre, etc.)
- 1630 1650 Discussion on organizing a Group meeting of active researchers - year 2011
  - Identification of the Host Institution (preferably on voluntary basis)
  - Tentative date and venue of the meeting
- 8) 1650 1700 Concluding remarks by Prof. Dr. Lin Zhaohui, Director, ICCES

#### 4 18:00 Banquet





- **4** Opening Ceremony:
  - ♣ Prof. Jiang ZHU, TAC Member
  - ♣ Mr. Ali Tallae, Counsellor Technical Affairs, Embassy of Pakistan in China
  - ♣ Mr. Farhan Ansari, on behalf of the Executive Director COMSATS
- **4** Introduction of COMSATS and its Thematic Groups
- **♣** Introduction of objectives of the foundation Meeting of COMSATS' Thematic Group on 'Climate Change and Environmental Protection'
- Introduction of the participating organizations
- Discussion on the initiation of a Joint Research Project
- **4** MOU signing







#### **Participants**

(12 Institutions, 22 Participants)

- **♣** ICCES;
- ♣ IOR-ARC Regional Center for Science and Technology Transfer (RCSTT), Iran;
- ♣ Department of Meteorology, Sri Lanka;
- **♣** Zimbabwe Meteorological Services Department;
- ♣ Pakistan Meteorological Department
- Global climate change impact study center (GCISC);
- **\$\$ SUPARCO HQs**;
- ♣ COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT);
- Sudan Meteorological Authority;
- **♣** Department of natural resources, TERI University;
- Malaysian Meteorological Department;
- ♣ HICCDRC, Nepal









### **Meeting Achievements:**

- ✓ The joint research project has been identified, with the title of:
- "Multi-scale climate variations and its relation with atmospheric circulations "

#### **✓** Participating institutions ( 9 countries):

ICCES; Department of Meteorology, Sri Lanka;

Zimbabwe Meteorological Services Department;

PMD&GCISC, Pakistan; RCSTT, Iran;

TERI University, India; Malaysian Meteorological Department;

Sudan Meteorological Authority; HICCDRC, Nepal

More participating institutions from COMSATS member countries through COMSATS network











Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

## **Meeting Achievements:**

✓ Most of the participants, on behalf of their organizations, signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and as a result became Members of COMSATS' Thematic Research Group on 'Climate Change and Environmental Protection'

✓ Tentatively agreed on the venue and time for the upcoming 2011 Second Group meeting.



## 2. Proposal for Joint Project from MOST, China





**Project Title:** "Extreme weather and climate events and its mechanism under changing climate"

#### **4**Domestic participants:

- ➤ International Center for Climate and Environment Sciences (ICCES)
- ➤ National Meteorological Information Center, China
- ➤ Research Institution of Meteorological Science, Yunnan Province

#### **4**International Partnership

- **COMSATS**
- ➤ Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC), Pakistan
- > HAII, Thailand





## 2. Proposal for Joint Project from MOST, China





#### **Research Focus:**

- ◆To analyze the basic facts of climate change during the past 40 years among COMSATS member countries based on the observation data;
- ◆To investigate the characteristics of extreme weather and climate events (including spatial and spatial distribution, amplitude, frequency etc.) and its related atmospheric general circulations by using the long-term meteorological observation datasets;
- ◆To explore the possible linkage of extreme climate events between different regions and related atmospheric circulation anomalies;
- ◆To reveal the relationship between South and East Asia monsoon, and further to investigate the possible affects of South Asian monsoon on extreme weather and climate events over East Asia;
- ◆To investigate the possible mechanism responsible for the extreme climate events through numerical simulation by climate system models, and further to explore the predictability of extreme events.







## **Group Activities of TG-CCEP (2011-2012)**

- > Second Thematic Group Meeting
- > Joint Training Workshop







### 1. Second Thematic Group Meeting





- It's expected that the Second Meeting of COMSATS' TG-CCEP would be jointly organized by COMSATS and ICCES, with participating member CIIT as the host during the ES-DeV meeting in July 2011.
- As the follow-up of the foundation meeting of TG-CCEP in China, the main theme for 2<sup>nd</sup> TG-CCEP will be focus on the project proposed in Oct.2010 in Beijing, with the title of: "Multi-scale climate variations and its relation with atmospheric circulations"
- Other possible project, such as "Green Technology and Energy Security" could be proposed in this meeting.

Proposed Date: July 28,2011

Venue: Abbottabad, Pakistan

#### 2. International Training Workshop

#### **Basic Information:**

1. Theme: Regional Climate Change and Its Impact Assessment"

2.Tentative date: Sep. 26-31, 2011

3. Venue: Beijing

#### **Sponsorship:**

□CAS-TWAS-WMO Forum on Climate Sciences

□Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)

- ☐ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- ☐ Institute of Atmospheric Physics (IAP), CAS
- ☐ International Center for Climate and Environment Sciences (ICCES)











### 2. International Training Workshop





#### **Motivation:**

The aim of the training workshop is not only to reinforce the *capacity* building among young research fellows, but also to provide a *linkage* among the developing countries, and between the developed and developing countries, to share their experiences of management and application in climate area.

#### **Tentative sessions for training course:**

- a) Facts of regional climate changes and the detection techniques
- b) Projection of regional climate change using global and regional climate models
- c) Impact of climate change on regional water resources
- d) Impact of climate change on and agriculture
- e) Application of regional climate model on the regional climate change study







### 2. International Training Workshop





### **Participants**

- **↓** 15 young scientists from COMSATS member countries will be nominated by COMSATS, mainly from those countries who participating the TG-CCEP, and their international travel will be covered by COMSATS and UNESCO
- ♣More than another 15 young scientists from both China and overseas will be nominated by ICCES
- ♣Participants will be selected through their CV and the abstract they submitted to the workshop by the scientific committee of the training workshop
- ♣ All participants should have a **5-minute presentation** during the training workshop, under the theme of one of the five sessions.







#### 3. More could be done





Under the support of COMSATS, CAS, TWAS, there are more could be done:

- ♦ Host the *visiting scholars* from all over the world to work in ICCES, including the visiting scientists under different TWAS fellowship schemes;
- ◆ Provide more opportunities for *Student Exchange* on the platform of COMSATS;
- ◆ Organize more *Training Workshop*for young scientists' research capacity building.



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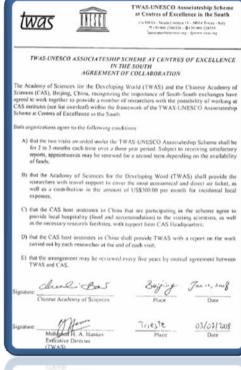






- ICCES will provide research facilities for visiting scientists
- CAS will provide financial support of 5000RMB/Month (~750USD) for living expenses.





Dr. Ana from Nigeria applies on May 17, 2011 to visit ICCES under the TWAS-UNESCO Associateship scheme.



# **COMMENTS & QUESTIONS?**

Thank You!