

Interactive comment on “A pan-African Flood Forecasting System” by V. Thiemig et al.

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This is a very valuable contribution to the art of Flood Forecasting on the Grand Scale. The extensive and massively complex methodology is explained well in as straightforward a manner as possible. It is reported in a way that is relatively easy to understand and the depth of the complex coherent system is parsed in a way that the reader can follow the general outline without being swamped in the detail. The use of novel measures of validation (a word I prefer to verification) makes for trust in the methodology. The language is apparently that of one voice - that is a great achievement when there are 4 authors. I look forward to the practical launching of the methodology and its adoption by the Disaster Management groups in the continent of Africa – it will be a boon.

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There are a few things that I would like to see tidied up; these can be found in the attached document. After these peccadillos have been dealt with the paper should happily find itself published in HESS.

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Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.hydrol-earth-syst-sci-discuss.net/11/C1879/2014/hessd-11-C1879-2014-supplement.zip>

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