

Consistent with the original proposal (dated February 28, 2006), the grant supported the participation in the above Workshop of a diverse group of West African, British, and American atmospheric scientists. All of these individuals contributed strongly to Workshop, with the result that ARM's involvement in and contribution to AMMA was enhanced with respect to land surface, water cycle, aerosol, and radiation issues. Also, the Workshop gave these participants early exposure to ARM's 2007 CLASIC Campaign over the U.S. Southern Great Plains, which is addressing parts of the same problem complex.

The following eight individuals were fully funded (complete airfare, accommodations, registration, meals) to participate in the Workshop -- Dr. Aiguo Dai (NCAR, USA), Dr. Adamou Ousmane Manga (University of Niamey, Niger), Professor Abdelkrim Ben Mohamed (University of Niamey, Niger), Dr. Gary Robinson (University of Reading, UK), Dr. Amadou Gaye (University of Dakar, Senegal), Dr. Anne Jefferson (NOAA, USA), Dr. Aondover Tarhule (University of Oklahoma, USA), and Dr. Sally McFarlane (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, USA). Partial funding also was provided for Professor Peter Lamb (University of Oklahoma, USA).

To deepen the involvement of ARM in AMMA, the grant also paid for participation in the AMMA Special Observing Period in Niamey during August (Professor Peter J. Lamb) and in a follow-up Workshop at Meteo France (Toulouse) in November (Dr. Zeinabou Mindaodou Souley, University of Niamey, Niger; Professor Peter J. Lamb). When he was in Niamey for 11 days in August, Professor Lamb had considerable involvement with the ARM Mobile Facility there.

I am confident that the participation of the above individuals in the two AMMA Workshops and the AMMA Special Observing Period strengthened the ARM Program's contribution to AMMA, increased the associated international attention on ARM, and provided a bridge to the ARM CLASIC Campaign for the atmospheric science community. We appreciate greatly this support from the ARM Program.