

CONCEPT NOTE - "Implementation and Transition Meeting"

(2 days: Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th Geneva, Switzerland)

1. Rationale

Over the last year, the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), through its Joint Scientific Committee (JSC) and working with the broader climate science community, has produced a new Strategic Plan (SP) for the period 2019-2028¹. The next stage is for the JSC to work with the community to formulate an Implementation Plan (IP); to ensure the priorities outlined in the SP are put into operation in the best and most efficient way possible. The IP will define a "new" WCRP structure suitable to support the research efforts identified in the SP. Along with the IP, a transition plan needs to be developed that ensures a smooth and uninterrupted transition from the current mode of working to the new WCRP structure.

As with the SP, the development of the IP will be the responsibility of the JSC, but will involve input from the entire WCRP community to ensure that there is strong support for the plan and its actions. The WCRP Joint Scientific Committee (JSC) will be supported in this activity by the JPS and will ensure the best alignment of the SP and the IP.

2. Process for Transition planning

Representatives from the WCRP JSC (Chair, Vice chair plus two others) supported by the JPS (Mike S, Narelle VdW and Pavel K) will form a core group to take forward the development of the IP and the transition process.

This group will lead the task of shaping and identifying the major directions within the transitioning; draft the IP; and lead discussions within the WCRP community to draw consensus on the elements of their roles of the "new" WCRP. This group will be active during 2019, to reach an agreement at the JSC-40 session and to assist reporting to the WCRP co-sponsors for the IP.

WCRP will hold a "*Implementation and Transition Meeting*" prior to the JSC-40 meeting (4 - 5 of May), to facilitate and expedite the planning and drafting processes. The meeting will be lead by the JSC Chairs and will involve members from all WCRP core projects and core activities.

3. Scope and Aims of the Implementation and Transition Meeting

The meeting will be 2 days in length and the dates will be Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th, directly before the JSC-40 meeting. The meeting will involve around 25-30 WCRP community leaders:

- JSC members, depending on availability.
- Core Project & CORDEX representatives (one from each): 5
- Working Groups: 4
- Councils: 2
- Grand Challenges: 7
- JPS: 3-6

Total: **25-30**

¹ <https://www.wcrp-climate.org/wcrp-sp>

Attendees will be tasked with agreeing on the process for production of the IP and the transition including:

1. Agreement on the outline of, and writing tasks for, the IP, including the consultation process and a timeline for development
2. A short *transition plan* to be reported to WMO Congress and other co-sponsors after JSC approval

Also, the core groups are asked to provide written input regarding their future planning and activities in advance of the Implementation and Transition Meeting as input for the discussion.

4. Draft Timeline for the IP development

The IP will be finalized by mid 2020, with a draft available for the AGU Fall Meeting in December 2019.

Feb-April 2019

- Core group to discuss topics for “fast track initiatives” for further discussion at the meeting (**core group**). (**NvdW, MS**)
- Core group to initiate discussion on process, including transition (**core group**)
- Draft Gantt chart, to include key meetings and deadlines for IP for discussion (**NvdW, MS**)

May 2019

- Implementation and Transition Meeting plus write-up of outcomes in preparation for the 40th Session of the JSC (**core group, NvdW, MS**)
- JSC discussion and approval of process for IP and transition (**JSC**)

May-December 2019

- Draft IP (core group with advice by JSC)

December 2019

- Final draft IP to be ready for discussion at WCRP AGU event (**all**)