

# Catalyzing Innovation in Weather Science: the World Weather Research Programme

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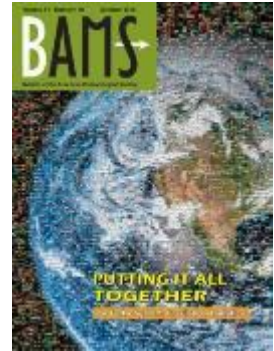
# 20 Years of WWRP



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# Seamless Prediction

Originally defined at the  
intersection of weather and climate



Seamless prediction in the WWRP context considers all compartments of the Earth system as well as disciplines of the weather enterprise value chain (monitoring and observation, models, forecasting, dissemination and communication, perception and interpretation, decision-making, end-user products) to deliver tailor made weather information from minutes to months and from global to local.

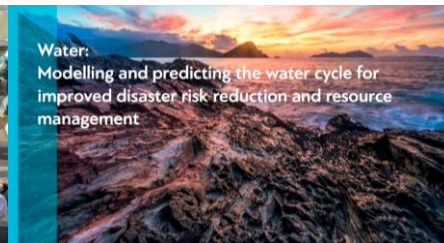
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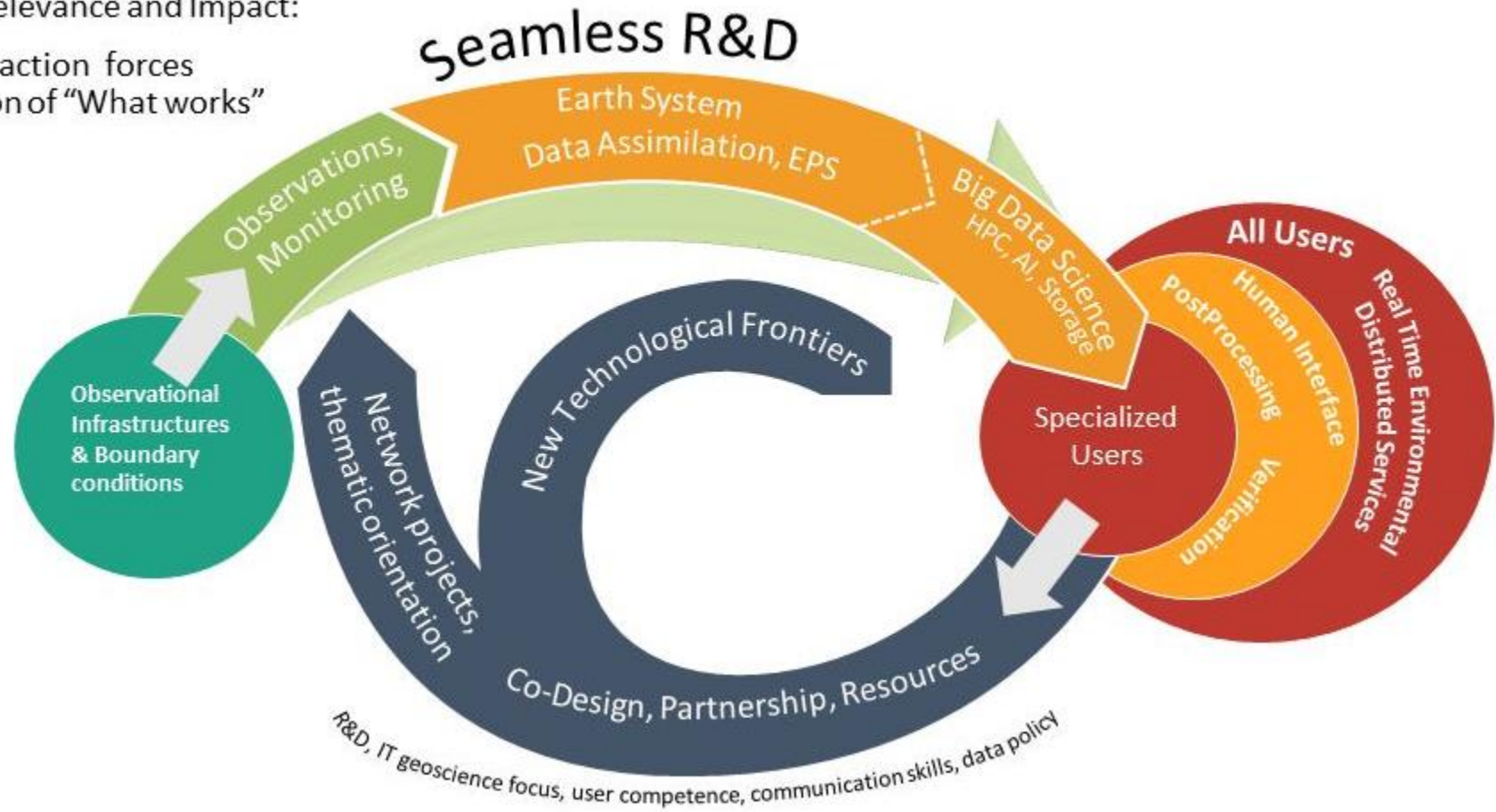




# Science for Services – a value cycle approach bringing research and operations together

Quality, Relevance and Impact:

User Interaction forces exploration of “What works”



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# The World Weather Research Programme

WMO's mechanism to foster and progress cooperative research for improved weather and environmental prediction services from minutes to months

## Mission

"The WMO World Weather Research Programme (WWRP) promotes international and interdisciplinary research for more accurate and reliable forecasts from minutes to seasons, expanding the frontiers of weather science to enhance society's resilience to high-impact weather and the value of weather information for users. WWRP aims at Seamless Prediction by increasing convergence between weather, climate and environmental approaches. WWRP strengthens academic – operational partnerships and interdisciplinary collaborations, and enhances the role of Early Career Scientists



# WWRP activities focus on four challenges

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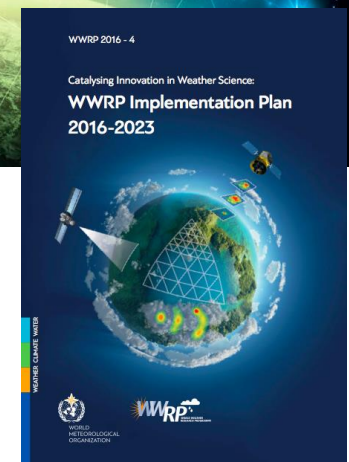
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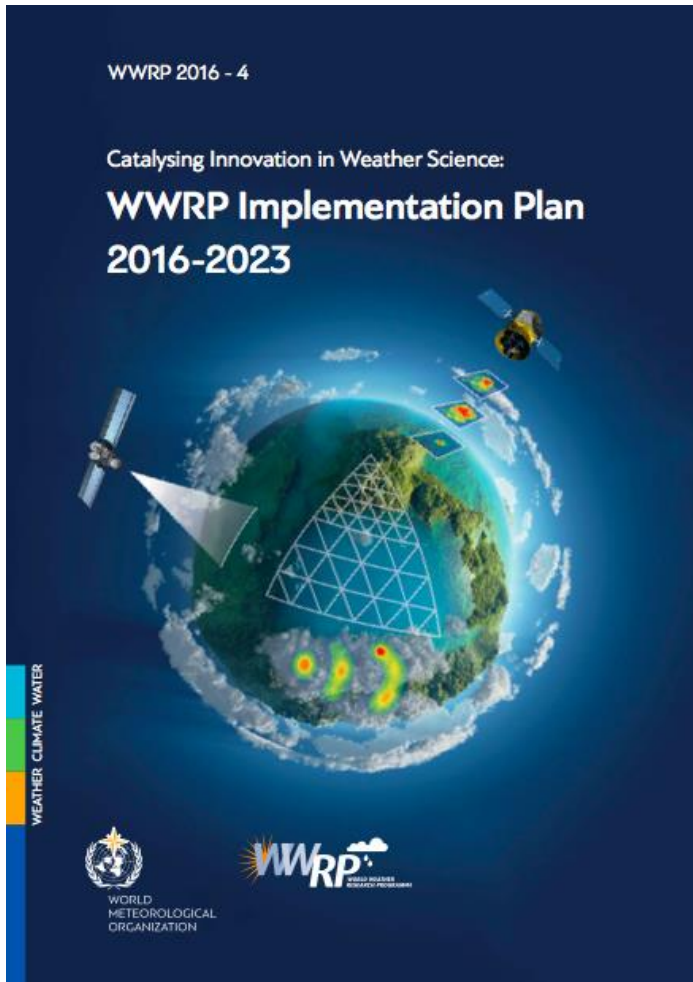
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## A guide to catalyze innovation



# WWRP Implementation Plan



**For each societal challenge the Implementation Plan:**

- **Identifies the key scientific and implementation challenges**
- **Specifies the key needs for international coordination**
- **Articulates the resulting benefits for members**
- **Defines Action Areas**



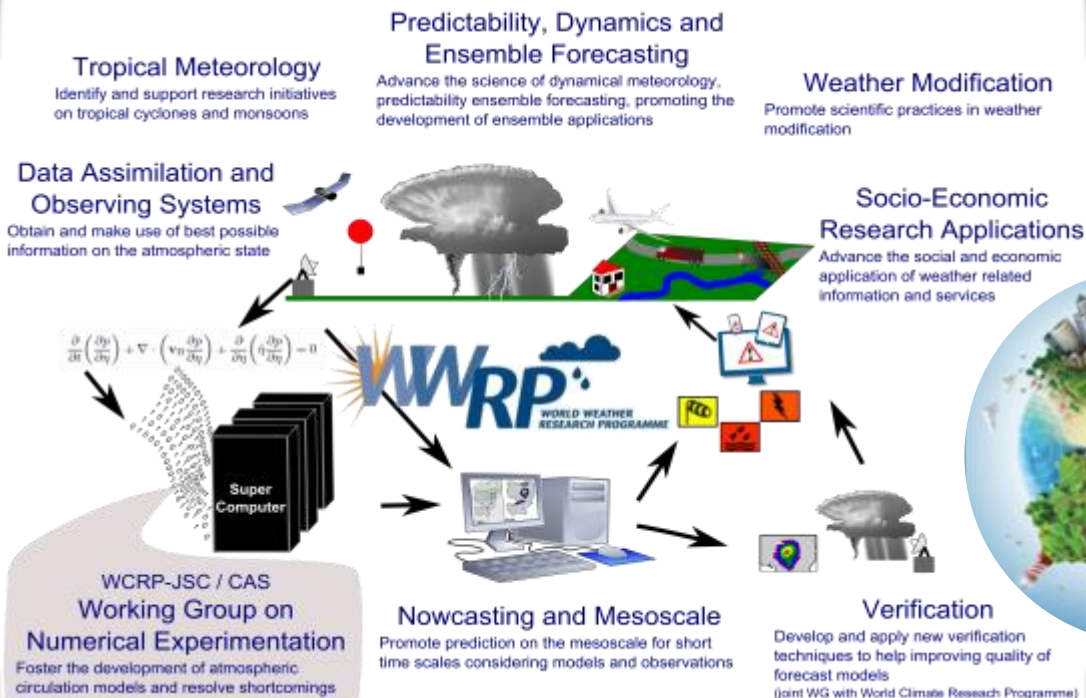
# WWRP Structure

Scientific Oversight  
& Management

Scientific Steering  
Committee

World Weather Research  
Division at WMO Secretariat

## WWRP Working Groups



## WWRP Core Projects

### Polar Prediction





# Partnership with WCRP

Joint responsibility for:

- Further development of subseasonal – to – seasonal prediction
- Enhancing resilience to weather-related risk in the context of a changing climate
- Developing the models used for weather and climate research, prediction and projection
- Contributing to development of observing system for weather & climate research and applications
- Developing future infrastructure for extreme computing and data handling
- Strengthening regional research and innovation
- Nurturing early career scientists



# Partnership with WCRP

Potential for mutual benefit from collaboration related to:

- Process understanding across time-and-space scales; translation to predictive skill
- Coupled data assimilation and reanalysis
- Organised tropical convection
- Vulnerability, risk, communication
- Comprehensive intensive field programmes to enhance process understanding and support model development in critical processes
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# Partnership with WCRP

With the aim of:

- Sharing knowledge and expertise
- Avoiding duplication of effort
- Using resources wisely
- Bringing scientific advances to regions where people are most vulnerable



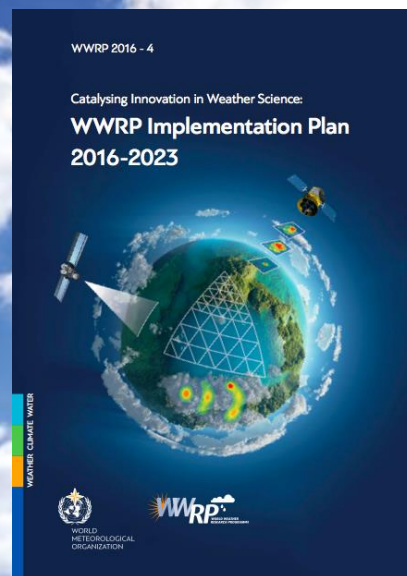
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# WWRP Action Areas

## Societal Challenges

HIGH IMPACT WEATHER

WATER

URBANIZATION

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

## Action Areas

Address Limitations  
Uncertainty  
Fully Coupled  
Applications  
Verification  
Attribution

Integrated  
Water Cycle  
New Observations  
Precipitation Processes  
Hydrological  
Uncertainty

Understand Needs  
Observations  
& Processes  
Urban Prediction

Advanced Methods  
Support Facilities  
Tools  
New Observations  
Future GOS

## Objectives and Concrete Activities

Each Action Area comes along with a set of objectives.

Concrete Activities have been defined that will ensure to achieve the objectives and make progress in the action areas.



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