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IMPLEMENTATION OF URGENT ACTION FOR AFRICA
AND ACTION IN OTHER REGIONS:
COMPILATION OF INFORMATION

Contribution from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
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World Meteorological Organization Report on measures taken or planned for the implementation of the Urgent Action for Africa

1. WMO plans to organize a Training Seminar on Drought Preparedness and Management in Western Africa in Banjul, Gambia, from 4 to 9 September 1995, with possible support of UNSO and World Bank.
2. Subject to availability of funds, it is proposed to organize the same training seminar in Rabat, Morocco, for the Maghreb countries, either later in 1995 or during the first half of 1996.
3. WMO, jointly with Australia, are undertaking a feasibility study on the Networking of Institutions and Agencies concerning drought monitoring and early warning services in Africa under the International Convention to Combat Desertification. These include the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD), Niamey (Niger), Drought Monitoring Centres (DMCs) in Nairobi (Kenya) and Harare (Zimbabwe).
4. Jointly with US-NOAA, and other international scientific organizations, a workshop on Sub-Saharan Drought is planned to be held in Trieste, Italy, under the auspices of WMO, from 31 July to 4 August 1995.
5. WMO provides support to the Secretariat of the INCD by making available a professional staff members and a secretarial staff to assist in the day-to-day functions of the INCD.