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Session #1

Working Group #1 - report

Working Group #1 Data Access

- Points for clarification from session 1
 - SADC-CSC – useful presentations: how can regional centres & NMHSs benefit from data, training and data access
 - Explanation on the Data Tailor software
- Data access
 - Which alternative access mechanisms are the best after EUMETCast Satellite?
 - 1) Terrestrial; 2) Data Store – if you want to work with the data; 3) View – pre-processed RGBs and visualised channels
 - What are the additional costs for Terrestrial in addition to network connectivity
 - No specific additional costs, the same PC, software etc. would be needed
 - Are the training needs the same for Terrestrial as for Satellite
 - Yes, system admin experience and data/image interpretation skills will still be required

WG #1 Data Access cont.

- Require support for image interpretation, in particular detection of fog
 - Look at the training material available from recent webinars
 - Take a look at upcoming training events via the Training calendar
- How can MTG help to forecast fog?
 - We expect improvements from the new sensor FCI on MTG
 - Case studies and proxy data (GOES-16/17) can provide some indication of what to expect
- Issues with the current PUMA station, is there anyone to help?
 - We do not have regional network of experts – we have tried to establish this, but each region is different and we have not achieved success yet
- Forecasting dust over Chad an image/RGB does not provide enough information
 - We recommend you take a look at the Dust model output from the Barcelona dust centre.