Global Framework for Climate Services

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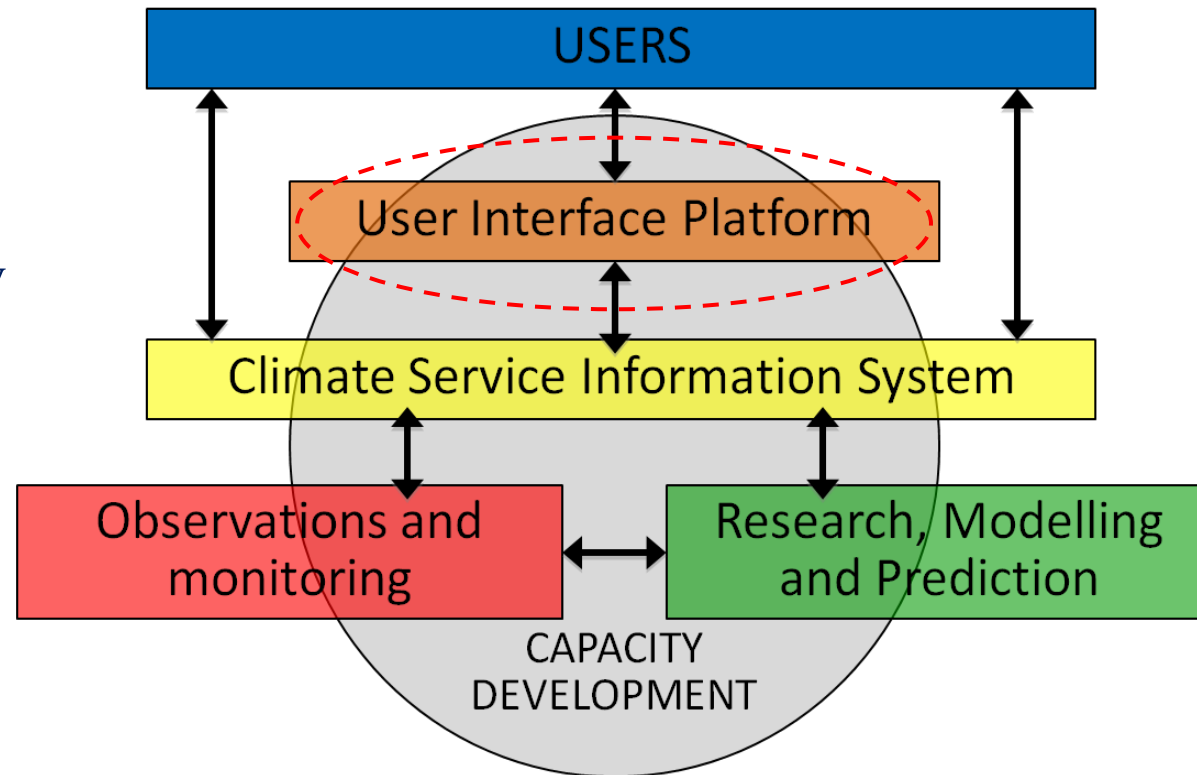
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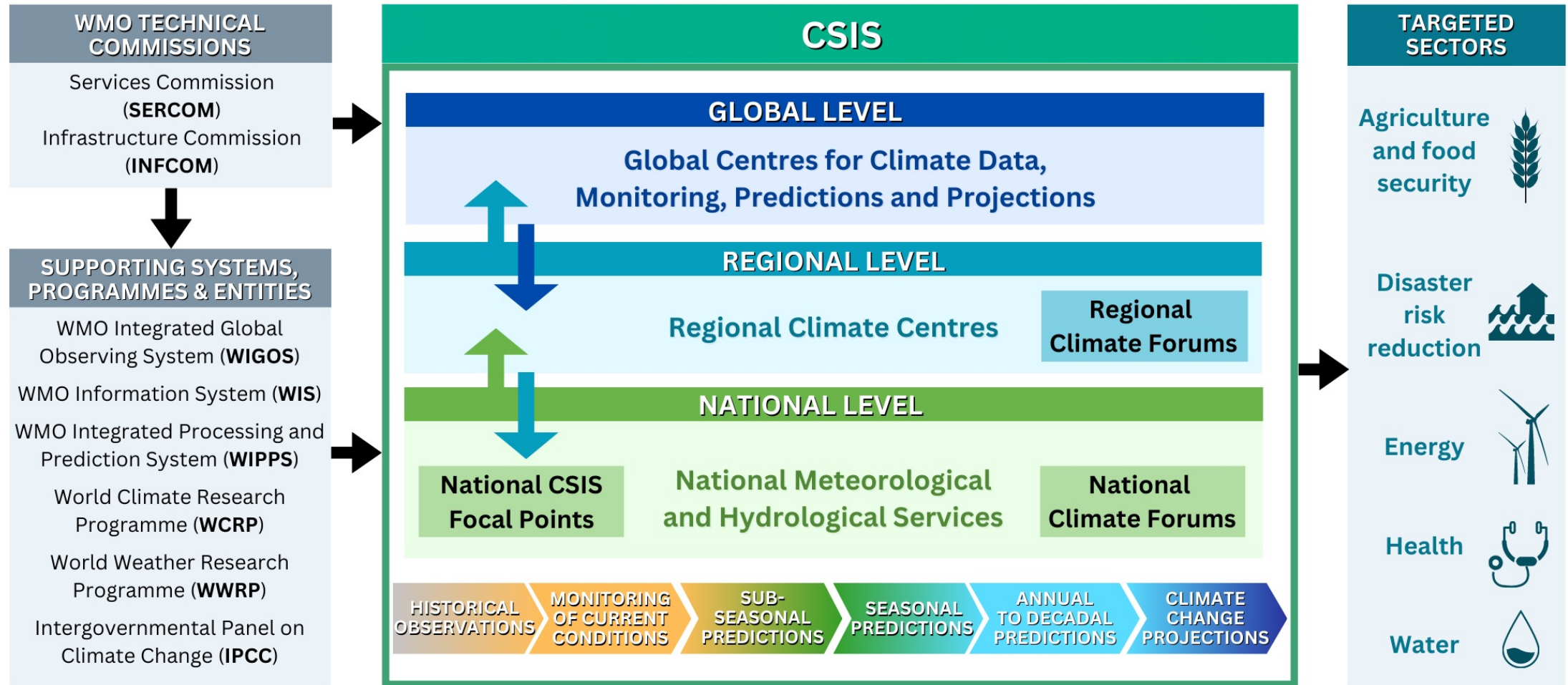
Launched in 2012

Priority areas:
• Agriculture and food security
• Water resource management
• Health
• Disaster risk reduction
• Energy

Climate Services Information System (CSIS)

Refocussed GFCS

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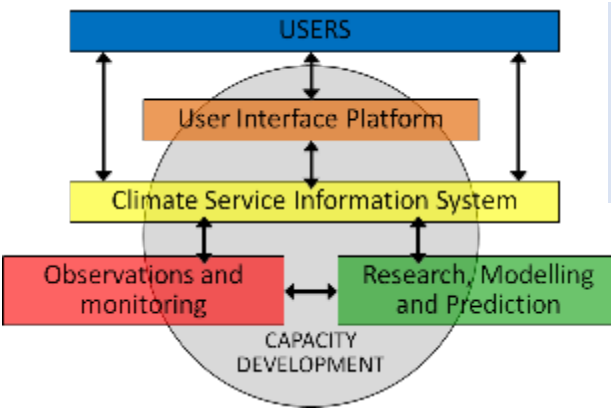
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Refocussed GFCS: focus for collaboration with WCRP?

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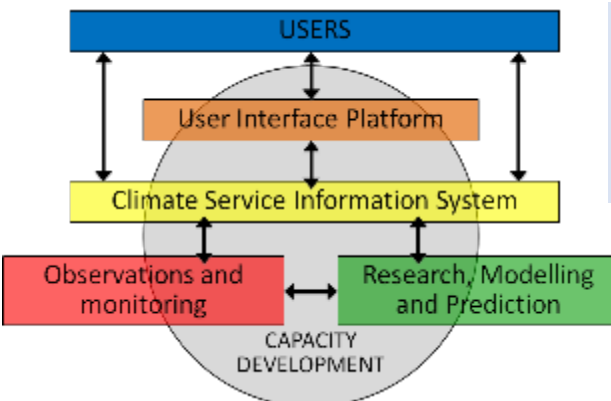**4** **Develop the climate services value chain/cycle**
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USERS
User Interface Platform
Climate Service Information System
Observations and monitoring
Research, Modelling and Prediction
CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Opportunities/requests to WCRP

- "Rapid science", e.g. can we mobilise the research community to rapidly answer key societal climate issues such as:
  - why was 2023 so warm in so many places
  - why is 2024 continuing to be so warm
  - Can we attribute recent extreme events to climate drivers ("rapid attribution")
  - etc.
- Can WCRP complement IPCC between Assessment Reports? Perhaps on key societal issues around sea level, cryosphere, etc.

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Some challenges for climate services:

- Only worth delivering if it is to be used to influence an outcome

- Coordination and engagement – Time-consuming, but beneficial

- Requirements versus capability – Often a big gap

- The concept of "users" – Who are they? What do they need?

- The role and importance of other disciplines – e.g. social science

- Capabilities and capacities – Providers and users

Thank you

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