

UKEOF Coordinating Climate Observations Group (CCOG) - Terms of Reference

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The role of CCOG is to provide an 'executive' function, overseeing coordination of UK Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) activities, specifically to:

- i) oversee and maintain a shared knowledge of national and international climate observing activities and promote data accessibility
- ii) advise on UK user priorities, identify gaps in capability and the funding shortfalls, taking into account emerging technologies, propose solutions to senior decision makers when necessary (for example, the newly formed 'Observations Committee')
- iii) advocate adherence to the GCOS climate monitoring principles and implementation of common observing standards and methods
- iv) advise on content and ensure national reports are submitted to Commission for Basic Systems (CBS) Lead Centres, GCOS Secretariat and other relevant stakeholders
- v) advise on matters relating to international engagement (for example, offering input to inform Voluntary Cooperation Mechanism (VCP) related decisions and GCOS Implementation Manager led projects)
- vi) report directly to the UKEOF Management Group and provide regular updates at their meetings. Ensure a link with LWEC Climate task force through members of the UKEOF Management Group.

Membership (alphabetical order)

Members will be appointed initially for a two-year term.

Helen Beadman	UK Environmental Observation Framework
Victoria Bennett	NERC Data Centres, based at Science & Technology Facilities Council's Centre for Environmental Data Archival
Stephanie Campbell (Chair)	Department of Energy and Climate Change
Caroline Culshaw	Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
Simon Gilbert	Met Office (observations partnerships)
Tim Oakley	Met Office (GCOS implementation)
Nicola Ranger	Department for International Development
Gwyn Rees	NERC Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
Andrea Turner (group secretary)	UK Environmental Observation Framework

Tbd (GCOS National Coordinator¹) *Met Office/DECC (tbc)*

Meetings

Meetings will take place three times a year, typically for 2.5 hours. Meetings will be in Swindon, London or at members' locations as appropriate. Every effort will be made to ensure that the meetings are at suitable times and locations to maximise attendance. UKEOF will provide secretarial support to the group.

¹ The appointment of a GCOS National Coordinator is still under discussion, and CCOG is at the heart of this debate.