



# Task Team on Regional Activities

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# Task Team on Regional Activities - TTRA

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## Terms of Reference

- Through consultation, make recommendations or suggestions with regard to research that enhances on the relevance and use of climate science and information for climate services and decision-making at the regional and national levels.
- Co-develop, with the existing WCRP regional climate activities, a concrete work plan for the next two years, including that for CORA.
- Co-develop required structures and elements for the WCRP implementation plan that will empower the WCRP to address its strategic priorities on climate information for regions.
- Report back to the JSC with findings and possible options at its 41<sup>st</sup> session (May 2020), with recommendations on the relevant components within the WCRP Implementation Plan.

# Current situation

- Based on past discussions, papers and ideas the TTRA developed preliminary recommendations summarized in the interim report in December 2019.
- In parallel WCRP's new strategy has further been discussed towards implementation.
- Therefore, TTRA has to revisit the preliminary recommendations from 2019.
- The TTRA has only partly been able to meet the task set it, for various reasons e.g. DC workshop didn't happen
- To complete the task the TTRA requires an extension to the end of 2020



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# Future plans: roadmap for RA

- Focus of the work in the TTRA should be on developing a roadmap to connect with existing regional activities, cross-cutting elements, and new elements that may be drawn in from the lighthouse activities
- The TTRA sees major potential to connect with the ‘My Climate Risk’ lighthouse activity e.g. with FoCI projects
- More discussion and clarity around the ambition of the WCRP with respect to objective 4 (bridging climate science and society) would greatly help the work of the TTRA in establishing sustainable links to the work on regional activities.
- Final report and recommendations could be made at the end of the year



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# TTRA interim report (Dec 2019)

## Preliminary recommendations

- *To re-frame the “Recommendations on a Framework for WCRP Regional Activities” (JSC-38/Doc.11) in the context of the four WCRP pillars*
- *Proposal to replace the Working Group on Regional Climate (WGRC) with a Working Group on Information for Regions and Society (WGIRS)*
- *To use Frontiers of Climate Information (FoCI) projects as a vehicle for co-design and co-production with stakeholders of climate information for regions. The Core Project Initiative could serve as the basis of a proof of concept*
- *Identify organisations and communities WCRP should establish sustainable connections with, to bridge science with society, e.g. GFCS, Future Earth, Climate Services, Social Science, Disaster Risk Reduction Communities, etc*
- *To draw on the experience and expertise of the regional chapters of WGI IPCC AR6 report*



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