

**WORKING GROUPS AGENDA, MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2016, 09:30-12:00**

**The Working Group #1** will discuss regional data access and training needs for current and future satellite missions. The Group will discuss in regional groups to allow the feedback to go to the WMO RAI Dissemination Expert Group (RAIDEG) group representatives. Key training resources available to the regions will be highlighted and you will be able to interface with your RAIDEG representative.

<b>WG#1</b>	<b>Regional Data and training needs</b>
09:30	<b>Introduction to the WMO RA-I Data Dissemination Experts Group</b> – RAIDEG Chair <i>Role and purpose of the group and how to inform RAIDEG of you data access needs</i>
09:40	<b>Data access evolution: opportunities and constrains</b> - S. Wannop, EUMETSAT
09:50	<b>Introduction to Regional Satellite Application Training</b> – L-A Simpson, SAWS, M. Higgins EUMETSAT <i>Overview of the current training courses and resources, including WMO competencies</i>
10:00	Discussion group (2 Anglophone and 2 francophone) - Establish contact with the relevant RAIDEG member - Consider data access and tool requirements and challenges - Explore the current training opportunities and needs
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30	Wrap-up of group discussions
12:00	<b>End of session</b>

**The Working Group #2** will discuss the place of Earth Observation within the Africa Union Space Policy and Strategy and how the various initiatives (such as MESA, GMES&Africa, AFriGEOSS and the AMCOMET Regional Space Programme) contribute to this implementaiotn of the AU Space Strategy. The second part of the Working Group will discuss more specifically status of implementation of the GMES&Africa programme.

<b>WG#2</b>	<b>EO policies in Africa and GMES and Africa initiative</b>
09:30	<b>AU Space Policy and Strategy</b> - H. Masheleni, AUC
09:45	<b>AFriGEOSS - status</b> - A. Mlisa, GEO Secretariat
10:00	<b>AMCOMET Regional Space programme</b> - J. R. Mukabana, AMCOMET Secretariat
10:15	<b>MESA activites on Policy: early results and way forward</b> - J. Wasambo, AUC
10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:50	<b>GMES&amp;Africa initiative: status of next steps</b> - M. Kinyua Ndiritu, AUC
11:40	Q&A
12:00	<b>End of session</b>