

GLOBAL CLIMATE OBSERVING SYSTEM (GCOS)

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GCOS – Global Climate Observing System



GCOS was established in 1992 to address the UNFCCC systematic observation agenda

GCOS is a Co-Sponsored Programme:

WMO





ISC



International Science Council



Additional contributors: EU Commission, US State Dept., NOAA, Germany, EUMETSAT

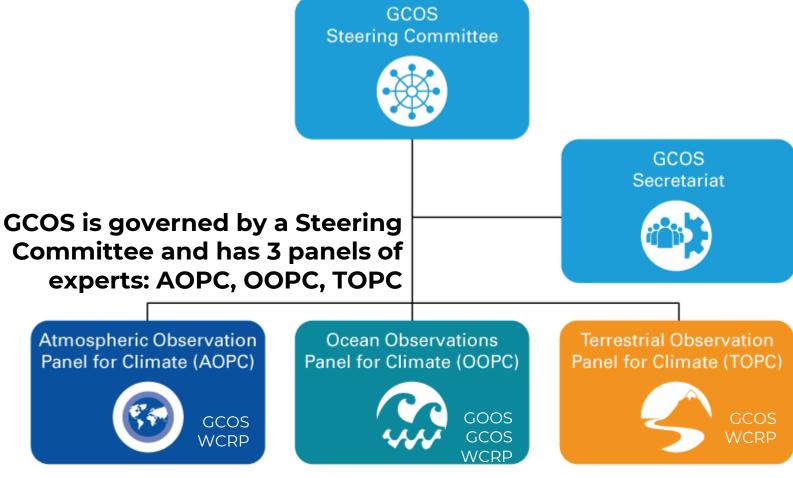












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VISION: a world where users have free ac to the climate-related information t

AIM: to ensure the availability and quality of obso that people can live with

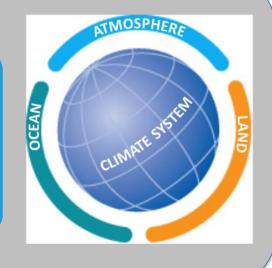
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ACTIVITIES

Identify user needs for climate monitoripe adaptation, sug develo UNFC

GCOS enables science continued into the future

Advocate for **free and** relevant data





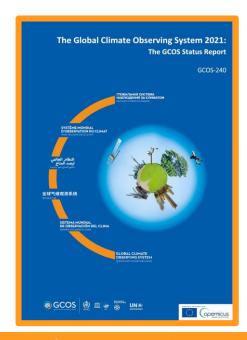




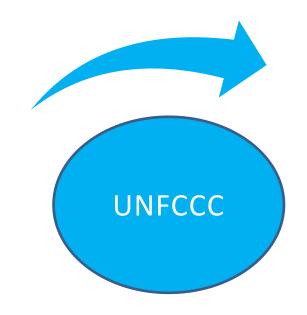


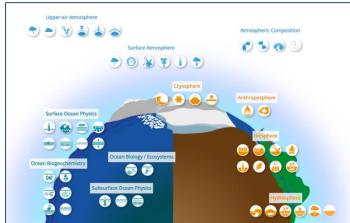


GCOS: main activities and outputs

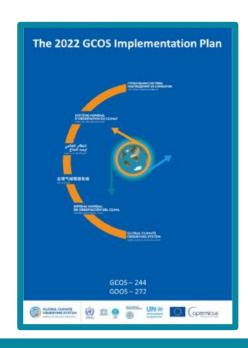


Assess if the Status of the observing system meets those requirements (GCOS Status Report)





Identify what we need to measure (ECV requirements)



Propose actions to improve the observing system for climate (GCOS Implementation Plan)





















The 2022 GCOS Implementation Plan

Research and Academia Supplement



https://gcos.wmo.int/en/publications/gcosimplementation-plan2022 **Essential Climate** Variables - ECVs

55 ECVs -37 can be measured from space

ECVs aim to monitor the climate system as a whole, covering the interlinked Earth's energy balance and the carbon and water cycles.

ECVs observations need to be:

- Feasible
- Cost-effective
- Relevant

ECV Domain (Panel Responsibility):

- Land ECVs (TOPC)
- Water ECVs (OOPC)
- Atmosphere ECVs (AOPC)

Hydrological Cycle



LAKES

TERRESTRIAL WATER VAPOUR WATER STORAGE LEVEL RISE

SURFACE WATER EVAPORATION OCEAN SURFACE

FROM LAND

GROUNDWATER

VAPOUR

EARTH RADIATION BUDGET

PERMAFROST ICE SHEETS & ICE SHELVES GLACIERS SEA ICE

Carbon Cycle





CARBON







CARBON

CARBON DIOXIDE, METHANE AND OTHER **GREENHOUSE** GASES

Composition and Transport



SURFACE PRESSURE







STATE



















PROPERTIES

OZONE





SURFACE

SALINITY





SURFACE

STRESS





SURFACE

CURRENTS

CURRENTS

SURFACE WIND SPEED & DIRECTION

GROUND BIOMASS

SURFACE RADIATION BUDGET









COVER



Biosphere







OCEAN COLOUR



2023

GCOS: an integrated system

GCOS does not make observations itself, is a system of systems cooperating with a wide range of organizations: National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, Satellite Agencies, in situ networks, National and regional bodies, Research centres, etc.











Other Global Organizations and Networks for specific terrestrial ECV



Satellite observations are coordinated by the Joint **CEOS/CGMS Working Group on Climate**

Examples of national and regional networks











Meteorological related networks, like: WIGOS, GSN, GUAN, GRUAN, GBON





a number of different ocean climate-related networks, in collaboration with GOOS



Examples of global networks associated with GCOS























and a wide range of other partners who support GCOS, host data centres, etc





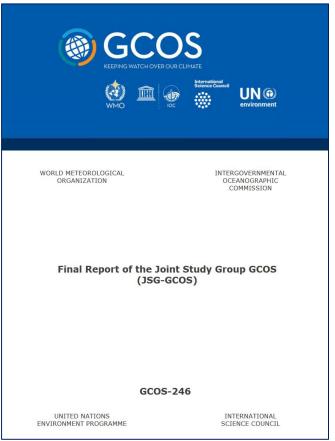








GCOS – Change of Leadership and of MoU





New Director of the GCOS Secretariat Mr Nir Stav

Previous Executive Director of the Israeli Meteorological Service

New Chair of GCOS Steering Committee Ms Thelma Krug

INPE, National Institute for Space Research of Brazil Previous vice-chair of IPCC











Thanks!











