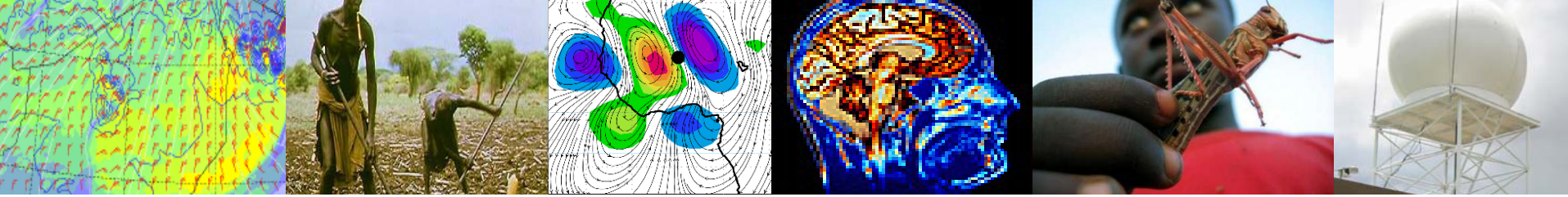


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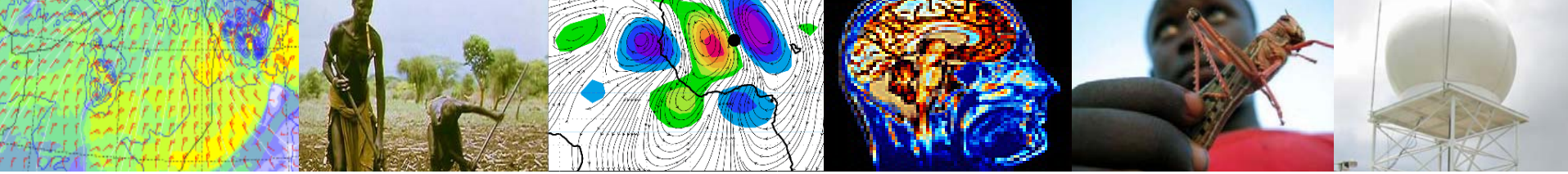


An Overview of Conference Goals, Outcomes, and Philosophy

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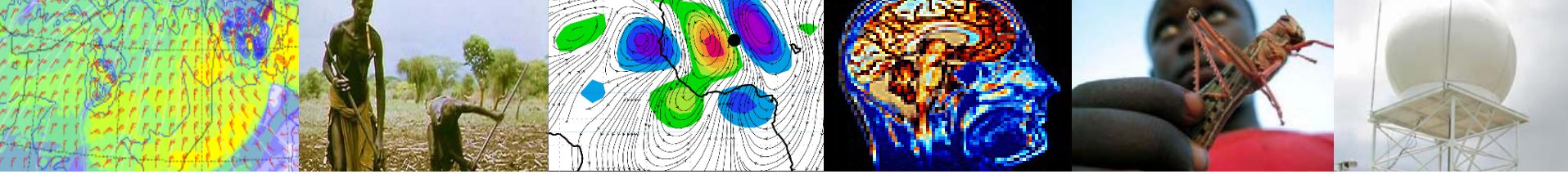




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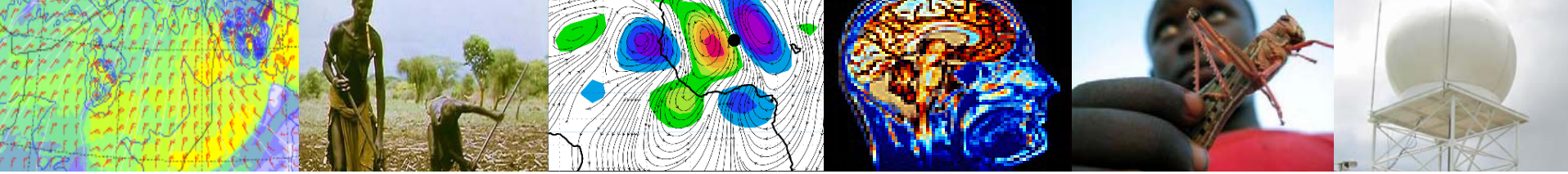




Conference Goals

- Identify opportunities to improve the use weather and climate data in the Sahel
 - Look to the intersection of local priorities, global relevance, and complementary expertise
- Initiate collaborations that can facilitate these opportunities
 - A network of partnerships
 - University, National Meteorological Services, and Regional Centers are here

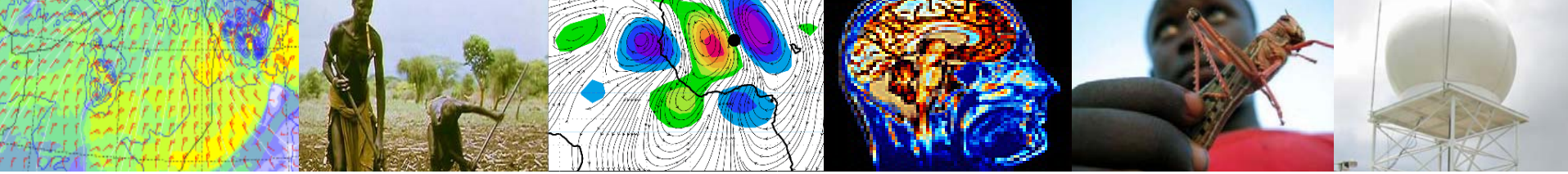




Conference Outcomes

1. Catalogue of focused opportunities
2. Identified collaborations
3. Short-term action items
4. Strategies for following up and coordinating

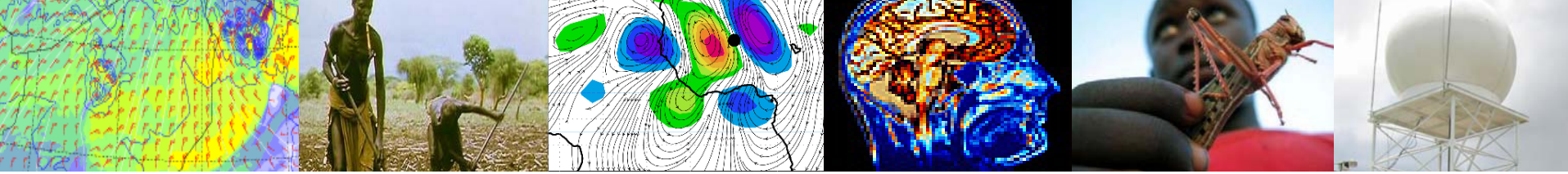




Conference Philosophy

- A Listening Conference
- Focus on Opportunities
- Collaboration to Produce Solutions

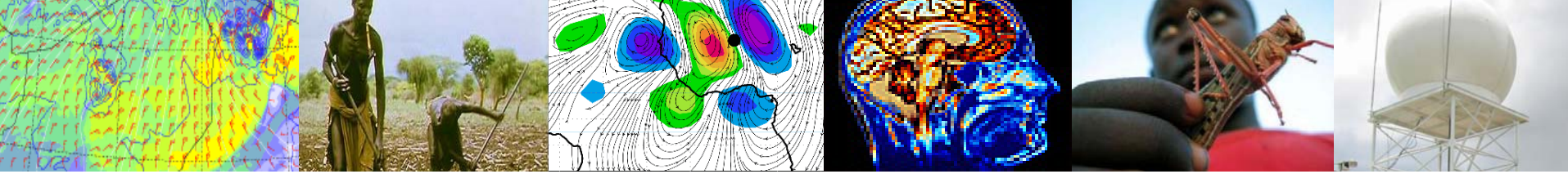




One last, overarching, thought...

“African Solutions for African Problems”

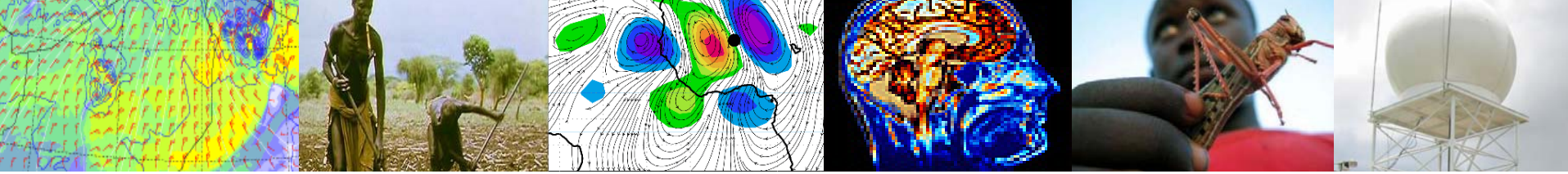




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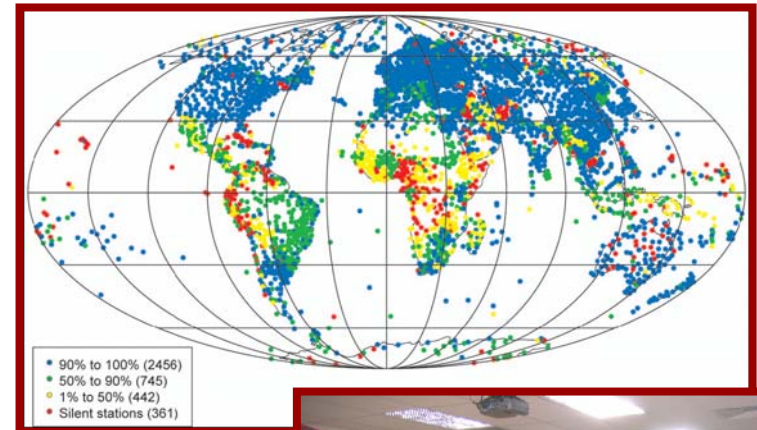
- **Monday:** Data and Infrastructure
- **Tuesday:** Applications, Displays and Visualizations
- **Wednesday:** Applications, Training and Education
- **Thursday:** Education and Outreach
- **Friday:** Discussion, Working Groups, and Next Steps

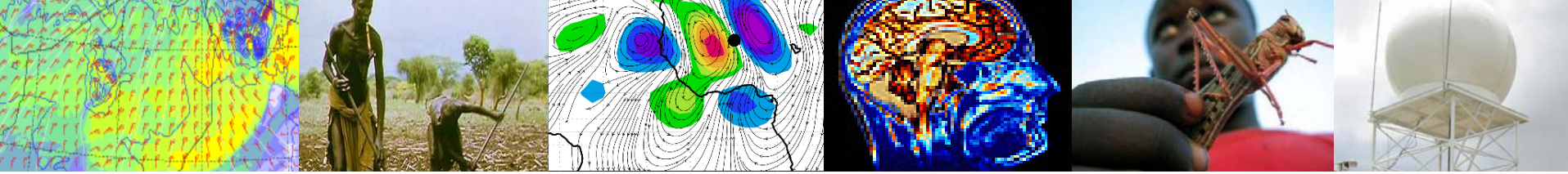




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- Mornings: Plenary talks at CILSS
- Afternoons: Hands-on Workshops at Programme SAAGA Office

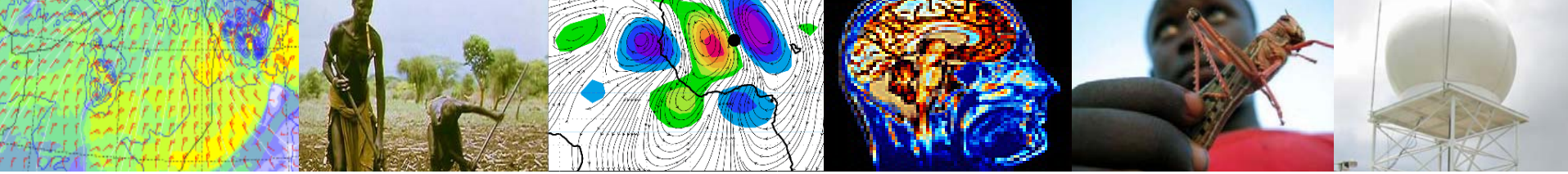




Requests

- Please provide hotel and departure information to conference administrators so they can arrange transportation to airport
- Please stay in this area of Plenary Room to minimize disturbance to CILLS staff, bathrooms are around the corner
- If you would like to share your conference photographs, please see me
- Speakers check in with me, please, during the break before your talk
- Group Photograph at Noon

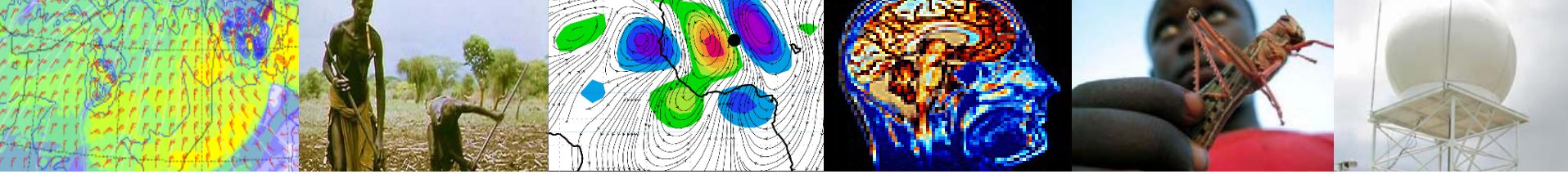




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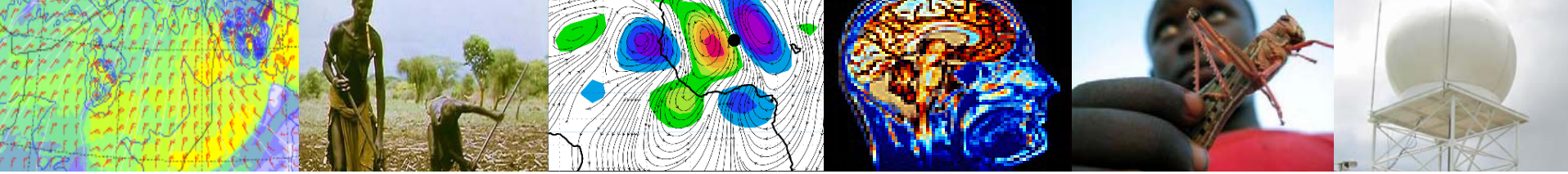




Schedule Today

- Morning Plenary continues, group picture this morning
- **12:30:** Busses will take you to a place where you can buy lunch
- **13:45:** Busses return to CILSS
- **14:00:** Program resumes at CILSS
- **15:30:** Busses take you to Program SAAGA for a hands-on workshop on Radar Calibration
- **18:00:** Busses return to CILSS for welcome reception
- **18:30:** Reception at CILSS
- **20:00:** Busses return to hotel.





Thank You

