

Task Team on Regional Activities Telecon February 6, 2020

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Minutes

Gutowski chaired the meeting. He went through the agenda and asked if there were additions to it. Goodess proposed the following topics:

- 6th International Conference on Climate Services (ICCS6) in Pune – a status update
- Next steps and next telecon for the TTRA

Agenda topic 1. Revamping the WGRC into a new Working Group on Information for Regions (WGIR)

Two discussion notes were distributed to the TT the week prior to the telecon:

- Goals and Terms of Reference of a new Working Group on Information for Regions (WGIR)
- Reflections on the membership for the WGIR.

After the discussion of the Terms of Reference the TTRA arrived to the following consensus:

- The WGIR is proposed as mechanism for the achievement of objective 4 (*Bridging Science with Society*) by pulling together WCRP efforts that produce information for regions, identifying scientific challenges and needs of regional climates, and providing an interface with climate services.
- CORA should not become an IPO for WGIR, although it should have a close link to WGIR. CORA has a strong operational modality and its role shall remain as originally envisioned: a resource across all WCRP bodies regarding regional activities and thus the CORA's ToR will not be changed.
- A key element for the success of WGIR is to ensure that communications and gathering of the information for regions is achieved across all elements of the future WCRP in a matrix style, e.g. both horizontally and cross-cutting. The TTRA is encouraged to use the Implementation Plan Framework to re-think and shape the communications.
- The TTRA is asked to revise and comment the tentative ToR, although it was agreed not to dwell further into details on WGIRs' implementation until the outcomes of the upcoming WCRP workshops "scientific Questions" and "Elements and Structures", are known,

Actions:

- The TTRA is asked to revise and comment on WGIR Terms of Reference by **February 24**. The document is available in Google docs: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qh1S1xFKQEgqduFUzhI5mNMOPz83ByUV/view?usp=sharing>
- Narelle to send the last version of WCRP's Conceptual Framework to work on the communication matrix. (Done. See below).

Agenda topic 2. Upcoming WCRP Workshops: input from the TTRA

Daniela Jacob and Jens H. Christensen are the TTRA member that will participate in the Science Questions workshop in Hamburg, Feb 24-26. Because neither Goodess nor Hewitson will attend the event on behalf of WGRC they were asked to provide input so that Jacobs can forward it at the event on their behalf. JSC and Jacobs will ensure that the TTRA is informed about the outcomes from this

workshop. A TTRA telecon should be arranged after the event and before the workshop on elements and structure in April

Actions:

- Goodess & Hewitson provide input from WGRC for the workshop and the rest of the TTRA members to consult their respective communities regarding the regional climate aspect and the cross-cutting issues of WCRP.
- All input to be sent to CORA at cora@wcrp-climate.org, whom will put it together for Jacobos to present it on behalf of the WGRC and the TTRA. *Deadline Feb 19.*

Agenda topic 3: Work Plan

It was agreed to postpone the discussion this point after the second WCRP workshop.

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ICCS-6 in Pune: The planned WCRP session with CORA (Wiebke) and Krishnan (JSC) will not take place due to trip canceling because of the risk of the Corona virus. Krishnan then invited CORA to participate in JPI-Belmont Forum Stakeholder Workshop Pune during 18-20 March 2020. Status update of Feb 7: This has been discussed with the JPS and it became clear that CORA is not the right body for this meeting as this involves WCRP participation at a higher level, e.g. two JSC members (Raghavan & Braconnot) as well as others engaged in WCRP activities.

Next steps: The next telecon of the TTRA shall find place between the two WCRP workshops. CORA will set up a doodle for tentatively mid-March (calendar week 11).

**DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR WCRP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN,
AS PRESENTED AT THE WCRP SCIENCE WEEK AT AGU FALL MEETING 2019**

