



Introducing the WCRP Modelling and Data Advisory Councils (WMAC and WDAC)

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The Joint Scientific Committee of WCRP, at its Extraordinary-JSC meeting in October 2011 in Boulder, USA, confirmed the establishment of a WCRP Modeling Advisory Council (WMAC) and a Data Advisory Council (WDAC) to strengthen the coordination and synergies between the various modeling and data analysis efforts across the program respectively. The WDAC will embrace the former WCRP Observations and Assimilation Panel (WOAP) as one of its major mandates.

The establishment of these two Councils is the result of a long preparatory process which has considered evaluations and findings from a number of groups and events including the OceanObs'09 Conference, the Framework for Ocean Observing, the ICSU Visioning Process and the Belmont Forum and the subsequent creation of the Earth System Sustainability Initiative, the World Climate Conference-3 and the subsequent establishment of the Global Framework for Climate Services, and the recent WCRP Open Science Conference focusing on "Climate Research in Service to Society", and calling for 'actionable science' and closer connection with decision makers.

The Terms of Reference of the WMAC and WDAC can be found at:

- http://www.wcrp-climate.org/WMAC_tor.shtml
- http://www.wcrp-climate.org/WDAC_tor.shtml

The WCRP coordination of climate modeling and observational initiatives will hopefully serve the requirements of all stakeholders and interested parties working across many different disciplines and will require a level of concerted efforts from the modeling and observational communities at large.

The secretariat of WCRP is collecting the nominations for the members and chairs of the WMAC and WDAC. They will be officially appointed during the 33rd session of the WCRP JSC to be held in Beijing in July 2012