

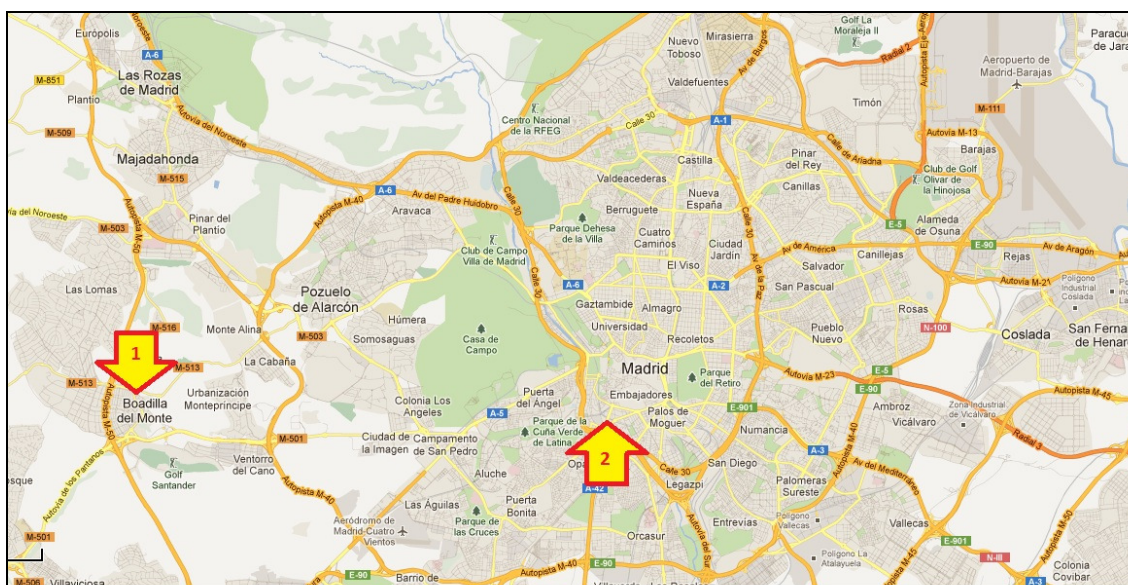
AFRIMET-V

FIFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WEST AFRICAN NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES

Boadilla del Monte, Madrid, Spain, 22-24 October 2012

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The fifth meeting of the AFRIMET Conference will take place in Boadilla del Monte (point 1 in the map below), a town in the Madrid Metropolitan Area with around 50,000 inhabitants, located some 17 Km to the West of downtown Madrid.



This AFRIMET meeting will be held in parallel to the tenth Meeting of the Conference of Directors of the Ibero-American National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (CIMHET), some joint sessions being planned, as well as all meals and social events.

These parallel meetings will underline the importance of the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the National Weather Service of Spain, now called State Meteorological Agency (AEMET), and will coincide with a commemorative exhibition in Boadilla del Monte, which opening ceremony by authorities of the Government of Spain, AEMET and WMO will take place during the inaugural session of both conferences.

Besides, this important occasion will count with the participation of Spanish enterprises from the fields of meteorology, hydrology and environment. They will display informative stands in the venue of the meeting, will conduct short presentation sessions planned in the meeting programme and will sponsor some events.

Please find the scheduled activities of this meeting in the following chart. However, note that this is an estimated timetable, and some minor modifications can occur due to the development of the meetings or logistical needs.

ESTIMATE TIMETABLE OF THE AFRIMET / CIMHET MEETINGS IN MADRID (SPAIN), 22-24 OCTOBER 2012

Starting at	Sunday, 21 October	Monday, 22 October	Tuesday, 23 October	Wednesday, 24 October		
0800			Transfer Madrid - Boadilla	Transfer Madrid - Boadilla		
0830						
0900			Transfer Madrid - Boadilla	AFRIMET / CIMHET working sessions 2a	AFRIMET / CIMHET working sessions 3	
0930			Inaugural session of AFRIMET/CIMHET meetings			
1000			Commemorative session 125 Anniversary of AEMET			AFRIMET / CIMHET joint session
1030			AFRIMET / CIMHET working sessions 1a			
1100			Lunch		Lunch	Closing session
1130						
1200						
1300						
1330						
1400	Transfers from Barajas Airport to Hotel in Madrid	AFRIMET / CIMHET working sessions 1b	AFRIMET / CIMHET working sessions 2b	Tour of the Madrid Region		
1430						
1500						
1600						
1700						
1730						
1800						
1830						
1900						
2000	Welcome reception at Hotel in Madrid					
2100		Dinner in Madrid	Dinner in Madrid			

TABLE COLOUR KEY

Joint sessions of AFRIMET / CIMHET Conferences
Separate sessions of AFRIMET / CIMHET Conferences
Working lunches
Social events
Transfers

In short you will receive detailed information about the content of each session. Some sessions could be in camera for Directors, some others open to observers.

During the morning of Tuesday, 25 October, we will be delighted to welcome you for a visit to the Headquarters of AEMET in Madrid if you wish so.

Organization will provide all transports between the different sites of the planned events, as well as for the working lunches and the social events, being your spouses cordially invited to the latter if you are travelling with them.

We have placed a block reservation in **NH Ribera del Manzanares Hotel**, in the city of Madrid (point 2 in the map above). The hotel is quite near the heart of Madrid and has a location that makes trips to/from Boadilla easier. This reservation includes an offer of room in single occupancy and buffet breakfast for 72 EUR + 10% taxes, 80 EUR + 10% taxes in double occupancy plus breakfast. To book you must send the attached form to the hotel with copy to Delia Gutiérrez (dgutierrezr@aemet.es) and Francisco Espejo (fespejog@aemet.es). **Please note that to be able to take advantage of this offer, you must contact the hotel and follow this procedure before 21 September.**

Of course, you can book in any other hotel of your preference, but we kindly stress the fact that all transfers in Madrid will depart and arrive from and to NH Ribera del Manzanares Hotel.