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# Conclusions of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Joint Scientific Committee

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## External Drivers ...



World Climate Conference-3, OceanObs '09, ICSU Review and Visioning, acknowledging WCRP past contributions and identifying future challenges and opportunities.



Need for more flexibility/agility to respond to expanding users needs, that includes information:

- At regional scale
- For key sectors of global economy
- For adaptation, mitigation and risk management

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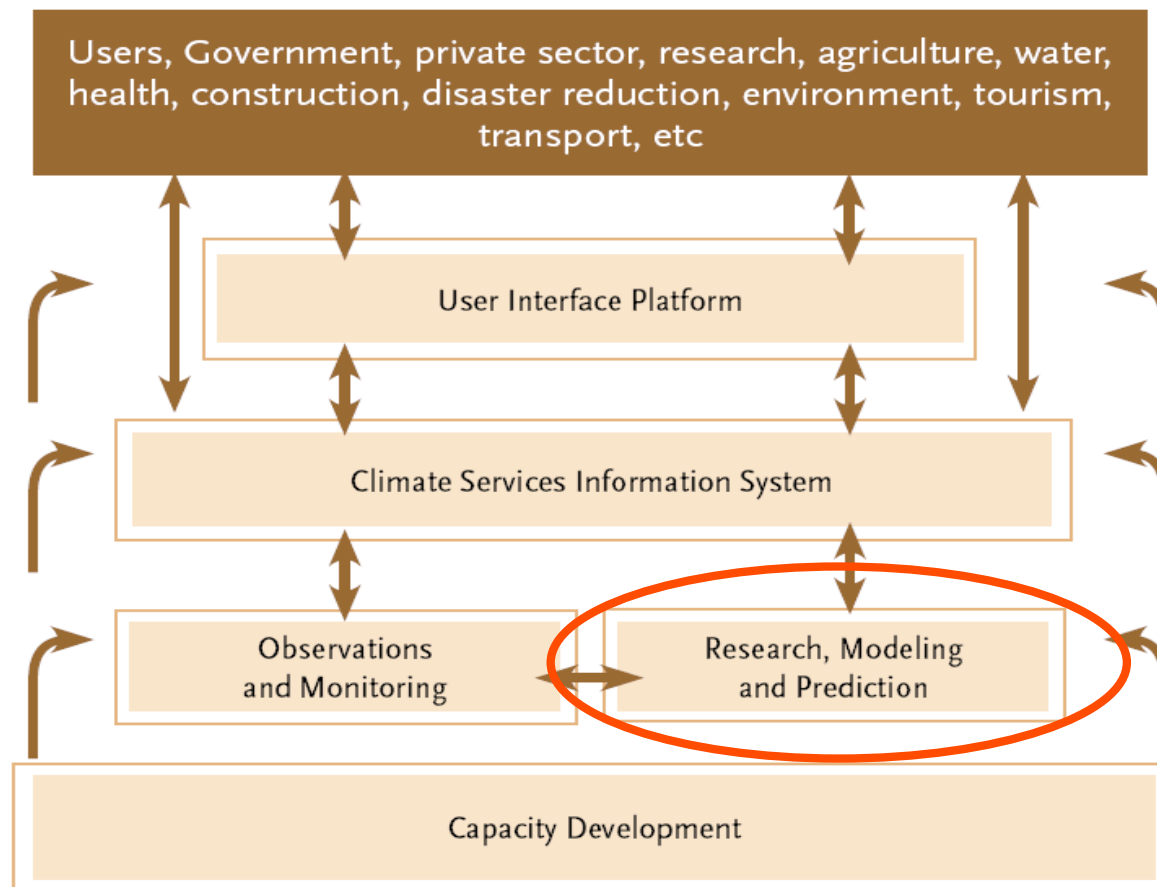
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## Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)



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## C. Core Service Delivery Mechanisms For Forecasts/Predictions



Earth System Science

## B. Research Communities Meet



## A. Mix of Research & Operations



Nowcasts

Day to Month  
Weather Forecasts

Seasonal/Inter-annual  
Prediction

Decadal  
Prediction

Decadal  
To Century

Time Scale Dependence Of Three Different Characteristics Of Weather,  
Climate, Water and Environmental Prediction Activities

Increased WWRP-WCRP collaboration between weather and climate communities:

- Subseasonal to Seasonal Prediction initiative
- Polar Prediction Project

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## WCRP Organization

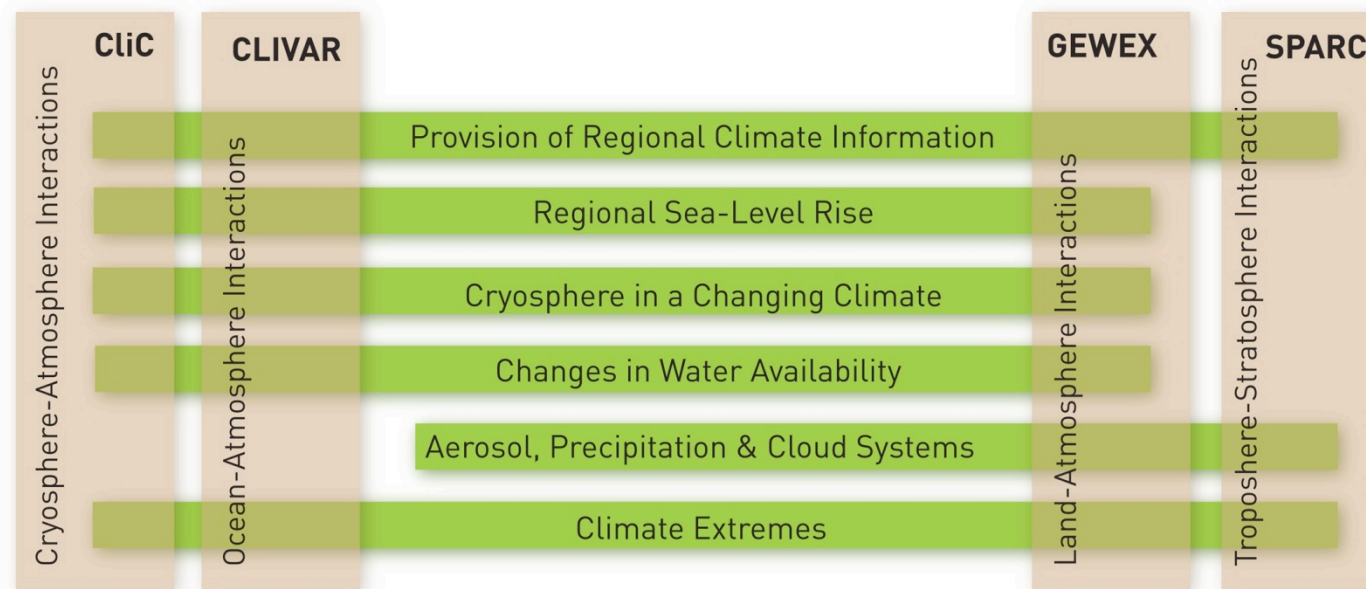
Joint Scientific Committee

Joint Planning Staff

Modeling Advisory Council

Data Advisory Council

**Working Groups on:** Coupled Modelling (WGCM), Regional Climate (WGRC), Seasonal to Interannual Prediction (WGSIP), Numerical Experimentation (WGNE)





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## WCRP Grand Challenges – White papers are being developed for each.

*WGCM will be implicated in some way in many of these*

- Skilful regional climate information (mainly CLIVAR lead)
- Regional Sea-Level (CLIVAR lead, with CliC and GEWEX)
- Cryosphere in a changing climate (CliC lead)
- Cloud and Climate Sensitivity (WGCM lead, with GEWEX and SPARC)
- Changes in water availability (GEWEX lead)
- Prediction and attribution of extreme events (GEWEX lead)