



## SCHOOL ON SPACE WEATHER

### Rabat/Morocco [5-16 December, 2011]

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## I. ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

### Local Committee

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**Centre Régional Africain des Sciences et Technologies de l'Espace– Langue française**

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## **II. OBJECTIVES**

In the framework of the international ISWI (International Space Weather Initiative <http://www.iswi-secretariat.org>), a school on Space Weather was held at Rabat from December 5 to 16, 2011 at the CRASTE-LF.

The main objective of this school was to perform research in the African countries (French Language) in order to permit the participation of many African scientists to International project as ISWI.

The two key points were:

- 1) To learn how to use the existing data sets and the scientific tools related to space weather.
- 2) To use the data recorded in Africa since several years by the instruments deployed in the framework of international project as International Heliophysical Year (IHY 2005-2009) and still deploy in the framework of ISWI. **At that time less than 10% of the data sets recorded in data bases are used**
- 3) To combine data from satellites to ground data to develop a sustainable research on Space weather in the African countries (*for example to use the GPS data for Geophysics studies, navigation ...*)

To reach these objectives the training included:

- 1) A scientific part to understand the data and all the informations extracted from the data useful for space weather applications
- 2) Practical work on computers to use the data from existing data base SOHO, SPIDR, IGS; IGRF etc...

The scientific part concerned:

- 1) The knowledge on the impacts of solar activity and solar events on the Earth's environment : magnetosphere ionosphere atmosphere,
  - a. Knowledge on the recent discoveries concerning the sun,
  - b. Study of the impact of the sun on the Ionized layers around the earth,
  - c. Understanding of the sun impacts on the terrestrial atmosphere,
  - d. Understanding of the use of tools as GPS for applications other than scientific applications as for example navigation.
- 2) The use of existing data in the different data bases (old data) and the new data recorded with the instruments deployed in the framework of International projects.

**This school had for main object to develop the data analysis in Africa and therefore to have benefit of all the scientific projects base of the deployment of scientific instruments in Africa as IHY (International Heliophysical Year) or ISWI (International Space Weather Initiative) etc...**

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## **V. PARTICIPANTS**

There were 28 participants from 11 African countries supervised by 12 professors (see list above): see below the list of the participants and on the next page the map with the countries of all the participants.

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**French Embassy** in Algeria,

**French Embassy** in Côte d'Ivoire,

**French Embassy** in Morocco,

**CEA:** Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique,

**NASA:** Spatial US Agency,

**ICG/UN-OOSA:** International Committee of GNSS - Office for Outer Space Affairs of United Nations,

**CRASTE-LF:** African Regional Centre of Space Sciences and Technology Education in French Language,

**EMI:** Ecole Mohammadia d'Ingénieurs,

**ISESCO:** Islamic Education Sciences and Culture Organization,

**RDC :** Republic Democratic Congo

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	French Institutions	NASA	ICG/UN-OOSA	CRASTE-LF	ISESCO +RDC
Transport	10479,67€	2464€	7375,44€	0€	1244€
Accommodation + meals	8182,93€	11618€	0€	458€	0€
Rooms	0€	0€	0€	6041,45€	0€
Total	18662,93€	14082€	7375,44€	5970,51€	1244€
Percentage	39,36%	29,7%	15,55%	12,74%	2,62%

1 € -> 1,33\$

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## VII.PHOTOS

Photo: 1<sup>st</sup> week



Photos : 2<sup>nd</sup> week



### Lecture room



### Computer room

