

Notes for WDAC conference call, 11 Jan 2019

1) Participants

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Apologies: M. Bosilovich, P. Gleckler

Round of introductions, welcome to Simon and thanks to Otis and Pascal

2) Actions list from WDAC7 - where are we, outstanding issues?

- Agreement to not prepare a report for WDAC7 meeting, but only list of Action, see below
- **ACTION: Check availability of high vertical resolution radiosonde data (WDAC6, Jean-Noel) → 30-35% are currently published in BUFR and should be accessible via the GTS→ pass on information to relevant SPARC activities (Susann) - CLOSED**
- WCRP to review ECV factsheets
 - During the Marrakesh meeting to ensure that it gets done?
 - Covers ECV factsheets in joined session to ensure that everyone can participate
 - **ACTION: Make factsheets available beforehand to WDAC to allow enough time for proper feedback (GCOS/WCRP Panel Co-chairs) – MR TO FORWARD**
- **ACTION: Explore ozone data set as example with uncertainty on obs4MIPs (clarify with Peter what was meant (Susann) -ASK PETER AT BLUEJEAN**
- Explore Energy budget contribution to Global Stocktake (Tristan, Remy)
 - CLIVAR activity on energy budget terminated → spin off into new activity
 - **ACTION: Share outcome of workshop in Toulouse (Tristan, Remy) - CLOSED**
 - Open question: What is the role of the energy cycle with respect to the Paris agreement?
- Explore stronger synergies between obs4MIPs and C3S (Peter, Jean-Noel)
 - **ACTION: Peter to visit C3S (Jean-Noel) - OPEN**
- **ACTION: Ensure Implementation Plan will include work on prioritizing observing systems (OS(S)E, etc.) and will advocate for those via the GCOS/WCRP Joint Panels (WDAC) - TODAY**
- **ACTION: Promote seamless infrastructure for observation/data/simulation in IP (WDAC)- ESGF – EXPECTED RECOMM from WDAC8**
- Plan for Joint Panel meeting + WDAC + WG Climate 18-22 March, Morocco: Done
- Distribute WCRP Sponsors' review: DONE

3) WCRP Strategy and Implementation/Transition Plan: state of play, and what it means for WDAC (Mich)

- Transition Plan to be developed by JSC40 in Geneva (May 2019)
- Led by a small Task Force (TF) with expected contribution by all WCRP groups
- WDAC should suggest a rep on the TF
- **ACTION: Ensure (WDAC) is part of the TP Review (Mich) – SEE recomme to JSC**
- Comment: Need to know more about the Strategy (including the level of adoption by the sponsors) and the IP in order to provide input to the TP. Also, concern on the strain on the Community to contribute to various documents

4) Preparation for Marrakesh, interactions with GCOS/WG Climate (Jean-Noel/Susann)

- Conference call with panel Co-chairs is planned during the 2nd half of January
- **ACTION Coordinate WDAC and WG Climate agenda for Marrakesh (Mich, Joerg) - DONE**
- **ACTION: GEWEX SSG to provide statement on connection to GCOS (Remy)**

5) AOB (all)

- Impact of US government shutdown on data distribution (e.g. NOAA websites) → distribution is affected but processing is not
- Alternative sites are available → how to best distribute the information?
- **ACTION: Include discussion on best practices for such situations at WDAC8 (Susann, Jean-Noel) - essential data sets to be developed – WDAC JNT/Tanner**