





# The State of Space Techniques in African French Speaking: Bottleneck and Future Perspective

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# **CRASTE-LF**

African Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education, in French Language





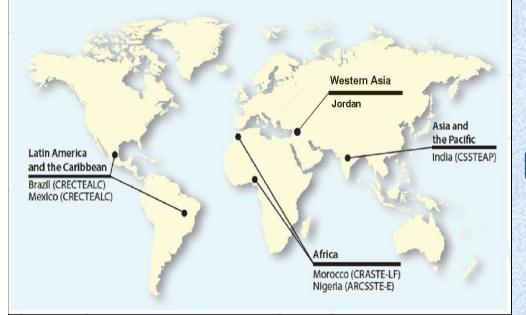


#### **1. Presentation of CRASTE-LF**

The **CRASTE-LF** has been established, on the initiative of the UN-OOSA program on applied of the UN/G.A. Resolutions, in Rabat on October 23, 1998, by 11 African States.

#### **United Nation General Assembly Resolutions**

45/72 of 11th Nov. 1990 50/27 of 6th Dec. 1995 , International effort to create Regional Centers for Space Science and Technology Education, affiliated to U.N.



#### http://crastelf.org.ma/

5 Centers affiliated to UN in activities in differences regions of the World :

1. India (Asia & Pacific, 1995)

- 2. Morocco (Africa French Language, 1998)
- 3. Nigeria (Africa English Language, 1998)
- 4. Brazil Mexico (Latin America & Caribbean, 2003)
- 5. Jordan (Western Asia, 2012, June)



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# **Objectives of the Centre**

- To increase knowledge in Space Sciences and Technologies by organizing Postgraduate and/or Short courses, Seminars, Workshops, Conferences at the Regional level.
- To improve the technical **competences** of the **experts, teachers, decision**makers and to hold them informed about technical progress.
- To **assist** the countries of the region on the development of endogens capacities in space tools.
- To Strengthen the Local and Regional Capacities.
- To promote **Cooperation** between the **Developed Countries** and **States** Members as well as among these States.
- To develop expertise in Space Sciences and Technology.







## **1. Presentation of CRASTE-LF**

Contribution of Post Graduate Training on Space Science and Technology

 13 Member States : Algeria, Cameroon,
 Cape Verde, Central African R., Ivory Coast, D. R. of
 Congo, Gabon, Morocco,
 Mauritania, Niger, Senegal,
 Togo and Tunisia.

Other countries non-member can benefit from the services offer by CRASTE-LF

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Building of CRASTE-LF, Rabat, Morocco



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## **1. Presentation of CRASTE-LF**

1.1. Training Courses

Main Courses Programs (1)

Education Curricula established and Published by UN-OOSA for Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education in:



**Remote Sensing & GIS** 

**Satellite Communications** 



Satellite Meteorology & GC



**Space and Atmospheric Science** 

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REGIONAL CENTRES FOR SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Remote sensing and the geographic information system Education carricalium

REGIONAL CENTRES FOR SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Satellite meteorology and global climate Education curriculum

REGIONAL CENTRES FOR SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Satellite communications Education curriculum

REGIONAL CENTRES FOR SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Space and atmospheric science Education curriculum







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**1.1. Training Courses** 

# Main Courses Programs (2)

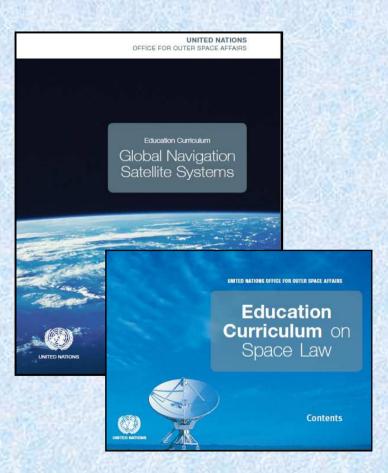
Education Curriculum established and published by UN-OOSA for Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education in:



GNSS (Since 2012)



Space Law









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# **1.1. Training Courses**

# Each Training Session takes place in 2 phases



**Phase I** : 9 to10 Months or 3 semesters , in Centre, theoretical and practical courses, land study and pilot project ~ 1000 h.



**Phase II**: 12 to 15 Months, achieve the Research Project in their institution.



End of phase II : Defense of Memoire in Centre (Jury Members are Professors and Experts).

Detail of courses in Web Site:

www.crastelf.org.ma

- www.oosa.unvienna.org/SAP/centres/centres.htm
- <u>www.unoosa.org/oosa/SAP/gnss/icg.htm</u>







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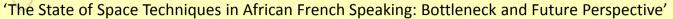








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# Accreditation

Sciences et Technologies de l'Espace T&SIG : Télédétection & SIG MSCM : Météorologie par Satellite et Climat Mondial





In 2012 the CRASTE-LF launched *of Accredited Post-Graduate training in Space* Sciences & Technology with two options **Remote Sensing & GIS and Satellite Meteorology & Global Climate** in collaboration of Mohammed V University of Rabat.

This year there are the fourth postgraduate training courses accredited.







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# 1.1. Training Courses

# **Realized Training Courses**



# 11 training courses in Remote Sensing and GIS, Apr. 2000 - Sept. 2015

250 trainees from21 member and non member countries &27 different institutes







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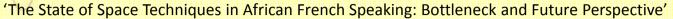
11 training courses in Remote Sensing and GIS, Apr. 2000 - Sept. 2015

6 training courses in Satellite Meteorology and Global Climate Jan. 2002 -Sept. 2015

- 65 trainees from
- 10 member and non member countries &
- **16** different institutes









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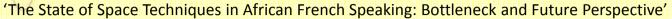


3 training courses in Satellite Communications Dec. 2000 - 2007

33 trainees from 10 member and non member countries & **10** different institutes









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11 training courses in Remote Sensing and GIS, Apr. 2000 - Sept. 2015



6 training courses in Satellite Meteorology and Global Climate Jan. 2002 - Sept. 2015

3 training courses in Satellite Communications Dec. 2000 - 2007

1 training courses on GNSS, Nov. 2013

- 12 trainees from
  - 6 member and non member countries &
  - 8 different institutes















## **1. Presentation of CRASTE-LF**

# 1. 2. Short Training Courses

**Establishment of the African Network on Earth Observation and Climate Change** 

Lome - Republic of Togo, June 2010

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso Nov. 2010









# **1. Presentation of CRASTE-LF 1. 2. Short Training Courses**

#### Training workshop and plenary Conference in Konakry Guinea 2013









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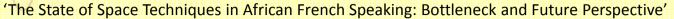
#### Workshop with training organized in Yaoundé in Cameroon 2014





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#### Participants in Workshop organized in North Africa

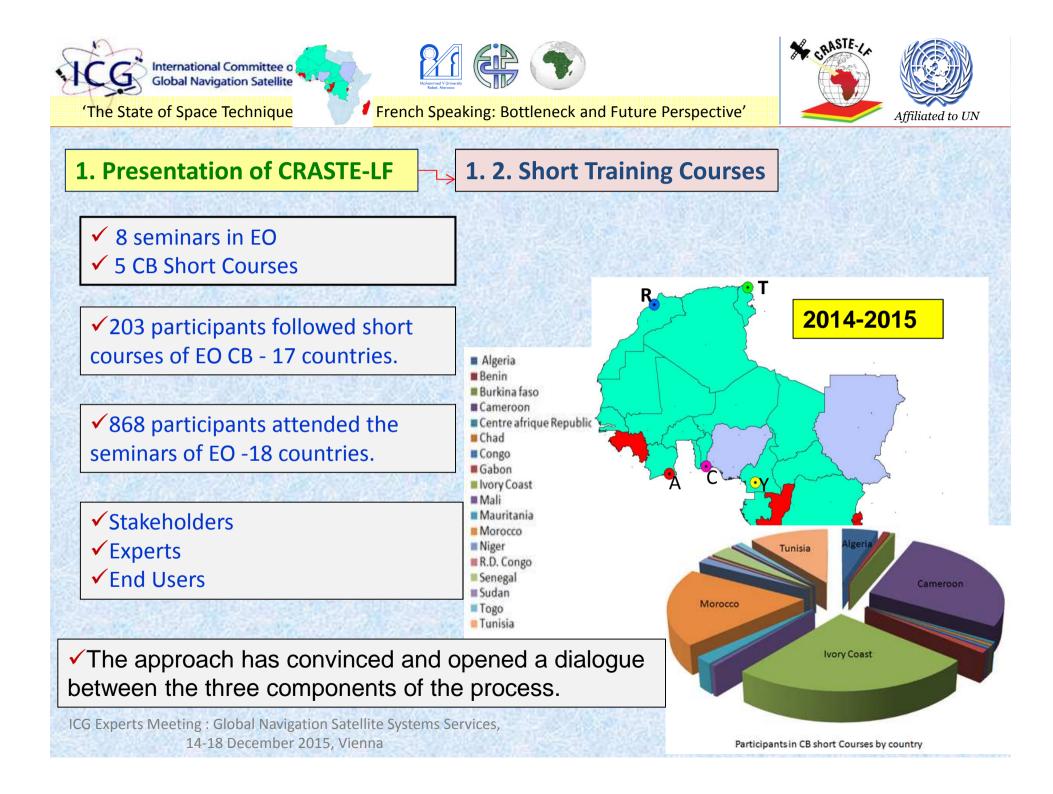
Conference in Rabat 2009, Disaster Management

Chet & Adapt in Afric



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**GNSS Training Short Courses, Rabat** 









**5** realized on GNSS

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# **1. Presentation of CRASTE-LF**

**1.2. Short Training Courses** 



Satellite Navigation and Location Based Services – Rabat, Morocco28 September – 24 October 2009.35 trainees - 19 Countries.



Navigation and Positioning Services Based on Satellite, - Lome , TogoOctober 2011.24 trainees - 6 Countries.

Post Graduate training courses on GNSS - Rabat, MoroccoNovember 2013 - Aug 201512 trainees - 6 Countries.



Space Weather & GNSS Applications - Rabat, Morocco February 2015

29 trainees - 13 Countries.



The first project realized in ANCFCC (National Agency of Land Conservation, Cadastre and Cartography) by one trainee on "Design of a mobile application relating to plot recognition of land registration overall" has been presented in Sep. 2015 in Centre.





**Realized Short Training Courses on GNSS (1)** 

**1 training Short** courses on "Satellite Navigation and Location Based Services",

28 September – 24 October 2009, with participation of 35 trainees from 19 Countries & from 32 different institutes supervised by 10 experts.





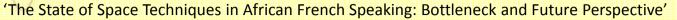
Avec le Soutien de l'Agence Spatiale Européenne et des Etats Unis d'Amérique à travers le Comité International de Navigation Globale par Satellite (ICG)

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Participation of trainees to the demonstration on live under the METIS project team at Mohamed V Airport.









## **Realized Short Training Courses GNSS (2) - Togo**

**Regional Training Workshop on** Navigation and Positioning Services Based on Satellite, Organized in Lome, Togo in October 2011 with 24 participants from 6 African countries.









#### **Realized Postgraduate Training Courses GNSS (3)**







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**Realized Training Courses (4)** 

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Training Workshop (with ISWI/UNOOSA) on "Space Weather & GNSS Applications", Feb 2015 with participation of 29 trainees from 13 African Countries supervised by 8 teachers.









#### **Realized Training Courses (5)**

The first project realized in ANCFCC (National Agency of Land Conservation, Cadastre and Cartography) by one trainee on **"Design of a mobile application relating to plot recognition of land registration overall"** has been presented in September 2015 in the Centre.

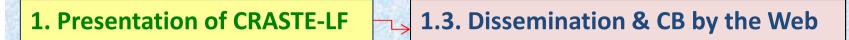


The CRASTE-LF participate now in European Project H2020 to benefit of trainees and member States on using E-EGNOS for Intelligent Transportation Systems. (us it participated before in three FP7 European project for analyzing state of use of Earth Observation and to promote to stakeholders the benefit for their countries to use this techniques, GEONETCAB, EOPOWER & IASON )





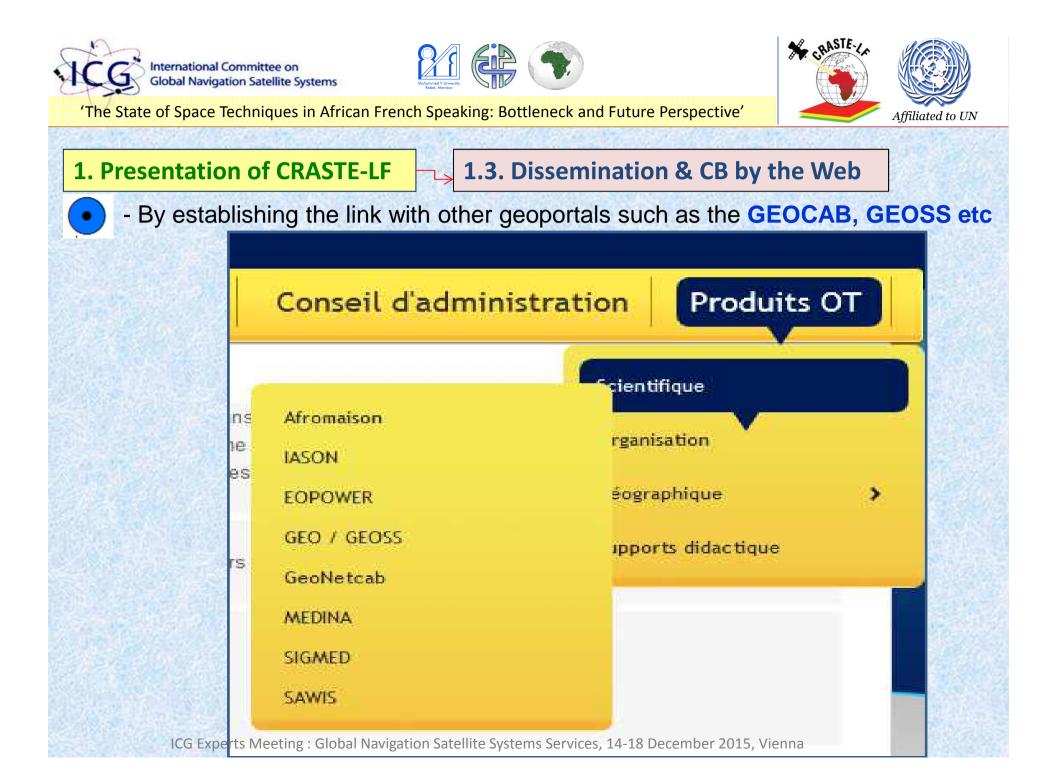




# The dissemination include all actions that promote the diffusion of EO & CB in AFSC

- By putting data and educational resources created in the scientific events on the CRASTE-LF website crastelf.org.ma :



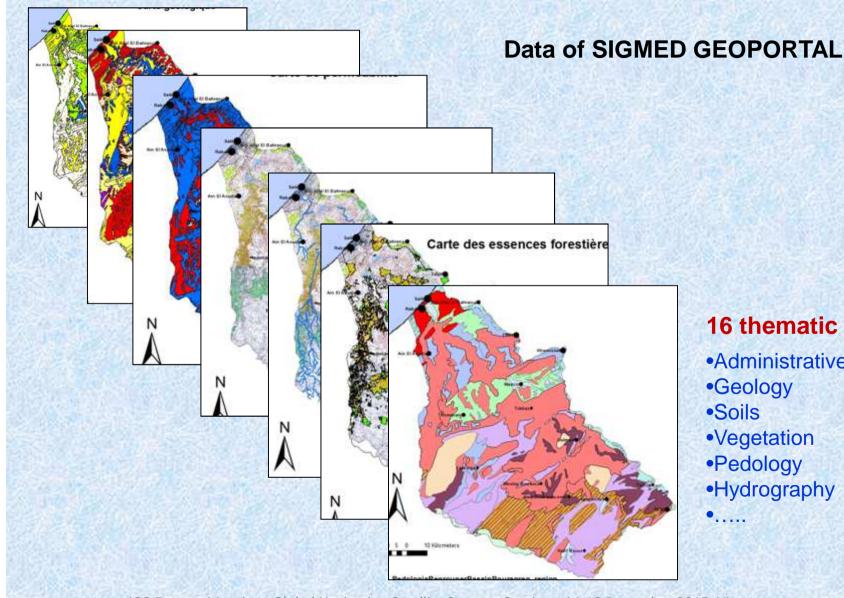






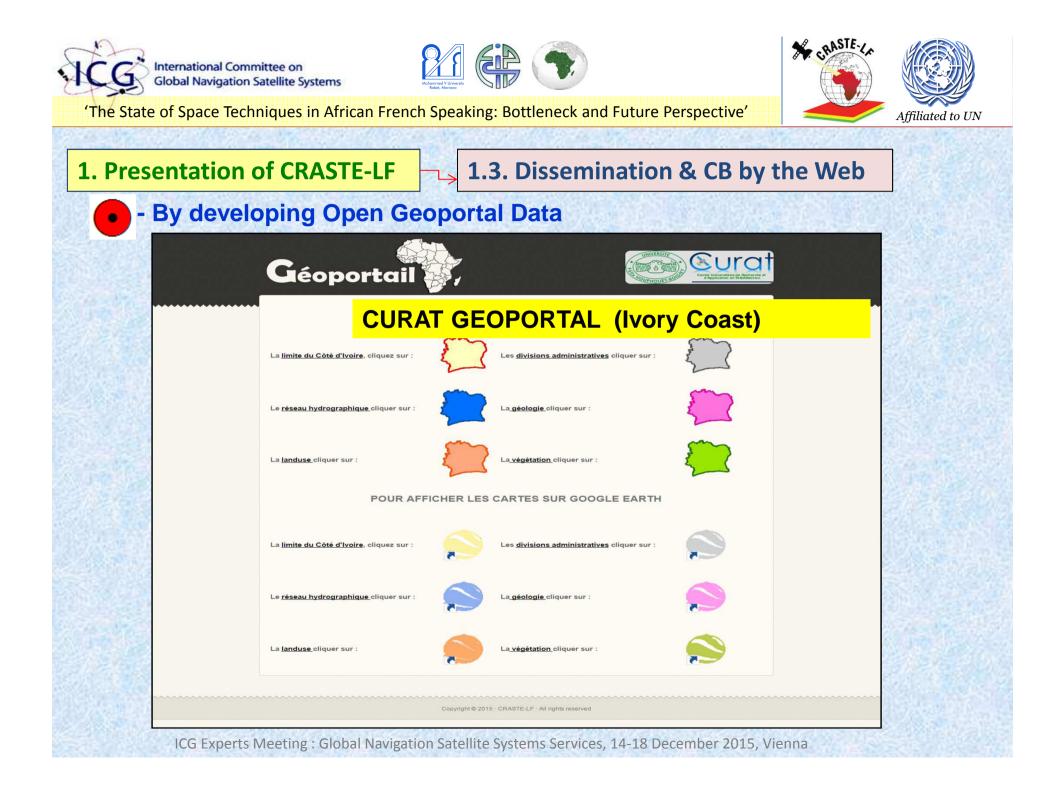






#### **16 thematic layers**

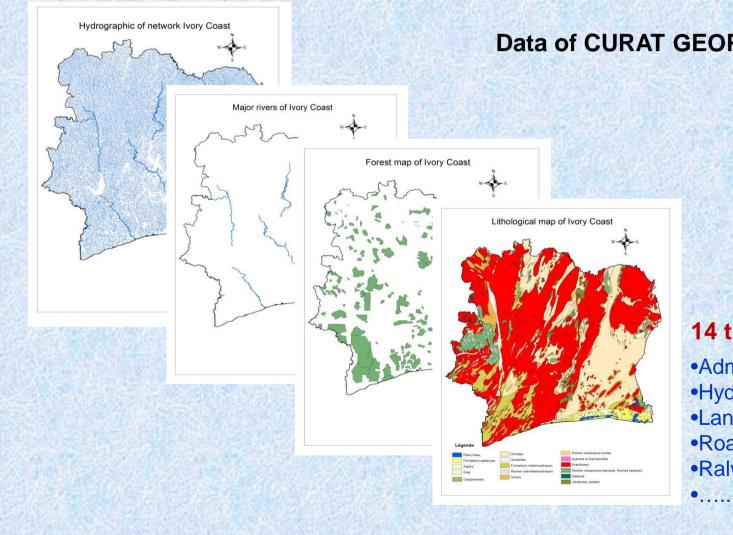
 Administrative Division •Hydrography Networks











# **Data of CURAT GEOPORTAL**

## 14 thematic layers

 Administrative Division Hydrology •Lande Use Road Network •Ralways







## 2. Inventory of use the EO in African French-Speaking Countries 'AFSC'

□ In order to understand the state of the EO in AFSC, CRASTE-LF lanched (2009-2015) an inventory of use the EO in AFSC with 3 Europeen FP7 projects.



Objective : achieve a better understanding of the EO in AFSC through an examination of the situation in AFSC (particularly in the 13 members states of CRASTE-LF).

□ Status of existing human resources: scientific, technological and institutional capacities in the EO : undertaken and completed by an inventory of existing initiatives or capacity







## **2.** Inventory of use the EO in African French-Speaking Countries 'AFSC'

# The work should be done through:

- theoretical studies;
- report and missions in countries in representative regions of AFSC.

## The second phase

- ✓ To compare the diagnosis with the best practices already in place,
- give an analysis of gaps and priority issues such as:

   problem of access to resources for capacity building;
   training needs at different levels of the population;
   problem of awareness about programs, etc.

## **Diagnosis**:

on the situation in the region of influence CRASTE-LF with an analysis of gaps and priorities







## 2. Inventory of use the EO in African French-Speaking Countries 'AFSC'

**2.1. Inventory of Current situation of EO in AFSC** 

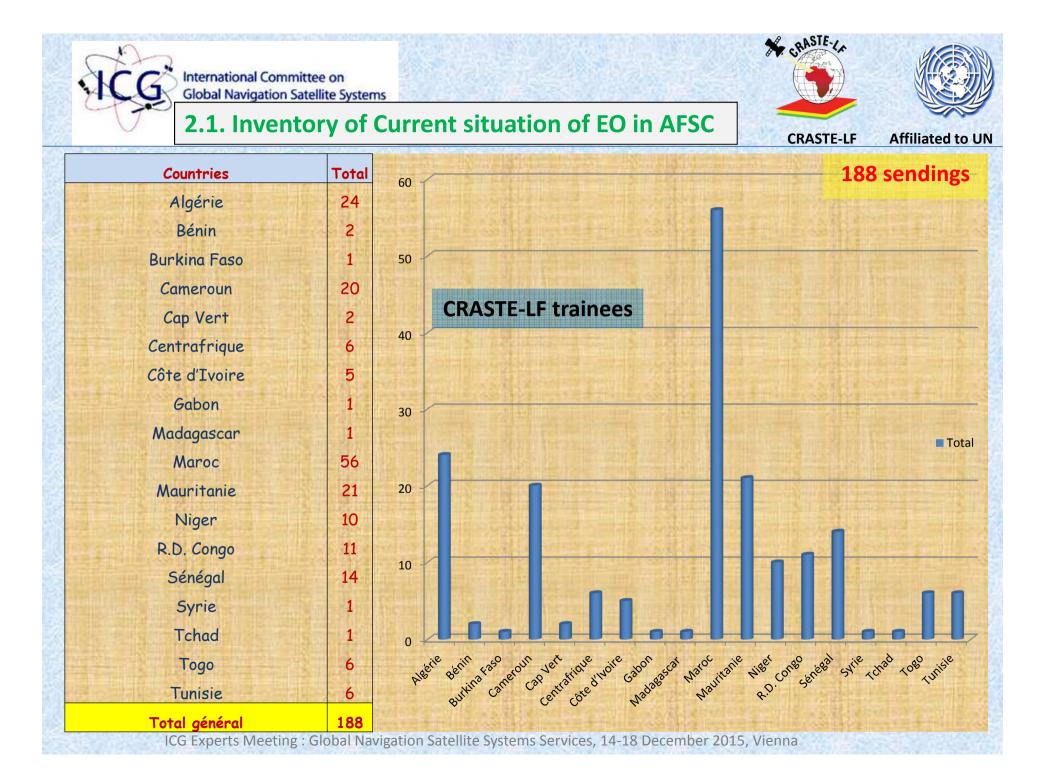
**Ressources Inventory:** 

- 1. Questionnaires development
  - Questionnaire to Competence
  - Questionnaire to Institution
- 2. Sending of questionnaires

✓ Trainees of CRASTE-LF	188	
✓ Experts identified on the web	617	http://
✓ institutions identified on the web	272	

http://www.reseautd.auf.org/

Sent to 1077





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# **2.1. Inventory of Current situation of EO in AFSC**

Countries	Total	617 sendings
Algérie	126	of sendings
Bénin	11	
Burkina Faso	26	DB of AUF experts
Burundi	3	
Cameroun	61	140
Cap vert	2	
Comores	2	
Congo	4	
Côte d'Ivoire	21	80 80
Gabon	18	
Guinée	6	60
Madagascar	55	40 Total
Mali	9	20
Maroc	85	
Mauritanie	15	
RDC	27	Algérie Bénin Burkina Faso Burundi Cameroun Conores Cameroun Cameroun Cameroun Conores Cono
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Sénégal	82	
Tchad	4	
Togo	20	
Tunisie	35	
Total	617	ICG Experts Meeting : Global Navigation Satellite Systems Services, 14-18 December 2015, Vienna



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#### **2.1. Inventory of Current situation of EO in AFSC**



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Workshop in Cotonou (Benin) 21 to 23/12/2009 on EO and NR managment



Workshop in Lome (Togo) from 21 to 24/06/2010 on EO and CC



Mission in Senegal 26/4 au 02/05/2011



Workshop in Ouagadougou - Burkina (Burkina Faso) 01 to 04/11/2010 on EO and CC







# The level of use EO in the AFSC was mapped into 4 groups

# **2.1. Inventory of Current situation of EO in AFSC**

- 4 High-level of the EO & structures in charge of the promotion of EO
- ✓ Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia



EO is developed in academic structures

✓ Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Niger and Senegal

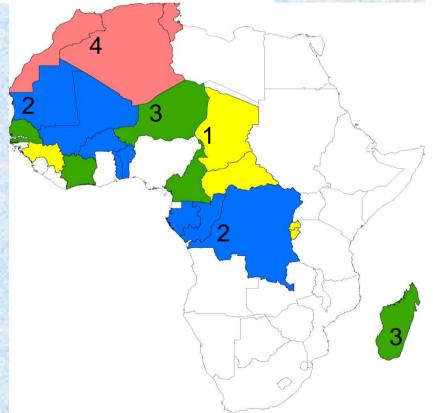
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#### Moderately use of the EO

✓ Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo, Gabon, Mali, Mauritania,
✓ Togo and DR Congo

1 Low level of use of the	ΕO
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 ✓ Burundi, Cape Verde, Central Africa, Chad, Guinea and Rwanda









# **2.1. Inventory of Current situation of EO in AFSC**

Taking into account of this geographical distribution 4 tasks have been defined by CRASTE-LF for its activities in AFSC



Development of the use of the EO, with actions focused on the zones 1 and 2....

Development of advanced actions, with actions focused in promote the use of the EO in zones 3 and 4 ...

Promotion EO Network with activities organized

Dissemination by the extension of CB actions through the use of the web, including the website of CRASTE-LF and the portals of GEONetCab, GEO...







## **2.** Inventory of use the EO in African French-Speaking Countries 'AFSC'

# **2.2.** *Identification of opportunities et and bottlenecks*

Objectif: On the basis of the previous analysis of the results of inventory, the CRASTE-LF has identified the main problems impede the use of EO in the region and has compared those problems to the opportunities for capacity building that are offered.

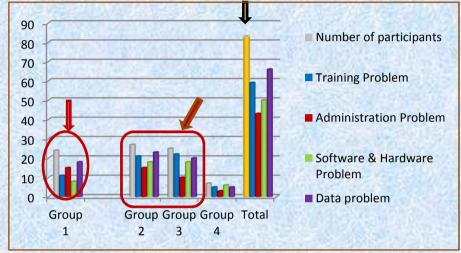
A special focus is brought to the Social Benefit Areas : Food, Water, Health and Risk Management which are the areas deeply impacted by Climate Change in Africa





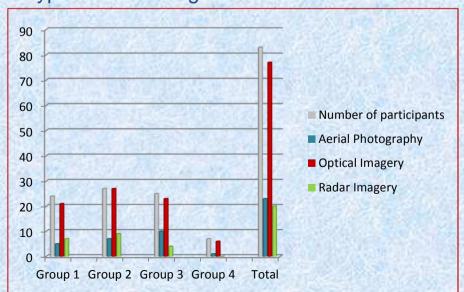


#### Problems that hinder the development of EO



In general the problems hindering the development of EO in the AFSC are in descending order the lack of:
 1 Data > 2 specialized training in EO > 3 computer soft ware and hardware > 4 Administration Problem.
 For countries of group 1, the administration problem seems important; it is almost the same level as the problem of access to data.
 The main problem for groups 2 and 3 is the lack of data, software & hardware problem and training

#### Type of data using



The spatial data is a big bottleneck to the development of EO in Africa. Access to the data at low cost is still very difficult.

However, and in relation to the initial situation:

 the use of optical images has taken over from aerial photographs;

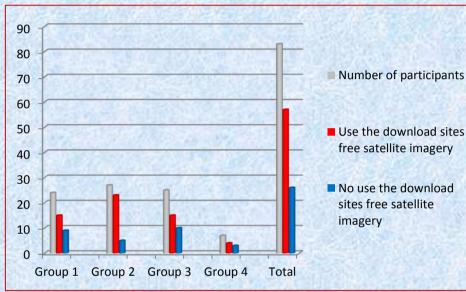
✓ the use of radar images began, but it's still very low, despite the advantage its use in tropical and equatorial countries.







#### Using a site free download satellite images



#### The main sites used for download:

http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/ http://glcf.umd.edu/ http://www.umd.edu/ http://www.nasa.gov/ http://glovis.usgs.gov http://glovis.usgs.gov http://earth.esa.int http://www.google.fr/intl/fr/earth/index.html http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/ http://www.diva-gis.org/ The free downloading image via internet has become more widespread. Thus, of the 84 competencies identified, 57 reported using free download sites.

This is the result of training workshops organized in the AFSC by CRASTE-LF.

The webpage of CRASTE-LF has also contributed through its link interface with the main download sites from satellite images.

But there is always the problem of internet speed in AFSC.

Earthexplorer

GLCF University of Maryland NASA GLOVIS ESA Google Earth Modis

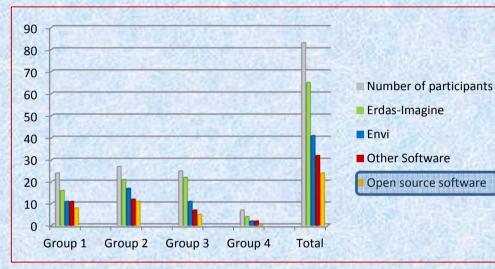




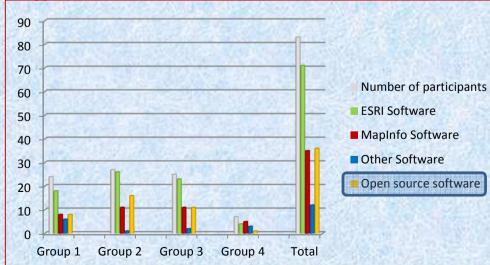


#### Equipment and software problems

#### Types of processing software used in AFSC



#### Types of GIS software used in FSAC



The cost of equipment and software is out of reach of the majority of AFSC. The use of commercial software is always on the agenda.

However, there has been a significant advance in the use of **open source software**, especially in countries in groups 2 and 3. Which is exactly the outlook made at the beginning of the study.







# 6. Conclusions

•The space technology is now a major challenge as well as opportunity for AFSC.

•Since its establishment in 1998, the CRASTE-LF has always fulfilled its mission in capacity building through its activities in postgraduate training and the scientific events for the AFSC and for the formation of new African expertise for space sciences and technology.

•The inventory developed by the CRASTE-LF, it helped the Centre to improve it perception of the EO in the AFSC and to understand it better by opening up further to AFSC.

•We visited some countries to know their actually situation, and we approached some experts and users of the EO along with policy makers.

•CRASTE-LF was able to organize activities of CB outside its headquarter in Morocco, and it has increased their frequency.







# **6.** Conclusions

•We are now nearer to the actual situation (reality) and we better perceive the real market opportunities for EO in the region. It is the same for the obstacles which hinder their development.

•We tried to solve some of these issues by taking action with decision makers and support African competencies in the use of the EO.

•However the AFSC still has a long run to go, and this is why CRASTE-LF decided to continue its activities in the region with dissemination actions through his website : <u>crastelf.org.ma</u>







# Thank you

