

Mission Report

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In the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Cooperation for Climate Change Adaptation in West Africa, WMO is assisting Niger National Meteorological Service in re-arranging its paper archives, imaging its climatological paper records and consolidating its national climate database. The project activities started in June during my one month mission in Niger.

One strong recommendation of the previous mission was to refurbish the archives room (ceiling, floor, walls, windows etc.). Following a call for bid, one company was chosen and WMO instructed UNDP Niger to contact the contractor for the refectation which had some difficulties to start.

On 29 September 2015, I received a mail from the responsible of the project team Mr Moussa Mouhaimouni explaining that the PC used to image the paper record has a problem. When turned on, the PC tries to update Windows 8.1 and the system gets stuck at 53% for days.

During my mission from 19 to 23 October 2015, I met with the Director of the National Meteorological Service, Mr Moussa Labo to assess the situation. He listed the following problems and their attempt to solve them:

1. The refectation of the archives room which has finally started and almost finished
2. Agrhymet has been contacted to help restore Windows 8.1 on the PC dedicated to image the paper record but was too busy and could not help.
3. They need more archives boxes to continue the re-organization of the paper archives

1. Archives room

The refectation of the archive room has been completed during my mission and I helped the staff to re-install the shelves, re-arrange the boxes on the shelves compartments. (See Photos of the refurbished archives room on page 3)

A new estimation showed that more archive boxes are need (150 boxes of 100 mm and 100 boxes of 150 mm). Two Pro-forma invoices are attached.

2. Imaging activities

During the mission, the PC hard disk was removed and installed on the Clidata workstation and all the imaged files were recovered. The hard disk was then re-installed on the PC and Windows 8.1 was recovered through the system recovery files. The situation is now back to normal and imaging has resumed.

3. Clidata Database Management System

The New version of Clidata is scheduled to be installed soon with the technical support of Agrhymet.

The 4 data entry PCs, as already mentioned in my previous report, need replacement. Due to frequent power shortages. I suggest to include a Unit of Power Supply (UPS) for each PC and one UPS dedicated for the PC used to image the paper records. Two Pro-forma invoices are attached.

A meeting with the two staff in charge of imaging the data has been organized and the two staff in charge of the imaging are now working hard to catch up with Mali and Burkina.

Visit at ACMAD

I met with the Deputy Director of ACMAD, Dr Lamptey on 28 October 2015 and discuss with him the possibility to retrieve from the microfiches, some missing data (Monthly Climatological Tables - MCTs) for Mali and Burkina. He kindly directed me to Mr. Bachir who promised to research and get back to me as soon as possible.

Conclusion

The mission went fine and all the activities are on track. The data rescue team established in June 2015 is back to work.

Photos of the archives room after refection

