

# **The New Strategic Plan of the World Climate Research Programme**

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The World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) is defining its new strategy for the next 10 years. This transformative planning process follows a detailed review of the Programme conducted by an independent Panel on behalf of the three sponsors of WCRP. The planning process included a detailed analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities (SWOT) associated with the Programme. Input from the research community played an important role as well as the detailed discussions conducted by the members of the WCRP Joint Scientific Committee.

The Plan defines the overarching directions for the Programme and identifies research emphases and programmatic imperatives. It will be complemented by a 5-year implementation plan that will highlight more practical aspects including the evolving structure of the Programme, the needed resources, as well as milestones, deliverables, risk assessments and measures of success.

A wide consultation about the content of the strategic plan involving a large number of research organizations, funding agencies and other interested institutions is being organized.

The paper will present the key strategic directions for WCRP and briefly discuss the next steps towards the development of the implementation plan. The different WCRP Core Projects including SPARC and the WCRP Working Groups will be invited to contribute to the process.