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This year's theme for the World Meteorological Organization's Day, (March 23) was Meteorology as a Model of International Cooperation. Jean-Guy Côté, advisor on Inter-governmental Affairs, is always glad when good AES examples can be cited to support the theme of WMO Day. Two of these immediately sprang to mind. Mike Balshaw, regional director, AES Central Region, led a team of world weather experts to Geneva, Switzerland and to Africa last fall to plan and make recommendations for a future African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development. In addition Cliff Hines, supervisor of Electronic Equipment, also of AES Central Region, was whisked down to Madagascar off the coast of East Africa for a few weeks, a year earlier to install some high frequency transceivers, vital for the operation of that country's weather service. The two instances cited are examples of two very different types of Canadian meteorological expertise required around the world. The first involves participation in the planning of major projects like AC-MAD on a continent-wide scale. The second illustrates the ability of Canadian specialists to fly in at short notice and carry out work of an entirely practical nature, not hesitating to rough it where necessary.