

# ***Internship Job Description***

**Division** : Strategy, Communication and International Relations (SCIR)

**Supervisor / Mentor** : Vincent Gabaglio, International Relations Officer

**Length of internship** : 6 months

**Anticipated start date:** *April 2018*

## **1 PROJECT TITLE**

Targeting future EUMETSAT involvement in development aid projects

## **2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

The project aims at targeting the future EUMETSAT contribution to meteorological (weather and climate services) or oceanography projects funded by the European Union (EU), International Financing Institutions (IFI) or bilateral partners, in support to developing countries.

This will be done through:

1. establishing an inventory of existing or planned development aid projects (with a focus on national project in Africa, Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasian, Central Asian and the Balkan region);
2. characterising these projects, in the view of defining potential EUMETSAT contribution to these projects;
3. analysing EU and IFI and bilateral partner policy documents (for current and future development aid budget).

The final aim is to contribute to the implementation of the Strategic Objective #6 of the EUMETSAT Strategy “Challenge 2025”, in particular to ‘ *help the meteorological communities to get easier access to, and make best use of, EUMETSAT data, products and services to help individual countries and regions to meet their respective needs*’.

The tasks to be accomplished by the intern will include:

- collect all available information regarding the IFI/EU/Bilateral projects (desktop search, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) website, EU national development projects, contact in these IFI and national development aid agencies)
- create a small database to include this information, including criteria/fields
- populate the database with the information collected on the development projects
- highlight areas in these projects where EUMETSAT data and products are being used or could be relevant
- (with the User Service Division) look at recent case of "CM-SAF national climatology atlas", and see if this could be proposed in some of the IFI funded projects
- look at main outcomes of the last EU-Africa Summit and at new EU/IFI/bilateral (main countries such as UK, France, Germany) development policy document and make an analysis of areas of interest for EUMETSAT.

### **3 JUSTIFICATION FOR PLACEMENT**

In the recent years, EUMETSAT was approached at various occasions by International Financing Institutions (IFI), such as the World Bank and the African Development Bank to seek cooperation on some national projects, aiming at either modernising the National Meteorological Services or increasing national capacities for weather and climate services. Several European development aid agencies (French, German, UK, Finland, etc) are also funding bilateral cooperation project in this area.

Quite often these “national development projects” benefit from the investments made in EU/EDF funded projects such as MESA, GMES&Africa and in the future the intra-ACP Climate Services and related applications Programme (training, EUMETCast stations, etc), but this is not always visible to EUMETSAT.

Furthermore, EUMETSAT could also benefit more from these national development projects by orienting some of their activities towards the efficient use of EUMETSAT data and products,

Through this placement, EUMETSAT will have a better overview of the on-going or planned “national project” in the area of meteorology (weather and climate services) particularly in Africa.

#### **4 TEAM WORKING**

The intern will work mainly with the SCIR division, but also interact with other divisions at EUMETSAT (e.g. User Service Division).

#### **5 ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

- University degree in political science, or development aid, or
- University degree in Meteorology or in Earth Observation applications

#### **6 EXPERIENCE/JOB SKILLS**

Interest in development aid policies  
Experience in developing countries will be an asset

#### **7 BEHAVIOURAL CRITERIA**

Communication  
Team Working  
Learning Orientation  
Problem Solving and Analysis  
Planning and Organising  
Innovation and initiative

#### **8 LANGUAGE SKILLS**

French / English