

**The following Terms of Reference are proposed for the LWEC UK-EOF Management Group sub-group on Coordinating Climate Observations (CCOG)**

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 GCOS activities;
- ii) Advise on UK user priorities, identify gaps in capability and the funding shortfalls, propose solutions to senior decision makers when necessary (for example, the newly formed 'Observations Committee' chaired by Sir John Beddington);
- iii) Advocate adherence to the GCOS climate monitoring principles and implementation of common observing standards and methods;
- iv) Develop national reports 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 UK-EOF Management Group and provide regular updates at their meetings. Ensure a link with LWEC Climate Challenge Steering Group (or future equivalent) through members of the UK-EOF Management Group.

**Membership**

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

Current members:

Cathy Johnson (Chair)	Department for Energy and Climate Change
Helen Beadman	UK-Environmental Observation Framework
Victoria Bennett	Science & Technology Facilities Council
Ned Garnett	Natural Environment Research Council
Richard Harding	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
Nicola Ranger	Department for International Development
Bruce Truscott	Met Office
Andrea Turner (group secretary)	UK-Environmental Observation Framework
Tbd (user of observations)	(tbc)
Tbd (GCOS National Coordinator)	Met Office/DECC (tbc)

## **Meetings**

Meetings will take place three times a year, typically for two hours. Meetings will be in Swindon 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. UK-EOF will provide secretarial support to the group.