Training Experiences from the South American Group of EUMETCast Operators (SAGEO)

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MOTIVATION:

- To improve access by Brazilian users to MSG data
- To ensure an adequate technical level of MSG Brazilian users
Outline

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SAGEO: Standard EUMETCast Station

Experience in setting up ground receiving station in Brazil;

Development of own software to handle incoming data stream from MSG

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SAGEO: Concept and Activities

- SAGEO has been established in September 2009 as a starting point for collaborative effort between EUMETSAT workshops and EUMETCast Brazil Operators to strengthen regional capacities of use MSG satellite data and products in Latin America.

SAGEO activities:
- The installation of a “standard” EUMETCast station, with an appropriate training for the operation of the station;
- Network of experts across the Brazil;
- Facilitating the EUMETCast operators with the visualization;
- Seeking mechanisms for regional partnership.
SAGEO: III Meeting, Aug. 2011, Brazil

- 2 EUMETCast stations
- 2 Brazilian States

- +45 EUMETCast stations
- 19 Brazilian States

2007

2011

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Diffusion of Products

Need of “translate the information”

Operational

TYPE of DATA

STANDARD IMAGERY FORMAT (bmp, jpg, gif, png, tiff, etc)

ENCRYPTED FORMATS (bufr, hdf, grib, xrit...)

“providers"

Education

“end-users"

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Similarly to what happens in many other regions of the world, usually scientists plan and develop their methods on isolation, not grasping what was really required by relevant stakeholders.

On the other hand, stakeholders are unaware neither of what science or knowledge-based alternatives are available nor of their choices to tackle a specific productive or management problem.
>>> build network based on complementarity
SAGEO: Training and Capacity Building

- **Equipment**
  - Eumetcast receiving stations

- **Training sessions**
  - Data processing …
  - Using Eumetcast receiving stations

- **Research and teaching**
  - New products and software

- **Validation and diffusion of products**
  - ground truthing measurements
  - data dissemination

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SAGEO: Training and Capacity Building

- Enhanced data for climate monitoring
- Improved information for land use

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SAGEO: Training and Capacity Building

>SALGEO meetings are forums of exchange of knowledge and experience among representatives of data suppliers (EUMETSAT and VITO), research groups (INPE, EMBRAPA, etc) and National Meteorological Institutions (INMET, etc);

>Training aspects:
- Use of operational satellite products (MSG, SPOT VGT),
- Case studies over various geographical areas of Brazil.

>Target Groups of SAGEO:
Policy makers,
Public environmental national agencies,
Scientific community,
Latin American environmental networks – INPE, CAZALAC, CREAN,
Education (universities) → Training and formation of highly qualified human resources (MSc., Ph.Ds)
University engagements on Meteosat-9 in Brazil

For each pixel

User Helpdesk

Workshops

Beta user programme

Regular EUMETSAT trainings

User

MSG

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Objetive: DEVELOPMENT OF DATABASES AND ANALYSIS TOOLS FOR DECISION-MAKING ON GOING ACTIVITIES BASED ON MSG DATA:
University engagements on Meteosat-9 in Brazil

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University engagements on Meteosat-9 in Brazil

A) 01/03/2009

B) 01/06/2009

C) 01/09/2009

D) 01/12/2009

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SAGEO: Training Opportunities

Various training events in Brazil:
- Cachoeira Paulista (2006)
- Maceió (2007)
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- João Pessoa (2009)
- Belém (2010)
- Curitiba (2011)
- Maceió (2011)
- Gramado (2012)

> Trainers from EU, Brazil, Chile and Argentina
> Strengthen the capacities of SAGEO in the processing and analysis of MSG and SPOT VGT.

Still to come: Strengthening regional capacities for providing remote sensing and hydrological modeling-based water and land management decision support in semi-arid Latin-America, in the context of climate variability & change, in Maceio (Brazil 2012)
Conclusions

The joint initiative between the EUMETSAT and the LAPIS/UFAL. Three characteristics of the SAGEO appear to be contributing to its success, which are:

(1) to bring together the EUMETCast network operators to identify areas for regional cooperation;

(2) to provide a technical and scientific exchange in environmental and atmospheric sciences between various Brazilian research institutes, while they broaden the knowledge about their applications;

3) tools used are freeware and are at disposal of the group.
Conclusions

- SAGEO>>>NEEDS INTERACTION WITH CWG.

How can SAGEO and CWG support the application of convection analyses in Brazil?
The End

Thank you for listening!

Questions?

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