STRATEGY TOWARDS AN ARCHITECTURE FOR CLIMATE MONITORING FROM SPACE

Report on Behalf of CEOS-CGMS
Writing Group

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Conclusions of January Meeting

- Agreed to develop a strategy for climate monitoring architecture
- Identified writing group
 - CEOS Four/Five from Working Group Climate
 - CGMS Four/Five TBD
 - WMO Secretariat Barb Ryan, Jerome Lafeuille
- Identified review group
 - GEO Secretariat
 - GCOS
 - WCRP
- Develop strategy for developing the architecture (draft due end of August 2011)

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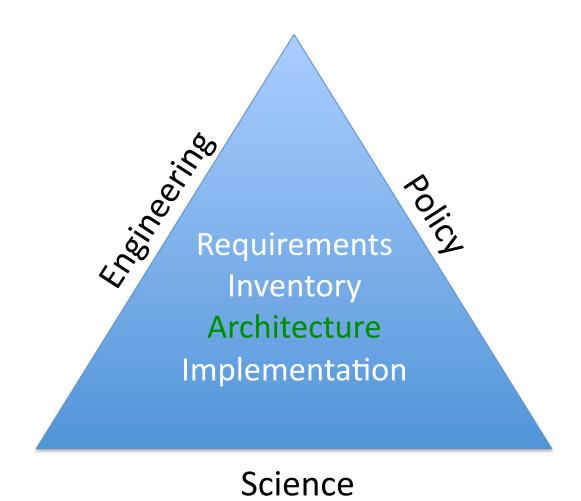
List of Participants

- EC Mark Dowell, Chair
- ESA Pascal Lecomte
- EUMETSAT Joerg Schulz, Robert Husband
- JMA Yoshihiko Tahara
- NASA Richard Eckman (Eric Lindstrom)
- NOAA John Bates, Suzanne Hilding, Chuck Wooldridge, (Mitch Goldberg)
- INPE (Daniel Alejandro Vila)
- WMO Jerome Lafeuille, Barbara Ryan, Tillmann Mohr, Hye Jin Lee
- Review Group:
 - GCOS Carolin Richter
 - GEO (Jose Acahache)
 - WCRP (Ghassem Asrar)

Meeting of writing team 3-4 March 2011 (Geneva)

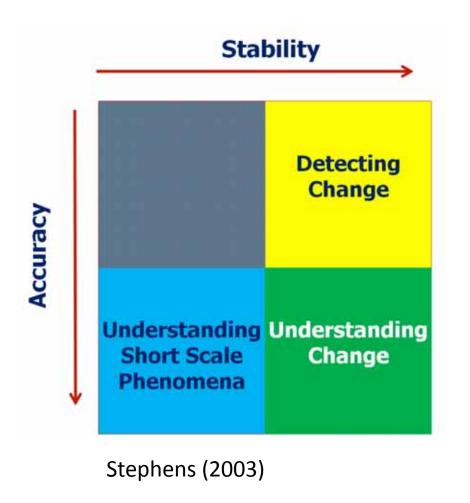
Outline

- Executive Summary and recommendations
- Introduction, Objectives & Targets
- Climate Monitoring Principles, Requirements & Guidelines
- State of the Art
- Beyond research to operations
- Climate Architecture definition
- Mechanisms for Interaction
- Roadmap for way forward
- Recommendations
- Conclusions



Climate Monitoring Principles, Requirements & Guidelines

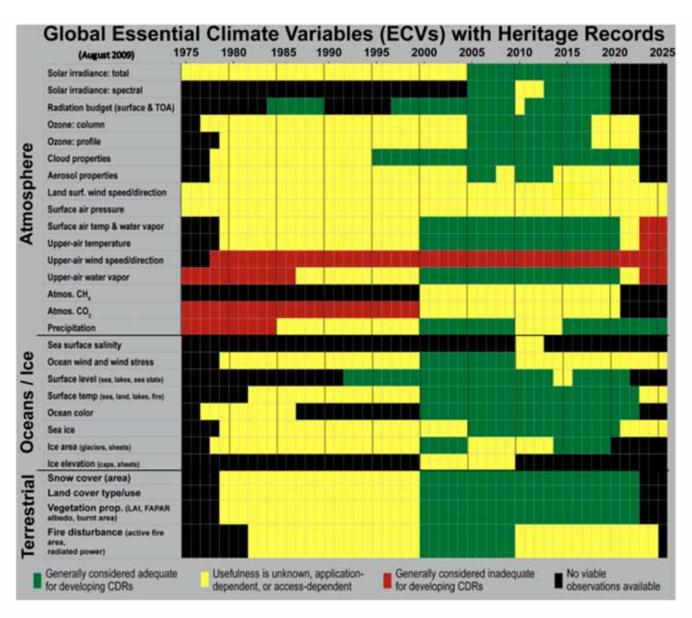
- Why are specific requirements necessary?
- What requirements are relevant?
- What is the source of requirements?
- What is the impact of user requirements on instrument requirements and satellite operations?
- What requirements result for data processing, archiving and distribution?



State of the Art

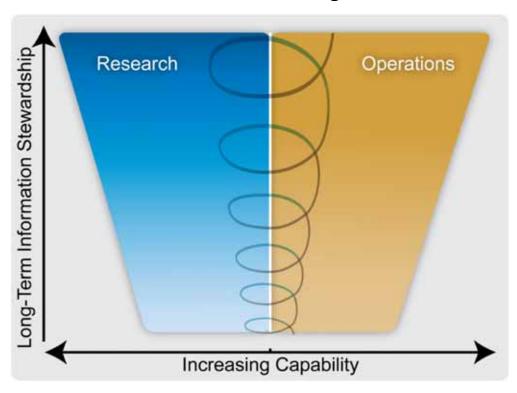
- Heritage of past satellite missions
- Current and planned satellite missions for climate
- Gap analyses of satellite missions compared with GCOS requirements for ECVs
- Satellite instrument calibration activities
- Processing of Climatic Data Record
- Overall comments on the state of the art

Example gap analysis

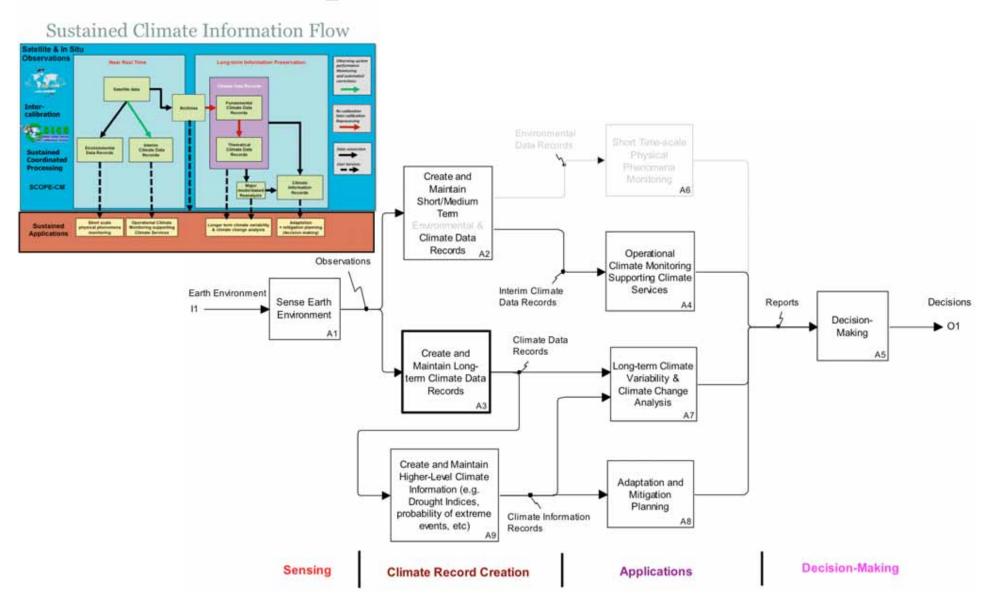


Research AND Operations

A holistic view of the interdependency of research and operations needed for sustained and routine climate monitoring.



Logical Architecture



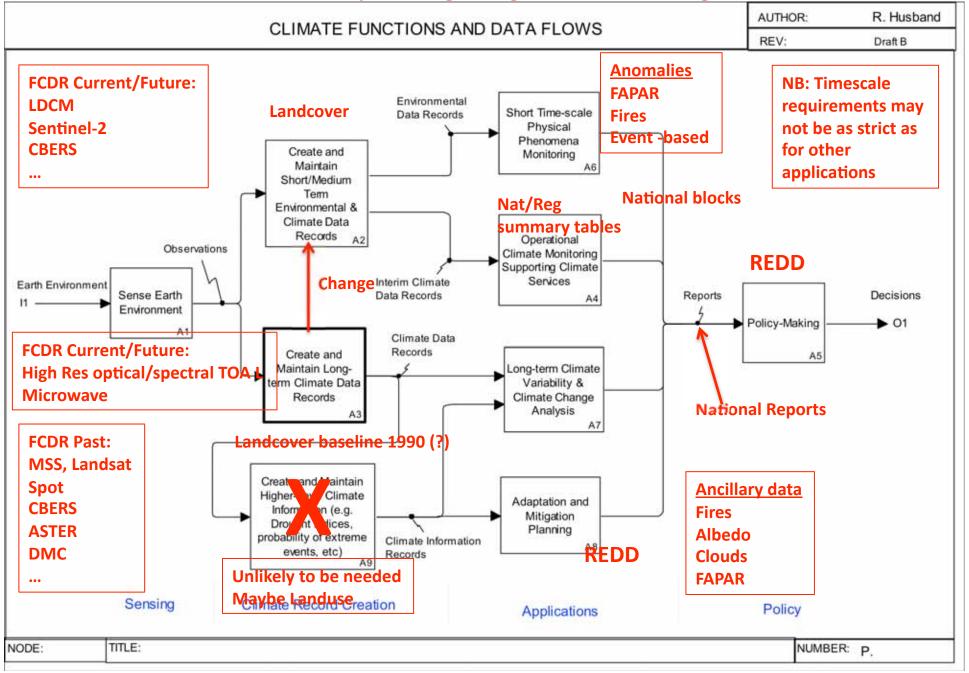
Logical and Physical Architecture

- logical view: represents the requirements baseline as a set of interlinked functions and associated dataflows (i.e the target). Logical view is as stable as the requirements baseline and, once established, should require little maintenance
- physical view: describes how the logical view is implemented, i.e. how close we are to achieving the target. Needs to maintained on a regular basis to make sure it appropriately reflects the prevailing status (will take longer to determine)

Way Forward

- Architecture roadmap strategy to implementation
- Logical architecture
- Map case studies onto logical architecture
- Stewardship analysis & database characterizing requirement efforts
- Iterative effort to "walk" decision maker through mapping their own policies-application on architecture
- Physical Architecture
- Implementation Plan

NB: Continuity in change obligation is on reducing rate



Timeline

- 15 April Drafts of extended chapter outlines to be sent to Mark Dowell.
- 04 May— First draft of entire extended outline to be sent to Writing Team for review.
- 15 June First draft of individual chapters to be sent to Mark.
- 30 June Revised complete draft sent to Writing Team.
- 15 July Writing team to provide feedback for second draft of report, including formatting of illustrations, graphics and insert boxes.
- 15 August Report sent to review group.
- 5 September Comments due on report from review group
- 12 September Final report sent to CEOS and CGMS