

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Status of co-chairs, rapporteurs, and representatives at meetings (CGMS, ISWGs, VLAB...)</b>
<b>In response to CGMS action/recommendation</b>	N/A
<b>HLPP reference</b>	N/A
<b>Executive Summary</b>	<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>The working paper provides the status of representatives and an indication of any positions that need to be filled in the near- to medium-term future.</p> <p>CGMS members are invited to nominate candidates for co-chair and rapporteur positions (or upcoming positions) as necessary and to inform <a href="mailto:cgmssec@eumetsat.int">cgmssec@eumetsat.int</a> accordingly.</p> <p>The CGMS-54 working groups are requested to secure the nomination of candidates as far as is possible for recommendation to plenary for endorsement.</p> <p>(CGMS-54 plenary will be requested to note and endorse the nominations of new co-chairs/rapporteurs recommended by the respective CGMS working groups).</p>
<b>Action/ Recommendation proposed</b>	<p>CGMS members are invited to nominate candidates for the co-chair and rapporteur positions (or upcoming ones), and the CGMS working groups are requested to make recommendations on such nominations to plenary.</p> <p>Currently we are seeking nominations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WGIII co-chair (NOAA/Irene Parker will step down after CGMS-54)</li> <li>- CGMS rapporteurs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ICWG</li> <li>o IPWG</li> <li>o IWWG</li> <li>o IESWG</li> </ul> </li> <li>- CEOS-CGMS WGClimate Vice Chair</li> <li>- SWCG co-chair (Nagatsuma-san stepping down after CGMS-54 WGs)</li> </ul> <p>CGMS members are invited to provide <a href="mailto:cgmssec@eumetsat.int">cgmssec@eumetsat.int</a> with any nominations and/or updates as necessary.</p>

## 1 INTRODUCTION

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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
<b>WGI</b>	James Donnellon/NOAA Sean Burns/EUM	Karolina Nikolova/ EUM	OK
<b>WGII</b>	XU Na/CMA Takuya Sakashita/JMA	Paolo Ruti/EUM Andrew Heidinger/NOAA	OK
<b>WGIII</b>	Irene Parker/NOAA (is stepping down after the 54 <sup>th</sup> plenary) TANG Shihao/CMA	Heikki Pohjola/ WMO  (support Anne Taube/EUM)	CGMS members to nominate a new Co-chair  Nominations: Tim Walsh/NOAA
<b>WGIV</b>	Kotaro Bessho/JMA Natalia Donoho/WMO	Simon Elliott/EUM	OK
<b>SWCG</b>	Tsutomu Nagatsuma/NICT (JMA Delegation, steps down after the CGMS-54 WGs)  James Spann/NOAA	Andrew Monham/EUM	CGMS members to nominate a new Co-chair

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 [ToR](#)).

ISWGs	Co-chairs	Rapporteur	Status
<b>ICWG</b>	Martin Stengel, DWD  Kerry Meyer, NASA/Goddard	Andrew Heidinger/ NOAA Is stepping down	CGMS members to nominate a rapporteur
<b>IESWG</b>	Clara Draper/NOAA (expected to step down as co-chair)  Christoph Ruediger/ECMWF (support Benjamin Ruston/UCAR)	Vacant (Clara Draper expected to be nominated/act as interim rapporteur up to CGMS-54 plenary).	CGMS members to nominate a rapporteur
<b>IPWG</b>	Giulia Panegrossi/ISAC-CNR  Chris Kummerow/Colorado State Univ	Vacant - CGMS members are requested to put forward nominations for the CGMS rapporteur	CGMS members to nominate a rapporteur  Nominations: Takuji Kubota/JAXA
<b>IROWG</b>	Hui Shao/JCSDA/UCAR Ulrich Foelsche/Univ. Graz	Tony Manucci/NASA	OK
<b>ITWG</b>	Fiona Smith/BoM Reima Eresmaa/FMI	Lihang Zhou/NOAA	OK
<b>IWWG</b>	Iliana Genkova/NOAA (expected to step down as co- chair)  Feng Lu/CMA	Jaime Daniels/NOAA expected to step down end 2026. CGMS members are requested to put forward nominations for the CGMS rapporteur	CGMS members to nominate a rapporteur  Nominations: Iliana Genkova/ NOAA

ISWGs	Co-chairs	Rapporteur	Status
<b>WG Climate</b>	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 representative)
	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.	
	<b>GHG TT:</b> Lead: Yasjka Meier/ESA  CGMS representative: Simon Elliott/EUM		
<b>GSICS EP</b>	Bojan Bojkov/EUM (Chair)	Reporting done by Chair	

#### 4 WMO-CGMS VIRTUAL LABORATORY

Other	Co-chairs	Technical Officer	Support	Status
<b>VLAB</b>	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](mailto:doufl@cma.gov.cn)), Dr. SHANG Jian ([shangjian@cma.gov.cn](mailto:shangjian@cma.gov.cn))  
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 IOVWST: Mark Bourassa, FSU  
 ISRO: Atul Kumar Varma ([avarma@sac.isro.gov.in](mailto:avarma@sac.isro.gov.in))  
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 NSOAS: ZOU Juhong  
 WMO: Heikki Pohjola ([hpohjola@wmo.int](mailto: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.

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)

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Lead/Champion</b>
Research to operations	<p>WGIV (support WGII)</p> <p><i>NOAA and NASA to propose the way forward at CGMS-54 WGs. It is expected the kick-off phase can be considered concluded at CGMS-54, and the establishment of R2O/O2R as a standing agenda item in CGMS WGIV.</i></p>	<p>(NASA-NOAA joint effort)</p> <p>NASA (Will McCarty)</p> <p>NOAA (Jessica Shallcross, Vijay Tallapragada)</p>
Hybrid space observations architectures	<p>WGI</p> <p><i>This theme is fully embedded within the WGIII activities. Kick-off phase concluded at CGMS-53.</i></p>	EUMETSAT (Simon Elliott)
Future information technologies	<p>WGI, Internet of things (IOT)</p> <p><i>The kick-off phase will be concluded at the CGMS-54 WGs. This theme is fully embedded within the CGMS WGI and WGIV agenda.</i></p>	EUMETSAT (Antoine Jeanjean)
	<p>WGIV (cloud technology)</p> <p><i>The kick-off phase will be concluded at CGMS-54 WGs. This theme is fully embedded within the CGMS WGIV agenda.</i></p>	NOAA (Christopher O'Connors)
	<p>WGII and WGIV, AI/ML</p> <p><i>The CGMS Secretariat is working on the inclusion of AI/ML matters on all WG agendas, to be implemented following CGMS-54.</i></p>	CMA (XU Na)
Relationship with the private sector	<p>WGIII</p> <p><i>Theme is fully embedded within the WGIII activities. Kick-off phase concluded at CGMS-53.</i></p>	NOAA (Mara Browne)

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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)
Space situational awareness	WGI, SWCG  <i>Theme now fully embedded within the WGI, SWCG activities, and kick-off phase will be concluded at CGMS-54.</i>	ESA (Juha-Pekka Luntamaa)
Support to developing countries	WGIV  <i>Kick-off phase is expected to be concluded at CGMS-54. 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](mailto:michael.s.seablom@nasa.gov))

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

Sid Boukabara ([sid.a.boukabara@nasa.gov](mailto: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](mailto:nicholas.coyne@eumetsat.int).

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

### **6 CONCLUSIONS**

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- CIPWG
- IWWG
- IESWG
- CEOS-CGMS WGClimate Vice Chair
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Thank you.