Update on JSG-GCOS

GCOS Steering Committee 29

December 7, 2021













Joint Study Group (JSG)-GCOS

GCOS programme 30y old + WMO major constituent reform in 2019

JSG stablished to review GCOS governance and structure



- 15 members representing current GCOS co-sponsors and other GCOS stakeholders.
- Work organised around subteams looking into different aspects
- One Interim Report in April 2021
- Regular meetings since January
 2021 –October 2021

MoU revised to:



Distinguish between the programme ambition (long-term) and its technical execution (short-term, more flexible)

Clarify the functions and responsibilities of the MoU signatories/GCOS sponsors

Reflect the link between GCOS and UNFCCC including support of the Paris agreement and its global stocktake

Ensure a proper engagement of GCOS stakeholders (including satellite agencies)

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Qingchen Chao and Martin Visbek co-chairs of the JSG GCOS

Role of Joint Study Group - GCOS

- Aim
 - To review the governance and structure of GCOS
- "Joint" between the 4 GCOS co-sponsors:
 - World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC)
 - UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - International Science Council (ISC)
- JSC-GCOS Outputs
 - Final report with proposal for a revised governance and mandate of GCOS*
 - Proposals that will have to be considered by each of the 4 co-sponsors of GCOS

^{*}Final draft report compiled by GCOS Secretariat and pending revision from JSG GCOS











JSG-GCOS subteams

Subteam	Expected output	Members (co-moderators in bold, GCOS staff in italics)
SWOT analysis	Completion of the GCOS SWOT analysis based on the input of JSG-GCOS members. This document will be used to frame the recommended actions.	Albrecht von Bargen, Qinchen Chao, Jean Noël Thepaut, Joanna Post, Karim Hilmi, Belén Martín Míguez, Caterina Tassone
MOU revision	Suggestions to modify the current sponsors agreement (MOU). Not so much a legal review but focus on the key elements that a revised MOU needs to address.	Suda Zakuto, Toste Tanhua , Han Dolman, Jian Liu, Anthony Rea, Paul Counet, <i>Belén</i> <i>Martín Míguez</i> .
Mandate expansion	Suggestions on a widened mandate in light of new customers of GCOS-derived information. Suggestions to improve the communication of GCOS capabilities and the value of sustained observation to a wider community. Recommend changes to the governance structure.	Sabrina Speich, Jean Noël Thepaut, Peter Thorne, Toste Tanhua, Suda Kazuto, Albrecht von Bargen, Qinchen Chao, Paul Counet, Thelma Krug, Mark Dowell, Tim Oakley, Joanna Post, Jöerg Schultz, Robert Husband. <i>Caterina Tassone</i>
Financial arrangements	Review and propose changes to financial arrangements taking advantage of the ongoing GCOS finance review work. This subteam agreed to merge with the financial group already established by GCOS SC to look at how GCOS SC can support GCOS Trust Fund.	Sue Barrell, Youba Sokona, Thelma Krug,
Value chain	Assessment of which is the role of GCOS within the Climate Observing Value Chain	Sabrina Speich, JN Thepaut , Han Dolman, M. Dowell, K. Hilmi, J. Post, Q. Chao, S. Tegtmeier, <i>B. Martín Míguez</i>



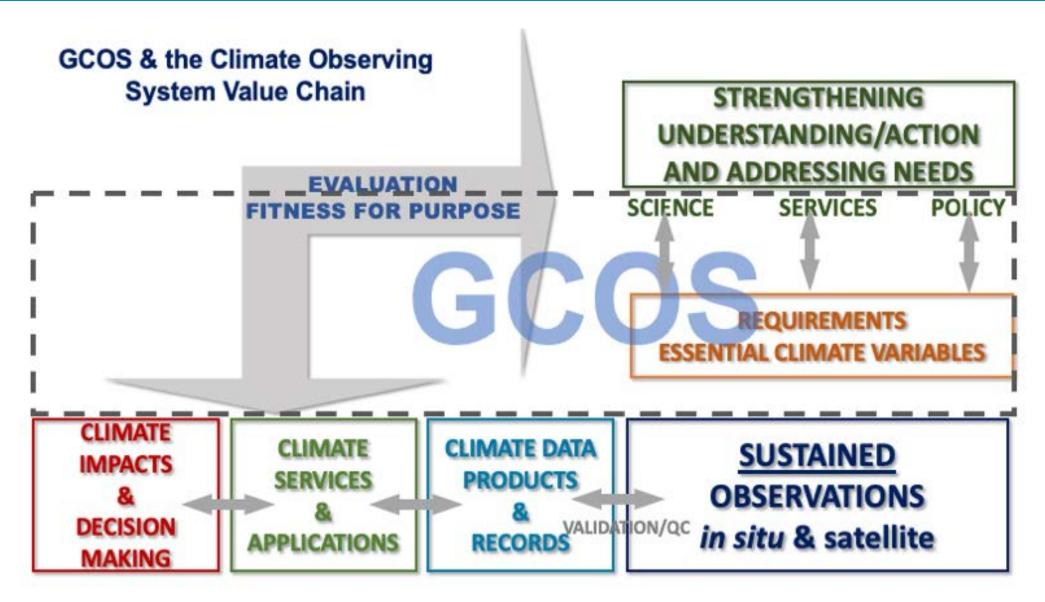








Subgroup GCOS Value Chain





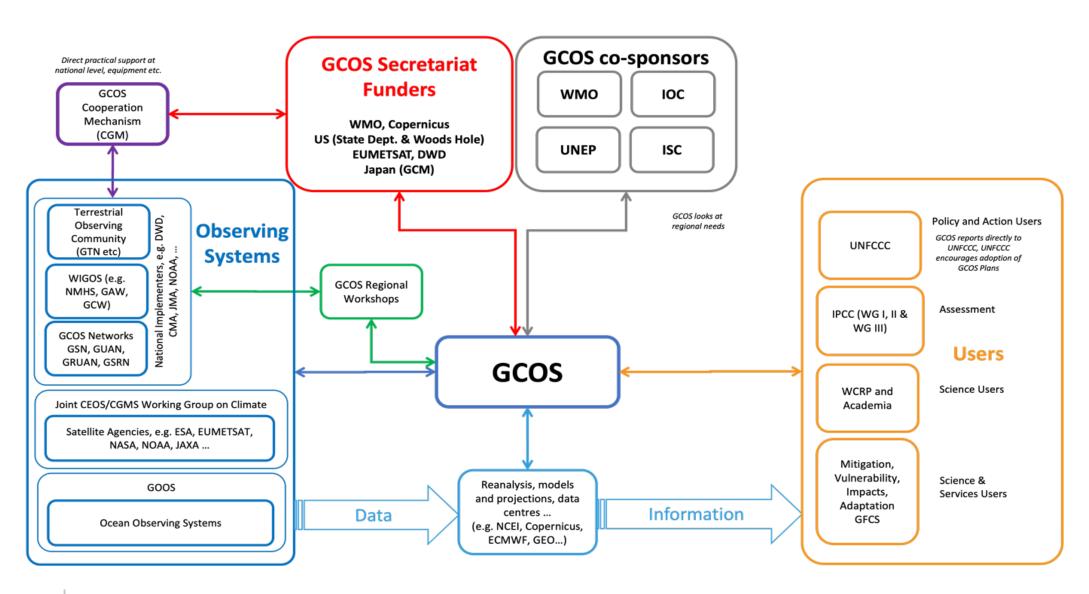








GCOS ecosystem of stakeholders







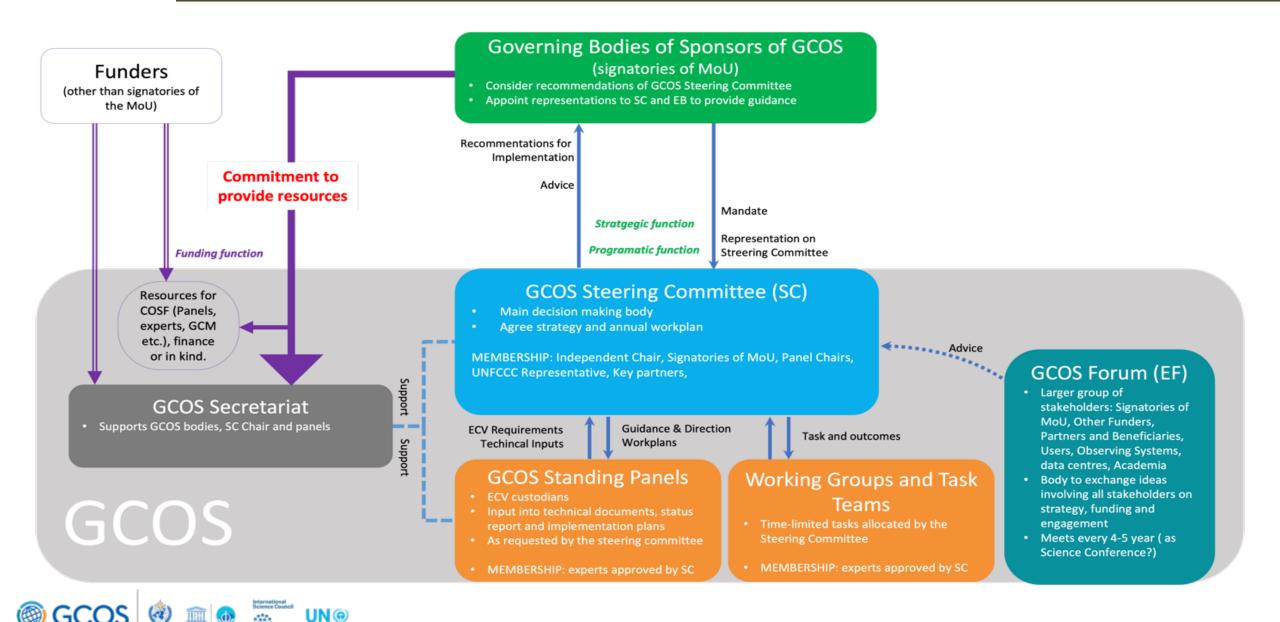








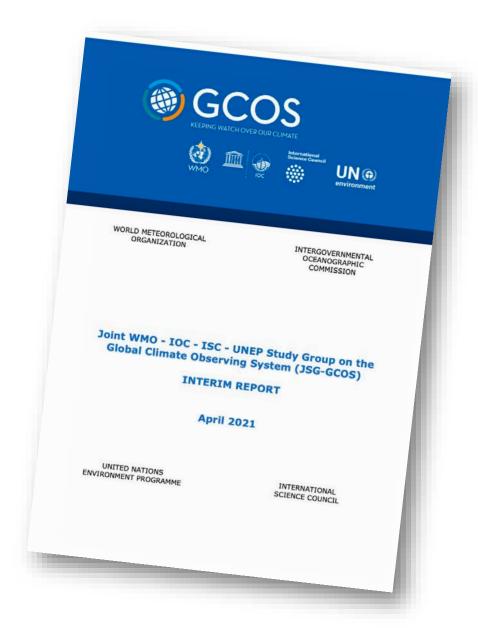
Proposed GCOS Governance



Next Steps

Final report send to co-sponsors for review

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2.2.	GCOS Stakeholders: from Observations to Decision Making
3. Re	view of GCOS' Mandate
4. Th	e GCOS Workplan: Implementing the Mandate
4.1.	Funding
4.2.	UNFCCC
4.3.	Engagement
4.4.	Geographic Representation
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5. Go	vernance
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