

Subject	Status of co-chairs, rapporteurs, and representatives at meetings (CGMS, ISWGs, VLAB...)
In response to CGMS action/recommendation	N/A
HLPP reference	N/A
Executive Summary	<p>This paper provides an overview of the status of co-chairs and rapporteurs in the CGMS Working Groups, rapporteurs in the CGMS international science working groups, and other CGMS related activities (VLab, other task groups and teams).</p> <p>CGMS members are invited to nominate candidates for co-chair and rapporteur positions (or upcoming positions) as necessary and to inform cgmssec@eumetsat.int accordingly.</p> <p>The CGMS-54 working groups recommend the new nominations made to date as shown in this document.</p> <p>CGMS-54 plenary is requested to note and endorse the nominations of new co-chairs/rapporteurs recommended by the respective CGMS working groups (these will be addressed in the respective working group agenda sessions).</p> <p>The initiation phase of the future direction 2022+ project is recommended for conclusion by all working groups, noting that the role of “champion” is also concluded.</p>
Action/ Recommendation proposed	<p>CGMS plenary is invited to endorse the following nominations as recommended by CGMS-54 WGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WGIII co-chair (NOAA/Tim Walsh to replace Irene Parker after CGMS-54) - SWCG co-chair (CMA/Weiguo Zong) - CGMS rapporteurs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o IPWG (JAXA/Takuji Kubota) o IWWG (NOAA/Iliana Genkova) - CEOS-CGMS WGClimate Vice Chair (ESA/Susanne Mecklenburg) <p>CGMS members are invited to provide nominations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CGMS rapporteurs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ICWG o IESWG <p>CGMS members are invited to provide cgmssec@eumetsat.int with any nominations and/or updates as necessary.</p>

1 INTRODUCTION

This paper provides an overview of the co-chairs and rapporteurs in the CGMS working groups, rapporteurs in the CGMS international science working groups, and other CGMS related activities (VLab, other task groups and teams).

The working paper provides the status of representatives and of any positions that need to be filled in the near- to medium-term future.

CGMS members are invited to nominate candidates for co-chair and rapporteur positions (or upcoming positions) as necessary and to inform cgmssec@eumetsat.int accordingly. Further the CGMS-54 working groups are requested to secure the nomination of candidates as far as is possible for recommendation to plenary for endorsement.

CGMS-54 plenary will then be requested to note and endorse the nominations as recommended by the CGMS working groups (following the reports of the five CGMS working groups).

2 CGMS WGI – WGIV, AND ISWG CO-CHAIRS AND RAPPORTEURS

CGMS	Co-chairs	Rapporteur	Status
WGI	James Donnellon/NOAA Sean Burns/EUM	Karolina Nikolova/ EUM	OK
WGII	XU Na/CMA Takuya Sakashita/JMA	Paolo Ruti/EUM Andrew Heidinger/NOAA	OK
WGIII	Irene Parker/NOAA (is stepping down after the 54 th plenary) TANG Shihao/CMA	Heikki Pohjola/ WMO (support Anne Taube/EUM)	WGIII recommendation: Tim Walsh/ NOAA
WGIV	Kotaro Bessho/JMA Natalia Donoho/WMO	Simon Elliott/EUM	OK
SWCG	Tsutomu Nagatsuma/NICT stepped down at CGMS-54 WGs) James Spann/NOAA	Andrew Monham/EUM	SWCG recommendation: Weiguo Zong/ CMA

Terms of references can be found [here](#).

3 CGMS INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE WORKING GROUPS

The CGMS rapporteur for the CGMS International Science Working Groups shall come from one of the CGMS member organisations. CGMS plenary endorses the ISWG rapporteurs, whereas the co-chairs are endorsed through their respective ISWG mechanisms and noted by the CGMS plenary (unless explicitly stated in the ISWG [ToRs](#)).

ISWGs	Co-chairs	Rapporteur	Status
ICWG	Martin Stengel, DWD Kerry Meyer, NASA/Goddard	Andrew Heidinger/ NOAA Steps down once a new rapporteur is in place	CGMS members to nominate a rapporteur
IESWG	Clara Draper/NOAA (expected to step down as co-chair) Christoph Ruediger/ECMWF (support Benjamin Ruston/UCAR)	Clara Draper/NOAA Steps down once a new rapporteur is in place	CGMS members to nominate a rapporteur
IPWG	Giulia Panegrossi/ISAC-CNR Chris Kummerow/Colorado State Univ	Vacant	WGII recommendation: Takuji Kubota/ JAXA
IROWG	Hui Shao/JCSDA/UCAR Ulrich Foelsche/Univ. Graz	Tony Manucci/NASA	OK
ITWG	Fiona Smith/BoM Reima Eresmaa/FMI	Lihang Zhou/NOAA	OK
IWWG	Iliana Genkova/NOAA Feng Lu/CMA	Jaime Daniels/NOAA expected to step down end 2026.	WGII recommendation: Iliana Genkova/ NOAA

ISWGs	Co-chairs	Rapporteur	Status
WG Climate	Dr Wenying Su/NASA (Chair)	Reporting done by Chair.	(CGMS members to nominate a Vice Chair for CEOS-CGMS WGClimate in the framework of WGClimate Nominations: ESA/Susanne Mecklenburg)
	Dr Vincent-Henri Peuch/ECMWF (Vice Chair) (Vice Chair takes over after Chair end of term)	New Vice Chair starting in 2026 will be selected at the WGClimate meeting in May 2026. Following endorsement by CEOS and CGMS Plenaries, the Vice Chair will assume duties after the CEOS 2026 Plenary and will transition to Chair after the CEOS 2028 Plenary.	
	GHG TT: Lead: Yasjka Meier/ESA CGMS representative: Simon Elliott/EUM		
GSICS EP	Bojan Bojkov/EUM (Chair)	Reporting done by Chair	

4 WMO-CGMS VIRTUAL LABORATORY

Other	Co-chairs	Technical Officer	Support	Status
VLAB	XIAN Di/CMA Zamzam AL-Rawahi/ Directorate General of Meteorology, Oman/Centre of Excellence	Marcial Garbanzo/ Univ. Costa Rica		OK

5 CGMS REPRESENTATIVES IN OTHER GROUPS OR TEAMS

5.1 SCAT Task Group

The SCAT Task Group and related ToRs were proposed within the framework of the IWWG and endorsed by CGMS-49 plenary.

Lead: Ad Stoffelen, KNMI, together with OSVW-VC (Chair Paul Chang/NOAA, Stefanie Linow/EUM), and IWWG (Co-chairs Iliana Genkova/NOAA, Feng LU/CMA)

CMA: Dr. DOU Fangli (doufl@cma.gov.cn), Dr. SHANG Jian (shangjian@cma.gov.cn)
IOVWST: Mark Bourassa, FSU
ISRO: Atul Kumar Varma (avarma@sac.isro.gov.in)
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NSOAS: ZOU Juhong
WMO: Heikki Pohjola (hpohjola@wmo.int)
NSCC: DONG Xiaolong (CEOS WGCV MSSG)

5.2 CGMS future direction project 2022+

The CGMS-52 plenary endorsed the high-level statement on the CGMS future direction 2022+. The champions/leading entities have regularly reported on progress, and the initial phase has in several cases been addressed and concluded, and is now part of the standing agenda items in the relevant working groups.

The CGMS Secretariat is proposing the closure of the initiation phase of the project at CGMS-54 working group meetings and plenary.

The working groups will continue working on the various themes within the respective working groups, and these are incorporated as standing items on the agendas, and/or in the HLPP, with any outstanding tasks continuing in relevant working groups.

CGMS-54 WGs unanimously recommended that the initiation phase could be considered closed.

Theme	Working Group	Lead/Champion
Socio-economic benefits	WGIII <i>This theme is fully embedded within the WGIII activities. Proposal on way forward to be made to CGMS-54 WGIII in April 2026.</i>	JMA (ONO Hiroshi)

Theme	Working Group	Lead/Champion
Research to operations	WGIV (support WGII) <i>The kick-off phase was concluded at CGMS-54 WGs. This theme is fully embedded within the CGMS WGIV agenda.</i>	(NASA-NOAA joint effort) NASA (Will McCarty) NOAA (Jessica Shallcross, Vijay Tallapragada)
Hybrid space observations architectures	WGI <i>This theme is fully embedded within the WGIII activities. Kick-off phase concluded at CGMS-53.</i>	EUMETSAT (Simon Elliott)
Future information technologies	WGI, Internet of things (IOT) <i>The kick-off phase was concluded at the CGMS-54 WGs. This theme is fully embedded within the CGMS WGI and WGIV agenda.</i>	EUMETSAT (Antoine Jeanjean)
	WGIV (cloud technology) <i>The kick-off phase was concluded at CGMS-54 WGs. This theme is fully embedded within the CGMS WGIV agenda.</i>	NOAA (Christopher O'Connors)
	WGII and WGIV, AI/ML <i>The CGMS Secretariat is working on the inclusion of AI/ML matters on all WG agendas, to be implemented following CGMS-54.</i>	CMA (XU Na)
Relationship with the private sector	WGIII <i>Theme is fully embedded within the WGIII activities. Kick-off phase concluded at CGMS-53.</i>	NOAA (Mara Browne)
Climate and Earth system monitoring	WGII <i>Theme superseded by events. Addressed through the CGMS input to the WIGOS Vision 2050</i>	WMO (Albert Fischer)

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Space situational awareness	WGI, SWCG <i>Theme now fully embedded within the WGI and SWCG activities, and kick-off phase was concluded at CGMS-54.</i>	ESA (Juha-Pekka Luntamaa)
Support to developing countries	WGIV <i>The kick-off phase was concluded at CGMS-54 WGs. This theme is fully embedded within the CGMS WGIV agenda.</i>	CMA (XIAN Di)

5.3 WMO INFCOM management group (INFCOM MG)

Sean Burns, EUMETSAT/CGMS Secretariat, represents the CGMS in the INFCOM MG from the outset.

The new INFCOM MG composition includes C/SC-GCOS, C/SC-GOOS and CGMS representative, as per [Decision 6.2/2 \(INFCOM-3\)](#).

[Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems \(INFCOM\) Management Group](#)

5.4 WMO Task Team on WIGOS Vision update

CGMS representative to the Task Team of the WMO WIGOS Vision update (ref. CGMS-52-WMO-WP-03p):

Mike Seablom, Associate Director of the Earth System Technology Office in the NASA Earth Science Division (michael.s.seablom@nasa.gov)

The CGMS Secretariat is currently represented by Sean Burns (sean.burns@eumetsat.int), EUMETSAT.

Sid Boukabara (sid.a.boukabara@nasa.gov), NASA, is the chairperson of the team of the WMO WIGOS Vision update.

5.5 SATCOM Forum

CGMS representative at the SATCOM Forum: nicholas.coyne@eumetsat.int.

[International Forum of users of satellite data telecommunication systems \(Satcom\)](#)

6 CONCLUSIONS

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For information - plenary*

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Thank you.