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Call for Nominations: Scientific Committee of the World Data System

To: WDS Members; ISC Member Organizations, Member Unions and Associations, Affiliated Members, and Research Programmes; and other interested organizations

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of Dr Alex de Sherbinin—the Chair of the World Data System (WDS, www.WorldDataSystem.org) Scientific Committee (SC)—I would like to bring to your attention that the term of the current WDS-SC will expire at the end of June 2021, and a number of SC members will not be able to continue serving on the Committee.

The International Science Council (ISC) and WDS would therefore like to call on their respective members, as well as partners organizations concerned with scientific data stewardship, to nominate new members of the Scientific Committee. Nominations of early career and female scientists or experts are strongly encouraged.

The WDS-SC is the governing body of WDS as defined in its [Constitution](#). It is composed of internationally recognized and leading researchers and experts in all aspects of scientific data. SC members are appointed in their personal capacity normally for a three-year term that is renewable once, with attention to geographical, disciplinary and gender balance. In addition, at least four members are drawn from representatives of WDS Member Organizations. The list of current SC members is attached and their bios are [available online](#).

More information regarding the roles and responsibilities of SC members can be found below, and a document outlining their expected workload commitments is attached.

If you would like to nominate an expert for the WDS Scientific Committee, then please complete the attached Nomination Form to be sent to the WDS International Programme Office by email (ipo@worlddatasystem.org) **no later than Wednesday, 5 May 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

Rorie Edmunds,
Acting Executive Director



Roles of Scientific Committee Members

- To ensure that WDS supports ISC's mission and objectives.
- To define, develop and prioritize plans for WDS.
- To establish and oversee the review of existing and new WDS Members.
- To establish and maintain a mechanism for oversight of WDS activities.
- To facilitate cooperation and integration with relevant national, regional, and international programmes, organizations, and institutions.
- To mobilize funds for the implementation of WDS and for related activities of the SC and of WDS Working Groups.
- To publicize and promote the activities of WDS.

Responsibilities of Scientific Committee Members

- Attend face-to-face meetings up to twice a year (travel support is provided by the WDS International Programme Office), as well as monthly web conferences.
- Represent WDS at relevant meetings around the world.
- Guide and convene WDS Working Groups and appropriate work plans.
- Assist in mobilizing financial and human resources for WDS.

Nomination Procedure

- 1) All nominating bodies are requested to submit a completed **Nomination Form** (attached) to the WDS International Programme Office by **email at ipo@worlddatasystem.org no later than Wednesday, 5 May**. Exceptionally, nominations may be accepted from interested individuals who feel they have the qualities and experience to serve on the WDS-SC. In this case, a short cover letter should be addressed to the Chair, Dr Alex de Sherbinin, stating your interest and how you could contribute to the work of the WDS-SC.
- 2) The Chair of the WDS-SC and the Executive Director will review all materials and will prioritize the nominees according to their complementarity of the present WDS-SC. This prioritization will be submitted to ISC.
- 3) ISC will review the proposed ranking and appoint the individuals to serve on the Scientific Committee. Successful nominees will thus be invited to join the WDS-SC. The three-year term of the new Committee Members will start from July 2021.

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