

Summary of the 2nd Session of the WCRP Data Advisory Council (WDAC)
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The meeting was kindly hosted by EUMETSAT (<http://www.eumetsat.int/>) in its headquarter premises. EUMETSAT is deeply involved in the generation of Climate Data Records and contributes substantially to the SCOPE-CM (http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/scope-cm_en.php) and GSICS (<http://gsics.wmo.int/>) initiatives.

This meeting made substantial progress on key priorities identified during the first WDAC session. CEOS/CGMS (<http://www.ceos.org/>) and GOSIC (<http://gosic.org/>) will move forward on investigating commonalities between their respective inventory design towards a joint tool, where inputs from all WCRP core projects, GCOS panels and WMO will be expected to contribute.

A task team will start developing the plans for a dedicated workshop on "Observations for reanalysis" in 2014. A blue-print on best practices regarding data set quality assessment will be developed to improve the consistency of this important activity across WCRP and partners. It was decided to establish an obs4MIPs <https://oodt.jpl.nasa.gov/wiki/display/CLIMATE/NASA+obs4MIPs+Working+Group> panel within the Council to coordinate data (observations and reanalysis) archiving activities in the context of the Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF, <http://esgf.org/>).

This council session followed an intense "Climate from Space" week in Geneva, 18-22 March, with a series of meetings (CEOS/CGMS/WMO Architecture for Climate Monitoring from Space, CEOS WG Climate, and SCOPE-CM) which helped preparing this session.