

Ongoing Governance of the Process

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Governance is a responsibility for all of us

Overarching principles:

- Engagement
 - *Scientists, users, data providers/custodians*
- Efficiency
 - *Identifying synergies with existing initiatives*
- Flexibility
 - *Agile decision making*

Issues to discuss

- Ownership
 - An alphabet spaghetti of acronyms! WCRP, GCOS, WMO etc etc
- Meetings
 - If and when? Who? Virtual if possible?



Issues to discuss

- Funding
 - Big question ...
- Reporting mechanisms
 - Frequency and methods
- Global buy-in
 - Need to identify win-win situations



Recommendations

1. Efforts should be made to capitalise on the efforts of existing and ongoing projects;
2. A Steering Committee should be established, to be composed of the chairs of the various working level groups established to conduct the various elements of the work, to include experts from outside the climate science community, and a number of 'project evangelists';
3. The steering committee should have designated authority to make reasonable choices to allow for flexibility and efficacy;

Recommendations

4. The steering committee should annually report to stakeholder bodies on the basis of a single annual report;
5. A small number (3-5) of 'project evangelists' should be identified and mandated to proactively engage with external stakeholders and facilitate effective two-way communications;
6. Findings and conclusions should be reported in the scientific literature and at relevant conferences.

Comments from the blog

- Need for a comprehensive road map
- Reward mechanisms for data curators – is there a need to embargo data until publications are prepared?
- Engagement with those outside the traditional climate sphere is very important

