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To enhance the ability of countries to deliver timely and quality sand and dust storm forecasts, observations, information and knowledge to users through an international partnership of research and operational communities.





Objectives

The SDS-WAS, as an international framework linking institutions involved in SDS research, operations and delivery of services, addresses the following objectives:

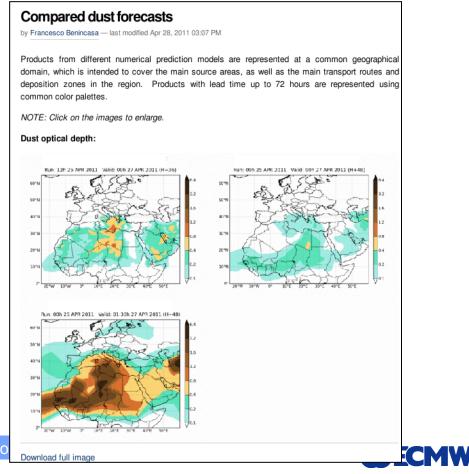
- Provide user communities access to forecasts, observations and information of the SDS through regional centres connected to the WMO Information System (WIS) and the World Wide Web.
- Identify and improve SDS products through consultation with the operational and user communities
- Enhance operational SDS forecasts through technology transfer from research
- Improve forecasting and observation technology through coordinated international research and assessment
- Build capacity of relevant countries to utilize SDS observations, forecasts and analysis products for meeting societal needs
- Build bridges between SDS-WAS and other communities conducting aerosol related studies (air quality, biomass burning, etc.)
 ICAP Workshop on Ensemble Forecasts and Assimilation, Boulder, 11-13 May 2011





MACC/ECMWF involvement

- •Part of the steering committee of the NA-ME-E Regional Center
- One of the models "linked" to the website (also NAAPS)
- Now part of a more quantitative dust comparison (under development, not on a public server)
- MACC is interested in the verification activities – and in the extra data in desert regions as part of an ongoing collaboration between AERONET and WMO SDS-WAS! Plus new MPLNET site in Barcelona.



Courtesy of Francesco Benincasa and Enric Terradellas (AEMET)

ICAP Workshop on Ensemble Forecasts and Assimilation



Message for ICAP

- Looking for more models for the dust forecast multi-model activities
- Coordination to avoid duplication of work
- Exchange information
- Looking for volunteers to run an other regional centers (America? Australia?)
- Generally interested in the ICAP multi-model activities
- Many common interests!

