First Review of COP-21 and Potential impacts on Space Agencies

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COP21 side event
Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation: Two Sides of the Same Coin
How Disaster Risk Management can complement and reinforce Climate Change Adaptation

EU Pavilion
Luxembourg Room
02 December 2015
14:30 - 16:00

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COP-21 – the event

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The Paris agreement aims to hold the increase in global average temperatures to:

“well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels”.

In addition to the Agreement itself, there are ‘Decisions’ which are practical documents to help implement the Agreement.

Crucial areas identified as essential for a landmark conclusion

- Mitigation
- Transparency system and global stock-take
- Adaptation
- Loss and Damage
- Support

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Input from space agencies: SBSTA Report

• Very positive feedback on statements delivered by GCOS, IPCC, WMO CEOS and CGMS,
• SBSTA noted the GCOS report, the CEOS/CGMS joint report and the WMO report,
• Noted the progress made and invited GCOS to consider the outcome of the COP when preparing the GCOS IP,
• Invited GCOS to collaborate with partners to support Decision making on Adaptation and Mitigation.
• Urged parties to address priorities and gaps identified by GCOS and contribute to the review of GCOS IP 2016.
• Encouraged parties to enhance systematic observations in relation to Extreme Events

• Overall, there is a strong acknowledgement of the contributions made by GCOS but also more generally by the climate efforts done by the space agencies – supporting the underlying science and providing the base measurements.
• SBSTA urges the parties to continue in order to make the Paris agreement happen.
• It should be noted that the SBSTA didn’t invite explicitly CEOS to support the implementation of GCOS IP 2016 and to report on progress at SBSTA 45.

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The role for space agencies in the Paris Agreement

- **Mitigation**
  - Implementation of REDD+: has increased support from the Paris Agreement (Article 5)
  - Further guidance on INDCs
    - INDCs non constraining

- **Adaptation**
  - Plan for Adaptation, current INDC pledges are not enough (2.7 ° to 3.7 ° instead of less than 2 °)
  - Earth Observation Systems (also have a wider context)
  - Scientific Knowledge

- **Loss and Damages**
  - More natural disasters: risk assessments, emergency preparedness and early warning systems.

- **Support**

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- **Mitigation**
  - GFOI, BIOMASS mission
  - Harmonisation, metrics?
- **Adaptation**
  - GCOS and IPCC
  - Copernicus Space Segment
  - CCI, H2020 and many others
- **Loss and Damages**
  - International Disasters Charter
- **Support**
  - ?
- **Global Stock-take**
  - Carbon mission/harmonisation?

Underpinning science on climate change is fundamental

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The over-arching goal of the Joint CEOS/CGMS Working Group on Climate (WGClimate) will be to improve the systematic availability of Climate Data Records through the coordinated implementation, and further development of the architecture for climate monitoring from space.

More specifically, the coordination shall be designed to achieve three main objectives:

- Provision of a structured, comprehensive and accessible view as to what Climate Data Records are currently available from satellite missions of CEOS and CGMS members or their combination;

- Creation of the conditions for delivering further Climate Data Records, including multi-mission Climate Date Records, through best use of available data to fulfil GCOS requirements (e.g. by identifying and targeting cross-calibration or re-processing gaps/shortfalls);

- Optimisation of the planning of future satellite missions and constellations to expand existing and planned Climate Data Records, both in terms of coverage and record length, and to address possible gaps with respect to GCOS requirements.
Climate Architecture

- The document outlines a strategy for an international architecture that ensures delivery of satellite observations for climate monitoring from space over the time frames required for analysis of the Earth’s climate system.
- The implementation starts with an ECV Inventory, including balance of past/current and future datasets. An approach for analysis of the data is being prepared.
- Other activities to be started include Case Studies and Macroscale space system requirements.
Why an Architecture for Climate Monitoring from Space?

- Two main needs/usage scenarios for an architecture have emerged.
  - To promote a common understanding, amongst the various stakeholders, of the implementation implications of meeting the various climate monitoring requirements.
  - To support an assessment of the degree to which the current and planned systems meet the requirements, and the generation of an action plan to address any identified shortfalls/gaps. It is anticipated that such an action plan would help promote the fulfilment of user needs through the coordinated implementation of activities across agencies.

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Flow of Requirements to Products

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Courtesy J. Bates
Experiences with ECV Inventory Collection, Assessment, Gap Analysis and Action Plan Cycle

- **ECV Inventory** is the principle activity of WGClimate to capture the physical architecture of climate observing systems.
- Each step was an opportunity to develop further **Best Practices**.
- ECV Inventory **data call** was interpreted differently by different agencies and participation varied.
- **Reference Assessment** scored ECV inventory answers against GCOS data set guidelines.
- High-Definition **Gap Analysis** considered gaps spanning 41 conditions.
- **Mitigation Plan** and actions are very difficult to develop and needs harmonization with GCOS responsibilities.
Other Activities

- Reporting to CEOS
  - Update of the ECV Inventory
  - Analysis report on new Climate Change Treaty (COP-21)
- Reporting To CGMS (#44 Biot-France June 2016)
  - FCDR Inventory
  - Interoperability Standards
- Reporting to SBSTA
  - WGClimate Chair will be present at SBAST-44 as part of the ESA delegation.
- Interface with GCOS
  - Supporting the Definition of the New GCOS IP (planned end 2016)
  - Prepare the CEOS response to the new GCOS IP (planned end 2017)
Timeline for the GCOS Implementation Plan

Preparatory work in 2013 – 2015 (GCOS panel meetings and three workshops with GFCS/UNFCCC/IPCC; Publication of Status Report)

15 November 2015  Draft Table of Contents submitted to COP21
2-4 February 2016  First Writing Team meeting, JRC, Italy

2-4 March 2016  Open GCOS Conference

April 2016  Bring work in progress to GCOS panel meetings
24-26 May 2016  Second Writing Team meeting, JRC, Italy
July 2016  Public review (6 weeks)
September 2016  Final version prepared in light of comments on the draft

September 2016  Final Version submitted to GCOS SC-24
October 2016  Final plan submitted to COP22

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WGClimate response to GCOS Implementation Plan

2-4 March 2016
7-9 March 2016
24-26 May 2016
July 2016

Open GCOS Conference
WGClimate #6
2nd Writing Team meeting
IP Public review (6 weeks)
Preparation for the Space Agency response
IP Final Version

September 2016
February 2017 – WGClimate #7
July 2017 – WGClimae #8

1st meeting of the Writing Team
2nd meeting of the Writing Team
Space Agency Response

November 2017

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