

## World Data System Scientific Committee (WDS-SC) Teleconference #12

*Teleconference #12 was held on Tuesday, 17 December 2013 at 13:00 UTC*

### **Summary**

#### **WDS-SC#9 Draft Report and Strategic Targets 2014–18**

- The draft report of the 9th WDS-SC Meeting was approved. A summary will be placed on the WDS website.
- An overview was given of changes to the Strategic and Implementation Plans. They will be made available on the WDS Google Drive for the SC to continue to provide comments.

#### **Polar Data Forum Communiqué**

- A final version of the Communiqué was fashioned in close consultation with the Presidents of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research and the International Arctic Science Committee. It has now been placed on the WDS and Polar Data Forum websites. The WDS International Programme Office (WDS-IPO) will look to promote the Communiqué more widely through (for example) science news broker services.

#### **WDS Working Groups (WGs)**

- a. Data Publication
  - The four sub-WGs met (virtually) to complete their Research Data Alliance (RDA) Case Statements, and pending final confirmation, will be sent as package to RDA for their official endorsement as RDA-WGs.
- b. Certification and Registry
  - The WG's RDA Case Statement has now been posted on the RDA website for general comment before official RDA endorsement. The first draft of a Charter for the WG in the context of ICSU-WDS and the Data Seal of Approval has also been written.
  - The formation of an RDA–WDS Interest Group or WG for a Global Registry of Trusted Digital Repositories and Services is still being negotiated at this time.
- c. Knowledge Network (KN) and Metadata Catalogue (MC)
  - Progress of these WDS services is a priority; WDS will be required to report on the MC and demonstrate (at least) a pilot of the KN at the next ICSU General Assembly in August 2014.

#### **SciDataCon 2014**

- The project timeline for SciDataCon 2014 was presented.

#### **Membership Applications**

- The WDS-IPO will send feedback requested by the World Data Center for Geomagnetism, Mumbai and the Chinese National Antarctic & Arctic Data Centre on their WDS Regular Member application forms.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- A meeting will take place of projects affiliated to the Global Change Programme that will transition under the Future Earth umbrella. ICSU-WDS and the Committee on Data for Science and Technology have been invited to this meeting, since it will address crosscutting topics such as data. Suggestions for a WDS representative were sought from the WDS-SC.

#### **Any Other Business**

- ICSU-WDS will communicate with Integrated Earth Data Applications to see how we might contribute to data rescue efforts, and bring them to the attention of the wider scientific community.