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Thematic Area 3: Program and Mission Coordination

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The recommendations of TA-3 following the second workshop include the following:

Mission coordination

- Encourage Agencies to include members from other agencies during their mission formulation process (i.e. Science Teams).
- Encourage multilateral information exchange on mission formulation such as anticipated architectures, collection strategies, and modes, to help foster future partnership and mission coordination.
- Recommend SAR Agencies to better coordinate SAR calibration/validation activities and infrastructure to promote sustained cross-mission calibration including the participation in CEOS SAR cal/val WG.
- Encourage Agencies to develop standards and contribute to multi-mission science products cal/val.

Commercial SAR (ComSAR)

- Encourage Agencies who are evaluating ComSAR to share quality assessment and evaluation of ComSAR data. Lessons learned on how ComSAR can address mission science requirements: data availability, tasking, strengths/weakness.
- Explore mechanisms with New Space/ComSAR sector to open the archive to support science after a given time period and seek a better understand from the ComSAR sector on the purchase of large data volumes for science: i,e. systematically image Greenland.
- Encourage to work together to protect the SAR spectrum