

From data to sustainable solutions for weather sensitive industries

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The Weather Service Challenges

- Large amounts of data available at SAWS
 - However, data not easily accessible to stakeholders in various industries eg. the Agriculture, Water and Energy Sectors
- Depleting shareholder support
 - Limited revenue from data with high costs for maintenance and data processes
- Backend processes are not fully automated
 - Requiring additional time from SAWS staff
- Need for innovative solutions









HydroLogic





Solution

Provide easy online access to the best available historical, actual (real-time) and forecasted weather information

- Configured the HydroNET RainMap, Weather Station and Forecast applications with SAWS data with additional tools
- Implement Software solutions eg SCOUT to improve data quality and automate data processing
- Automate processes so that client facing staff can focus on value-added activities

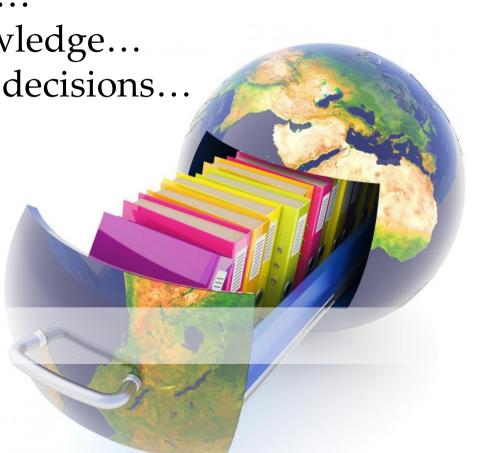


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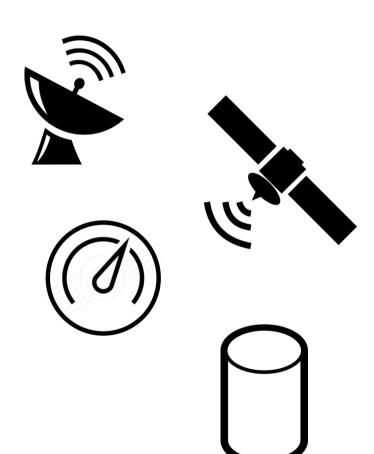
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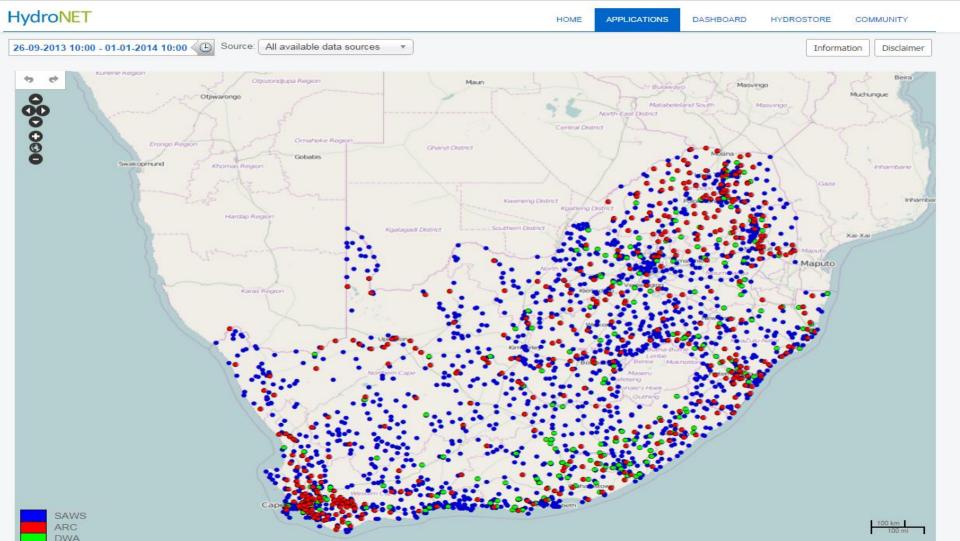
• No knowledge? No good decisions...

It all starts with data

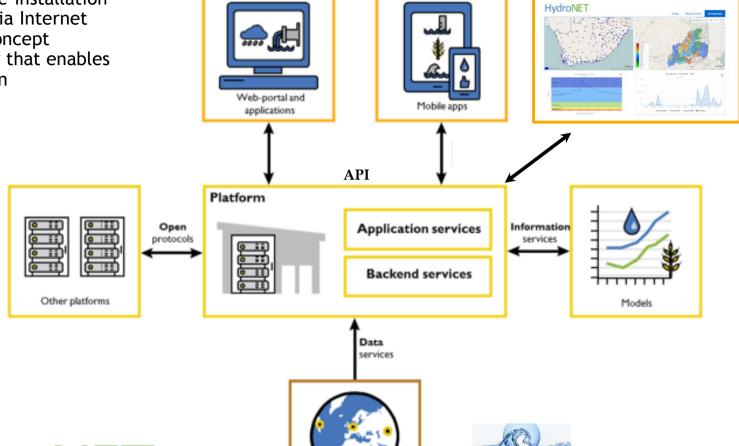








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- Scalable concept
- Technology that enables cooperation





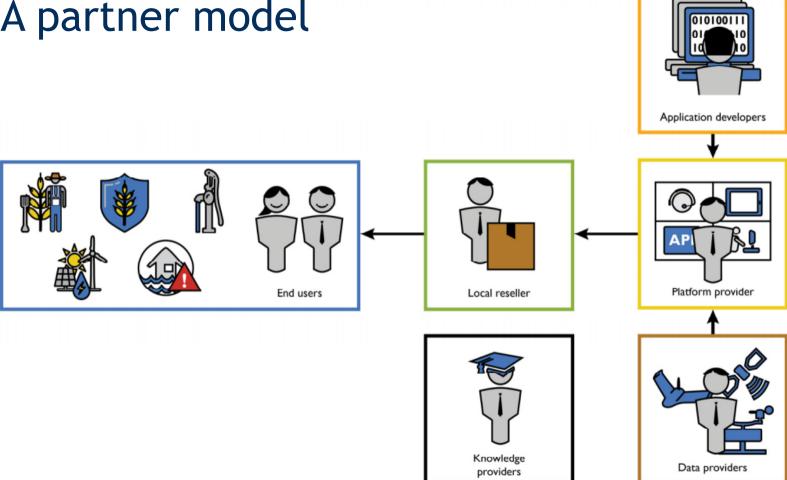








R4A partner model





HydroNET

Turns weather data into valuable maps and graphs enabling better decisions for sustainable management of South African resources

Objective of the R4A project



"Compose the **best available** historical, actual and forecasted **weather data** and make it **easily accessible via applications** for each food producer, weather services, added value provider and other potential clients in South Africa, at an affordable price."























4 target groups

1. Small Scale Farmers (125 000)

Other target groups to make the business model sustainable:

- 2. Commercial farmers
- 3. African National Weather Services
- 4. Application Developers to reach other clients
 - Governmental organisations
 - Insurance companies
 - Mining companies
 - Multinationals
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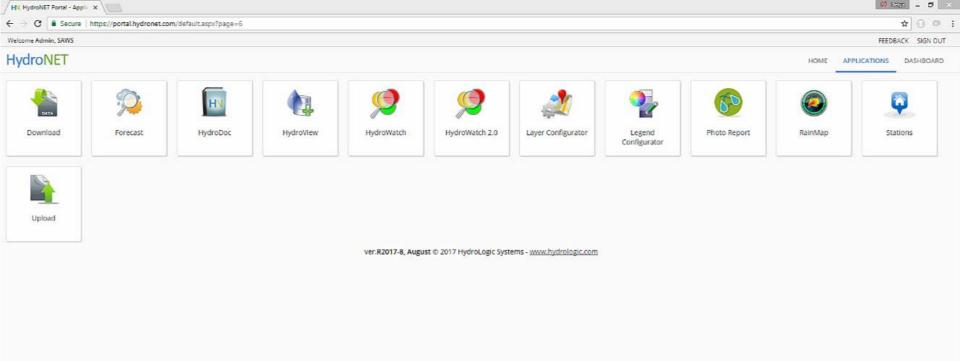
Deliverables for commercial users

• Easy access to improved weather and climate data for (southern) Africa

 Easy access to weather and climate decision support solutions for the energy, water, insurance and agro industries

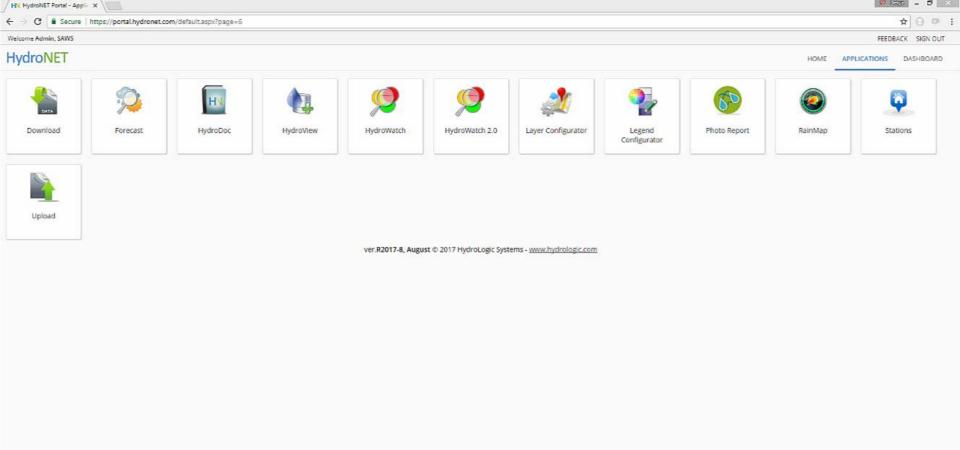






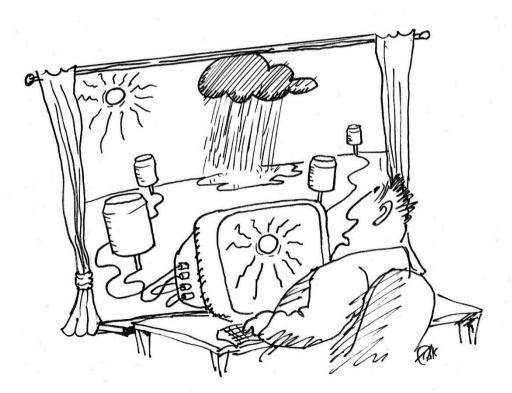
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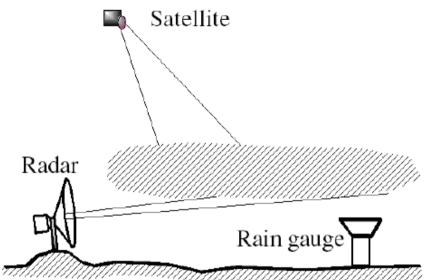


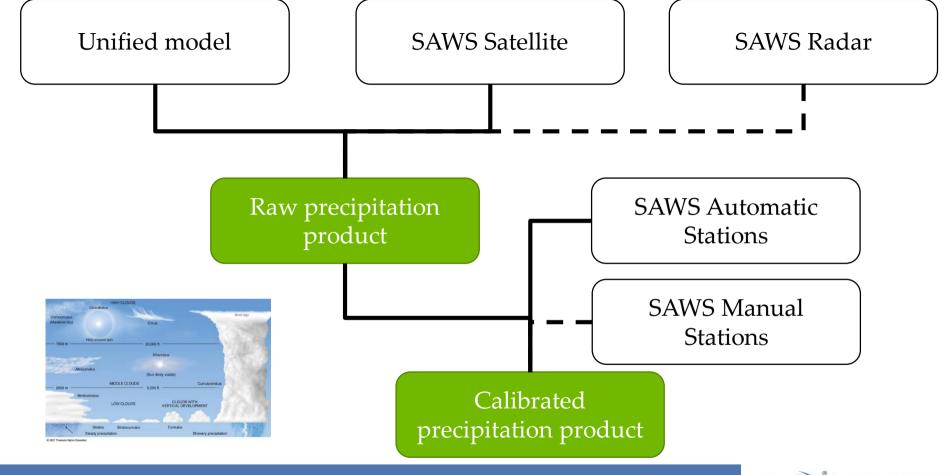


WeatherSmart Stations



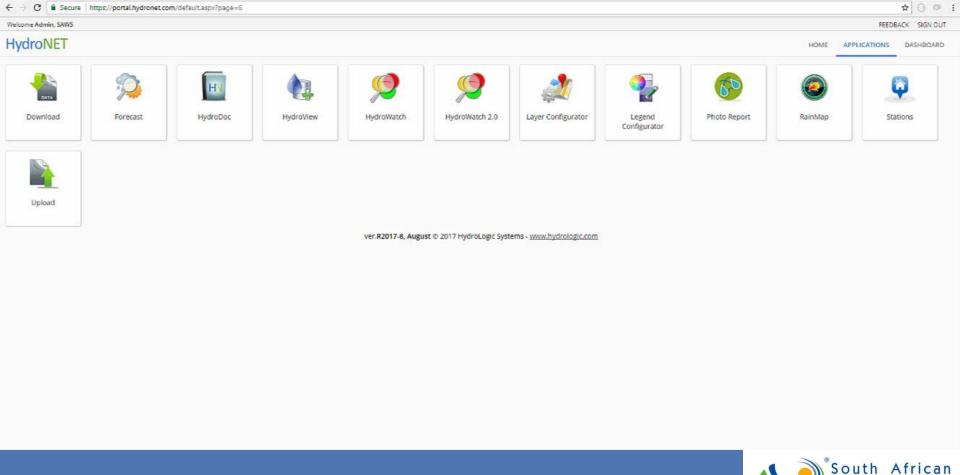






WeatherSmart RainMap

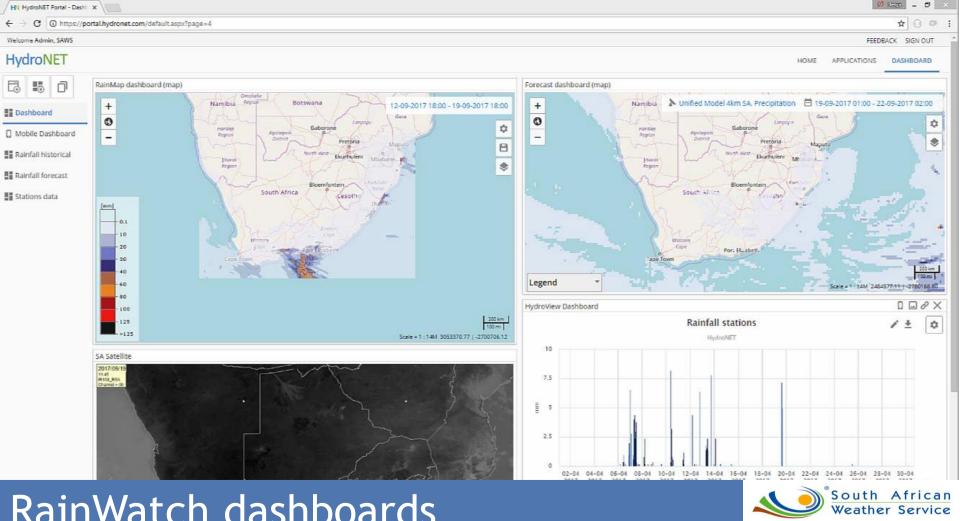




WeatherSmart RainMap

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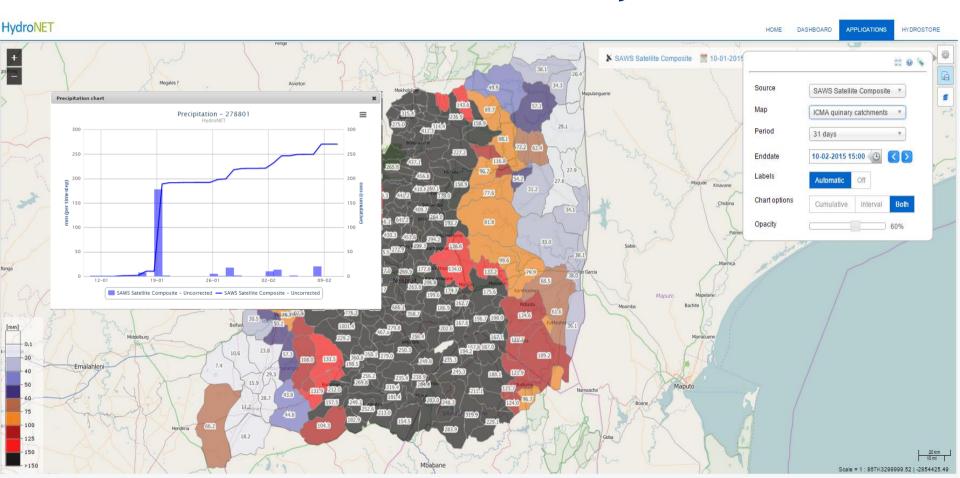


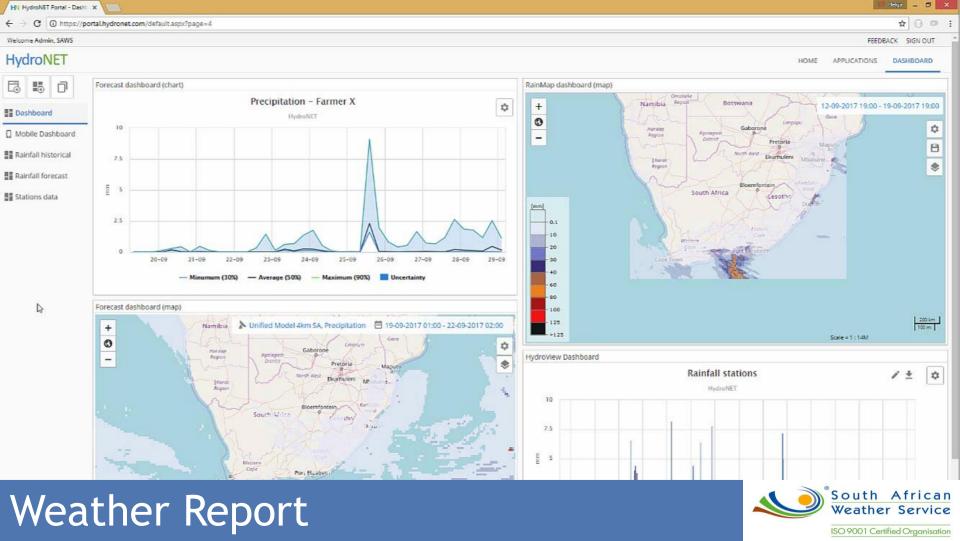


RainWatch dashboards

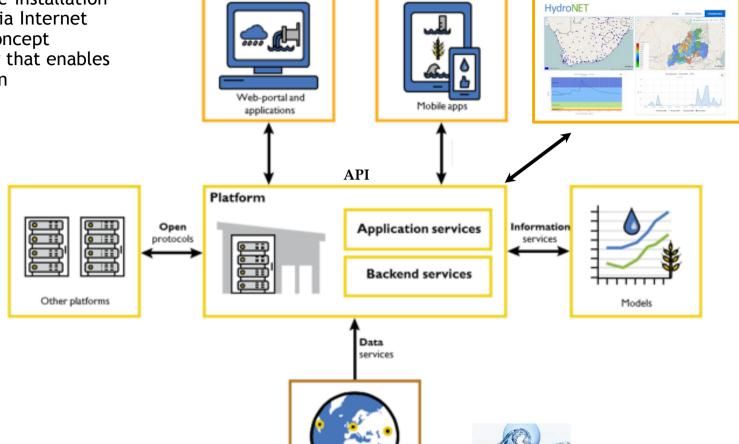


Customised information for any location





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Deliverables for application developers

- Easy and secured access to weather and climate data or R4A services via
 - Application Programming Interface (API)
 - Web Mapping Services (WMS)
 - Data export (DE)

- Software Development Kit to develop web applications and services from the R4A platform
 - HydroView, HydroWatch, Web Publisher, Report Generator, Control Room

Grape Compass on HydroNET in South Africa







Application Developers





Weather Impact



Platform Provider

HydroNET



Local distributor Capacity builder







End User









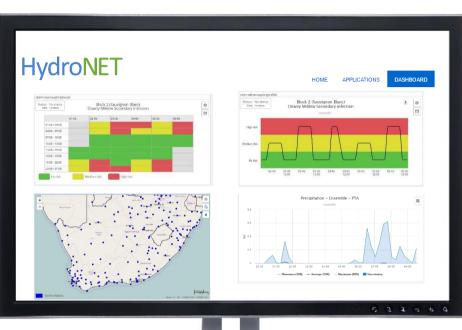




Top South African Wine Cellars









Grape Compass

- Fungal disease risk forecasts up to 5 days
- Location-specific updates every 3 hours
- Reliable estimations based upon best weather data available
- Use of academic fungal disease models
- Zero-tolerance approach to risk levels
- Easy access via an user-friendly, interactive Word-document on your PC



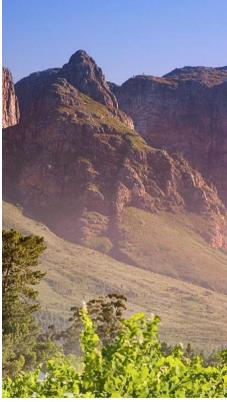


Grape Compass: user testimonials

"We saved about 15-20% on sprays in 2015/16 growing season. Therefore, Grape Compass definitely meets our expectations."

"Grape Compass makes it possible to micromanage your vineyard to improve operations."

"Grape Compass takes precision management in the vineyard to the next level."





Future products

- Hail and Lightning forecasts
- Lightning (Flash density; real-time)
- Seasonal prediction
- Climate data (historical long data set)
- Climate projection
- Rapidly developing thunderstorms
- Common Alert Protocol warnings
- SA Flash Flood Guidance and regional models



