

**CGMS-53-CGMS-WP-14**  
**14 March 2025**  
*Reviewd in all WGs*

<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>	
<b>HLPP reference</b>	
<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-53 working groups are requested to secure the nomination of candidates as far as is possible for recommendation to plenary for endorsement.</p> <p>(CGMS-53 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  WGI: co-chair and co-rapporteur  WGIV: co-chair (and potentially co-rapporteur)  SWCG: co-chair  VLab: CGMS co-chair</p> <p>CGMS members are also invited to provide <a href="mailto:cgmssec@eumetsat.int">cgmssec@eumetsat.int</a> with any update</p>

## 1 INTRODUCTION

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

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CGMS-53 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 (acting) (D. Kim stepped down as co-chair end 2024)	Karolina Nikolova/ EUM	Call for nominations for co-chair, co-rapporteur
<b>WGII</b>	Xu Na/CMA Takuya Sakashita/JMA replaces JV Thomas/ISRO by CGMS-53	Paolo Ruti/EUM Andrew Heidinger/NOAA	OK
<b>WGIII</b>	Irene Parker/NOAA Shihao TANG /CMA	Heikki Pohjola/ WMO (Anne Taube/EUM acting)	OK
<b>WGIV</b>	Kotaro Bessho/JMA	Simon Elliott/EUM Natalia Donoho/WMO	Call for nominations for co-chair (and tentatively co-rapporteur): - WMO - ...
<b>SWCG</b>	Tsutomu Nagatsuma/NICT (JMA Delegation) James Spann/NOAA (acting)	Andrew Monham/ EUM Jesse Andries/WMO	Call for nominations for co-chair: - NOAA

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	(Elsayed Talaat/NOAA stepped down Jan 2025)		

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	OK
<b>IESWG</b>	Clara Draper/NOAA Ben Ruston/UCAR  (Sam Pullen/NOAA stepped down Feb 2025)	Clara Draper/NOAA	OK  (TBC/TBD - Christoph Rudiger/ECMWF co-chair candidate)
<b>IPWG</b>	Chris Kummerow/Colorado State Univ Giulia Panegrossi/ISAC-CNR	Joseph Turk/NASA	OK
<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 Feng Lu/CMA	Jaime Daniels/NOAA	OK
<b>WGClimate</b>	Dr Wenying Su/NASA (Chair) Dr Vincent-Henri Peuch/ECMWF (Vice Chair)  <b>GHG TT</b> Lead: Yasjka Meier/ESA CGMS representative: Simon Elliott/EUM	Reporting done by Chair	OK

<b>GSICS EP</b>	Bojan Bojkov, EUMETSAT, (Chair)	Reporting done by Chair	
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## 4 WMO-CGMS VIRTUAL LABORATORY

Other	Co-chairs	Technical Support Officer	Status
<b>VLAB</b>	Bernadette Connell (CIRA) Wen Bo (CMA Training Centre)	Marcial Garbanzo, Univ Costa Rica)	Both co-chairs are stepping down in February 2025 Please put forward nominations

## 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)

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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 working groups will continue to work on the various themes within the respective working groups. Depending on the theme, some projects will be concluded, but are thereafter addressed as standing items on the agenda, and/or in the HLPP and with outstanding tasks continuing under the relevant WGs.

Theme	Working Group	Lead
Socio-economic benefits	WGIII <i>This theme is fully embedded within the WGIII activities</i>	JMA (Yasushi SUMIDA)
Research to operations	WGIV (support WGII)	(NASA-NOAA joint effort) NASA (Will McCarty) NOAA (Laurie Rokke, Vijay Tallapragada)
Hybrid space observations architectures	WGI	EUMETSAT (Simon Elliott)
Future information technologies	WGI, Internet of things (IOT)	EUMETSAT (Antoine Jeanjean represented by Nicholas Coyne between Oct 2024 until mid-2025)
	WGIV (cloud technology)	NOAA (Kathryn Shontz replaced by Christopher O'Connors from Nov 2024)
	WGII and WGIV, AI/ML	CMA (XU Na)
Relationship with the private sector	WGIII <i>This theme is fully embedded within the WGIII activities</i>	NOAA (Mara Browne)
Climate and Earth system monitoring	WGII	WMO (Albert Fischer)
Space situational awareness	WGI, SWCG <i>This theme is fully embedded within the WGI, SWCG activities</i>	ESA (Juha-Pekka Luntamaa)
Support to developing countries	WGIV	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 \(INFCOM-3\)](#).

<https://community.wmo.int/en/governance/commission-membership/infcom/officers/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):

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

Sid Boukabara, 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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