

ATSE Proposal for CAETS/WMO MOU
(e-mail exchanges on this subject)

On Sat, Jul 5, 2014 at 4:29 AM, Michael Manton michael.manton@monash.edu wrote:

Dear Mr Blondin

I am following up the suggestion from Jerry Lengoasa that we should discuss the potential for the development of an MOU between WMO and CAETS. From further discussion with John Zillman, I understand that he and Elena Manaenkova considered this option back in 2006. While it was decided at that time that an informal arrangement would be satisfactory for CAETS participation in WMO Congress, it may be appropriate to establish a more formal arrangement now.

Of course CAETS would be pleased to have a WMO representative at CAETS Council meetings. The GFCS should also provide a substantial platform for further interactions between WMO and CAETS.

I look forward to your views on how to proceed.

Regards

Mike

On Mon, 14 Jul 2014 09:50:24 +0200 Christian Blondin <cblondin@wmo.int> wrote:

Dear Mr Manton,

Thank you for following up on your discussion with Mr Lengoasa. We are indeed preparing a draft MoU. However, it would be of assistance if you can clarify what is the exact legal status of CAETS and who is authorized to sign on its behalf – and who will support any liabilities.

Best regards

Christian BLONDIN

On Tue, Jul 15, 2014 at 12:32 PM, Michael Manton michael.manton@monash.edu wrote:

Dear Mr Blondin

Thank you for your message. CAETS (<http://www.caets.org>) is a non-profit organisation, incorporated in the District of Columbia, USA. I expect that the MOU would be signed by the Executive Secretary, William Salmon, USA, and that liabilities would be supported by the Board of Directors.

I suggest that the main purpose of the MOU is to facilitate opportunities for cooperation of mutual benefit, particularly through the status of permanently invited guests at WMO Congresses and CAETS Council Meetings.

Regards

Mike

Begin forwarded message:

Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2014 14:38:22 +0200

From: Christian Blondin <cblondin@wmo.int>

To: Michael Manton <michael.manton@monash.edu>

Cc: Jerry Lengoasa <jlengoasa@wmo.int>, Brigitta Exterkate <bexterkate@wmo.int>

Subject: Re: wmo and caets

Dear Mr Manton,

Thank you for the clarification.

I would like to invite you to consider the attached draft MoU, and complement your part as well as amend the remaining text to better reflect your intents and expectations.

I would hope that one or two iterations will be sufficient to come with a MoU agreeable to both parties.

Best regards

Christian BLONDIN
Organisation météorologique mondiale - World Meteorological Organization
Directeur – Director, Cabinet du Secrétaire général et Département des Relations Extérieures

Memorandum of Understanding

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made between the Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences (CAETS) and the World Meteorological Organization (“WMO”), collectively and individually hereinafter referred to as the “Parties” and “Party”, respectively,

WHEREAS CAETS is an independent non-political, non-governmental international organization of engineering and technological sciences academies, one member academy per country, with the following objectives:

- Prepared to advise governments and international organizations on technical and policy issues related to its areas of expertise;
- Contribute to the strengthening of engineering and technological activities to promote sustainable economic growth and social welfare throughout the world;
- Foster a balanced understanding of the applications of engineering and technology by the public;
- Provide an international forum for discussion and communication of engineering and technological issues of common concern;
- Foster cooperative international engineering and technological efforts through meaningful contacts for development of programs of bilateral and multilateral interest;
- Encourage improvement of engineering education and practice internationally; and
- Foster establishment of additional engineering academies in countries where none exist.

WHEREAS xxx , [title] of CAETS, is mandated by [reference] to act for CAETS;

WHEREAS the World Meteorological Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations, is recognized as the organization responsible for facilitating international cooperation in the field of meteorology, hydrology and related geophysical services, and promoting the rapid exchange of meteorological information;

WHEREAS Resolution 2 (EC-IV) determines that consultative status may be accorded by WMO to non-governmental international organizations;

CONSIDERING that WMO has considerable interest in cooperation with non-governmental international organizations;

NOW THEREFORE, desiring to establish a mutually beneficial cooperation, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

1. Consultative status is granted to CAETS in accordance with the terms included in this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. The consultative status accords CAETS:

- (i) Entitlement to be represented by an observer without voting rights at sessions of the World Meteorological Organization Congress;
- (ii) The possibility of being invited by the Secretary-General, after consultation with the President of the constituent body concerned, to sessions of the Regional Associations or of the Technical Commissions in which it is interested;
- (iii) Entitlement to present, at these meetings, working documents on items on the agenda of the meeting which are of particular interest to it;

- (iv) Entitlement to propose items for the agenda of the meetings to which it has been invited;
- (v) Entitlement for the observer of the organization in question to speak on the items concerning it, before the Associations or Commissions, with the prior consent of the President of those bodies; an observer at the Congress may speak subject to the prior consent of the Co-ordination committee of Congress.
3. CAETS shall inform the Secretary-General in which Regional Association and/or Technical Commission of the Organization it is particularly interested;
4. CAETS shall accord the WMO the same privileges as the Organization grants it.
5. CAETS will invite WMO to take part as an observer in any of its meetings that address issues of common interest, and will make available the reports of such meetings.
6. Where issues of mutual interest are identified and the Parties consider that they may profit from co-operation and resulting synergies, the Parties shall define an appropriate instrument for the planning, execution and monitoring of their co-operation, as well as for the dissemination of results.
7. The Parties shall meet at least nine months prior to the renewal date of this Memorandum of Understanding to take stock of progress and identify possible new areas of co-operation.
8. Each Party shall appoint a Representative who shall co-ordinate relations with the other Party, including between technical experts of the Parties, and who shall keep the Head of his or her Organization informed. Any change of Representative of one Party shall be communicated to the other Party.
9. The Parties shall settle between them any question of interpretation or difference concerning this Memorandum of Understanding.
10. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Parties, it being understood that where it is subject to approval or ratification, it shall enter into force on the date on which the Party concerned has given written notification to the other Party that approval or ratification has taken place.
11. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for an initial period of three years and shall thereafter be renewed automatically, each time for a new period of three years, unless a written notice of termination is given by one of the Parties to the other at least six months prior to the renewal date, or the Parties have agreed on its termination or on its renewal by another period.

Done in duplicate in the English language.

Date:
For CAETS

Date:

M. JARRAUD, Secretary-General

xxx , [title]

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Manton [<mailto:michael.manton@monash.edu>]

Sent: Friday, July 18, 2014 6:34 AM

To: CAETS

Subject: Fw: Re: wmo and caets

Hello Bill

WMO has now prepared an MOU. Despite my initial fears, it looks OK to me. I expect that you could sign for CAETS on behalf of the board.

WMO seems to want a formal representative. I note that John Zillman will not be routinely attending WMO congresses in future, and so before this MOU process started I asked Dr Susan Barrell, an ATSE fellow and vice chair of a WMO commission and so will be attending the congress, if she would

be prepared to represent CAETS. John has been a mentor for Dr Barrell and he is happy if this arrangement goes ahead.

Let me know what you think of the MOU. I assume it would need to be passed by the board.

Regards

Mike

On Fri, 18 Jul 2014 13:50:45 -0400

CAETS <CAETS@nae.edu> wrote:

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your efforts on this matter.

The MOU looks OK to me. It does ask that we have a specific person as the technical liaison for CAETS with WMO. From my viewpoint I would want to know that ATSE is willing to be responsible for this relationship with WMO on behalf of CAETS and to know that the rep named by ATSE is appropriate for the liaison and has continuing knowledge of CAETS activities. Susan sounds like the right person for liaison, assuming she is interested. How will she keep up on CAETS activities and would ATSE be responsible?

All the best,

Bill

Begin forwarded message:

Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2014 10:57:48 +1000

From: Michael Manton <michael.manton@monash.edu>

To: CAETS <CAETS@nae.edu>

Cc: Margaret Hartley <Margaret.Hartley@atse.org.au>, Sue Barrell <s.barrell@bom.gov.au>

Subject: Re: wmo and caets

Hello Bill

I have confirmed with Sue Barrell and Margaret Hartley that we will carry the connection between CAETS and WMO while Sue and I are in place.

Would you like me to get back directly to Blondin, or will you finalised the process with him?

Regards

Mike