

Subject	Status of co-chairs, rapporteurs, and representatives at meetings (CGMS, ISWGs, VLAB, ...)
In response to CGMS action/recommendation	
HLPP reference	
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) and following the CGMS-53 working group meetings on 24-27 March 2025.</p> <p>The working paper also indicates 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 cgmsec@eumetsat.int accordingly.</p> <p>Currently we are seeking nominations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WGI: co-chair and co-rapporteur- WGIV: co-rapporteur <p>The CGMS-53 plenary is invited to take note, and CGMS members are asked to provide nominations for any vacant position.</p> <p>(CGMS-53 plenary is requested to confirm any new CGMS co-chairs and rapporteurs in the respective working group reports to plenary).</p>

Action/Recommendation proposed	<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-rapporteur</p> <p>CGMS members are also invited to provide cgmssec@eumetsat.int with any updates.</p>
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1 INTRODUCTION

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CGMS-53 plenary is 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 (acting)	Karolina Nikolova/ EUM	Call for nominations for co-chair, co-rapporteur
WGII	Xu Na/CMA Takuya Sakashita/JMA (new)	Paolo Ruti/EUM Andrew Heidinger/NOAA	OK (Plenary to confirm JMA co-chair)
WGIII	Irene Parker/NOAA Shihao TANG/CMA	Heikki Pohjola/ WMO (Anne Taube/EUM acting)	OK

CGMS	Co-chairs	Rapporteur	Status
WGIV	Kotaro Bessho/JMA Natalia Donoho/WMO (new)	Simon Elliott/EUM	New co-chair pending plenary confirmation Call for nominations for co-rapporteur
SWCG	Tsutomu Nagatsuma/NICT (JMA Delegation) James Spann/NOAA (new)	Andrew Monham/ EUM Jesse Andries/WMO	New co-chair pending plenary confirmation

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
ICWG	Martin Stengel, DWD Kerry Meyer, NASA/Goddard	Andrew Heidinger/ NOAA	OK
IESWG	Clara Draper/NOAA Christoph Rudiger/ECMWF	Clara Draper/NOAA	OK
IPWG	Chris Kummerow/Colorado State Univ Giulia Panegrossi/ISAC-CNR	Joseph Turk/NASA	OK
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	OK
WGClimate	Dr Wenying Su/NASA (Chair) Dr Vincent-Henri Peuch/ECMWF (Vice Chair) GHG TT Lead: Yasjka Meier/ESA CGMS representative:	Reporting done by Chair	OK

ISWGs	Co-chairs	Rapporteur	Status
	Simon Elliott/EUM		
GSICS EP	Bojan Bojkov, EUMETSAT, (Chair)	Reporting done by Chair	

4 WMO-CGMS VIRTUAL LABORATORY

Other	Co-chairs	Technical Support Officer	Status
VLAB	XIAN Di, CMA, nominated to replace Bernadette Connell (CIRA)	Marcial Garbanzo, Univ Costa Rica)	New co-chair pending plenary confirmation

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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ISRO: Atul Kumar Varma (avarma@sac.isro.gov.in)
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Hristova-Veleva (svetla.hristova@jpl.nasa.gov)
NSOAS: Juhong Zou
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 working groups will continue to work on the various themes within the respective working groups. Depending on the theme, some projects will be concluded, and 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 ongoing and also fully embedded within the WGIII activities</i>	JMA (ONO Hiroshi is acting on behalf of SUMIDA Yasuhiko)
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 and the future direction activity initial phase is expected to be closed on the occasion of CGMS-53 plenary. CGMS-53-WGIII-WP-15</i>	NOAA (Mara Browne)
Climate and Earth system monitoring	WGII	WMO (Albert Fischer)
Space situational awareness	WGI, SWCG <i>This theme is ongoing 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):

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@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.

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

6 CONCLUSIONS

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