

WMO SPACE PROGRAMME UPDATE

Heikki Pohjola
WMO Space Programme Office

EUMETSAT ROM SAF - IROWG 2019



WMO OMM

World Meteorological Organization
Organisation météorologique mondiale

Content

- I. WMO Space Programme Office
- II. Space-based Observing System
- III. Observing System Capability analysis
- IV. Vision for WIGOS in 2040
- V. WMO covernance Reform
- VI. Conclusion



I. WMO Space Programme Office

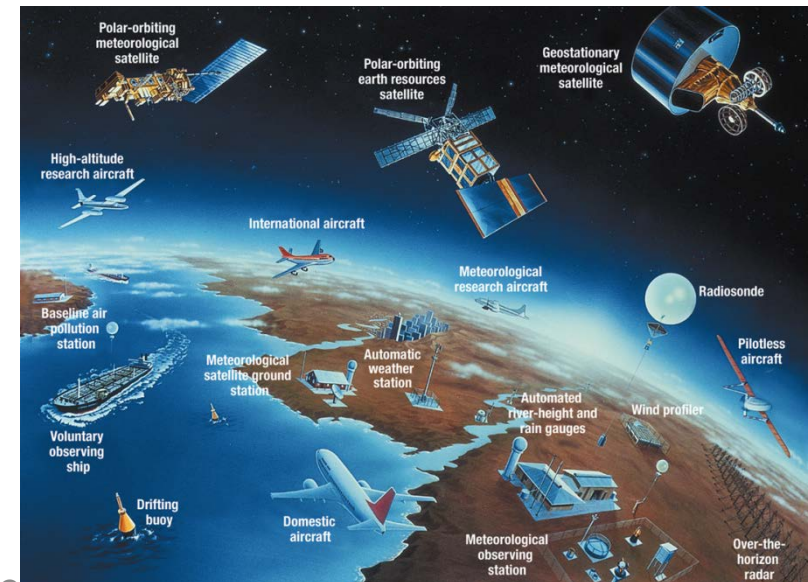


World Meteorological Organization

- UN Specialized Agency on weather, climate & water
- 193 Members, HQ in Geneva
- 2nd oldest UN Agency, 1873-
- Coordinates work of ~3000 national experts serving on WMO technical committees from meteorological and hydrological services, academia and private sector
 - Secretariat with ~290 staff (~80 technical and scientific) in Geneva, Switzerland
 - Space Programme Office: 3 staff
- Co-Founder and host agency of IPCC (1st World Climate Conference)
- Co-Founder of UNFCCC (2nd World Climate Conference)



WMO HQ in Geneva



WMO Space Programme

- WMO started implementation of World Weather Watch in 1967
 - Combines observing systems, telecommunication facilities as well as data-processing and forecasting centres
- Since that there was growing importance of space-based observing system component
- WMO Space Programme established by the 14th WMO Congress in 2003
- Tasked to **promote availability and utilization of satellite data and products for weather, climate, water and related applications and to coordinate environmental satellite matters and activities** throughout all WMO Programmes.
- 16th WMO Congress in 2011 confirmed four main components of the Programme:

The space-based Observing System

- Global Planning
- Satellite Status
- Frequency Coordination

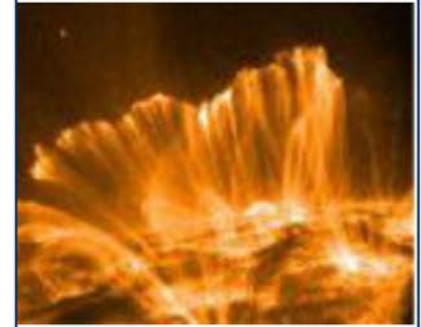
Access to Satellite Data and Products



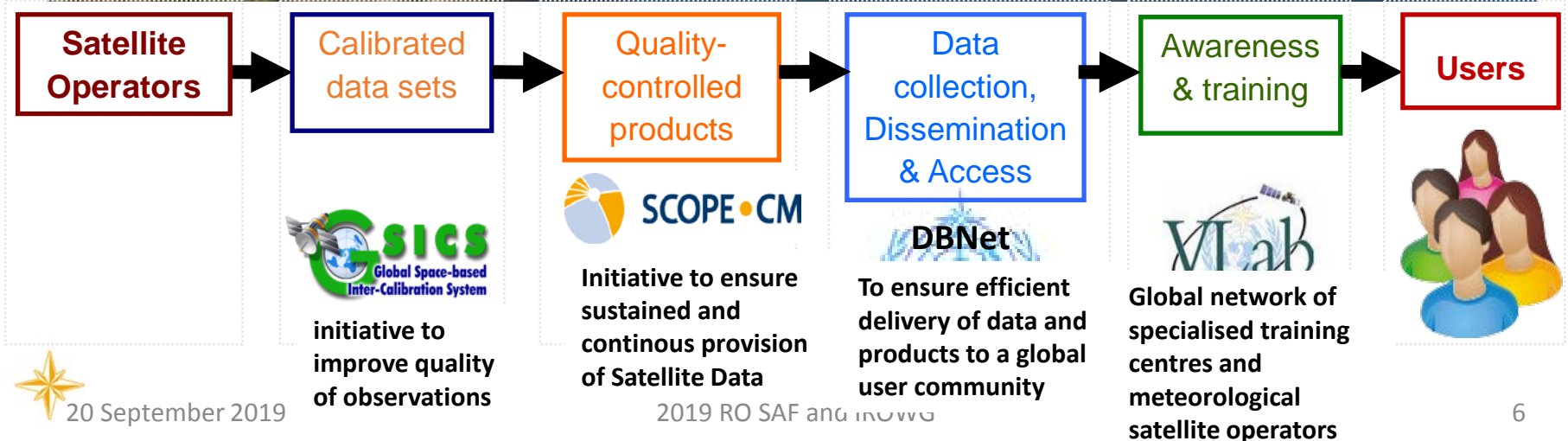
Awareness and Training



Space Weather Coordination



WMO Space Programme value Chain

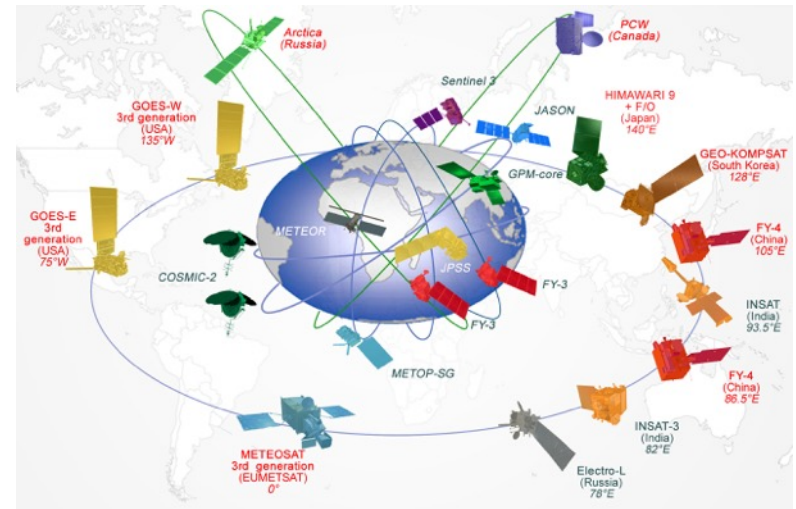
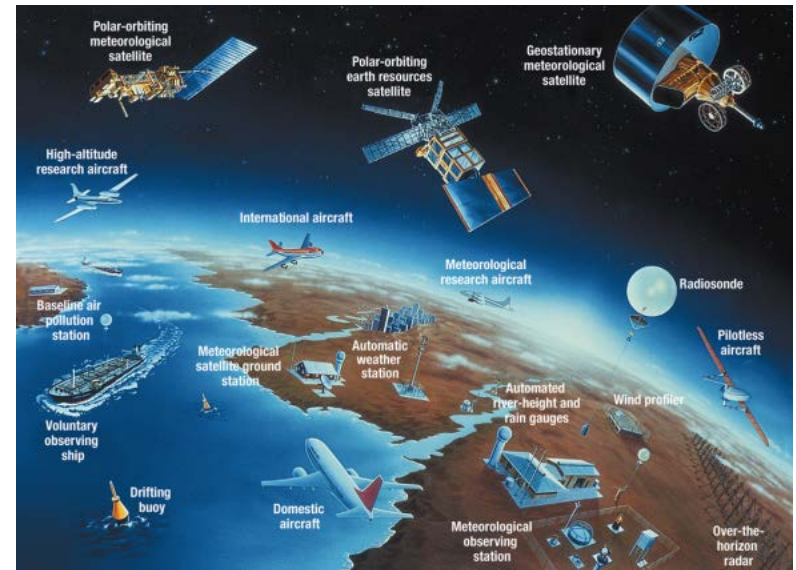


II. Space-based Observing System

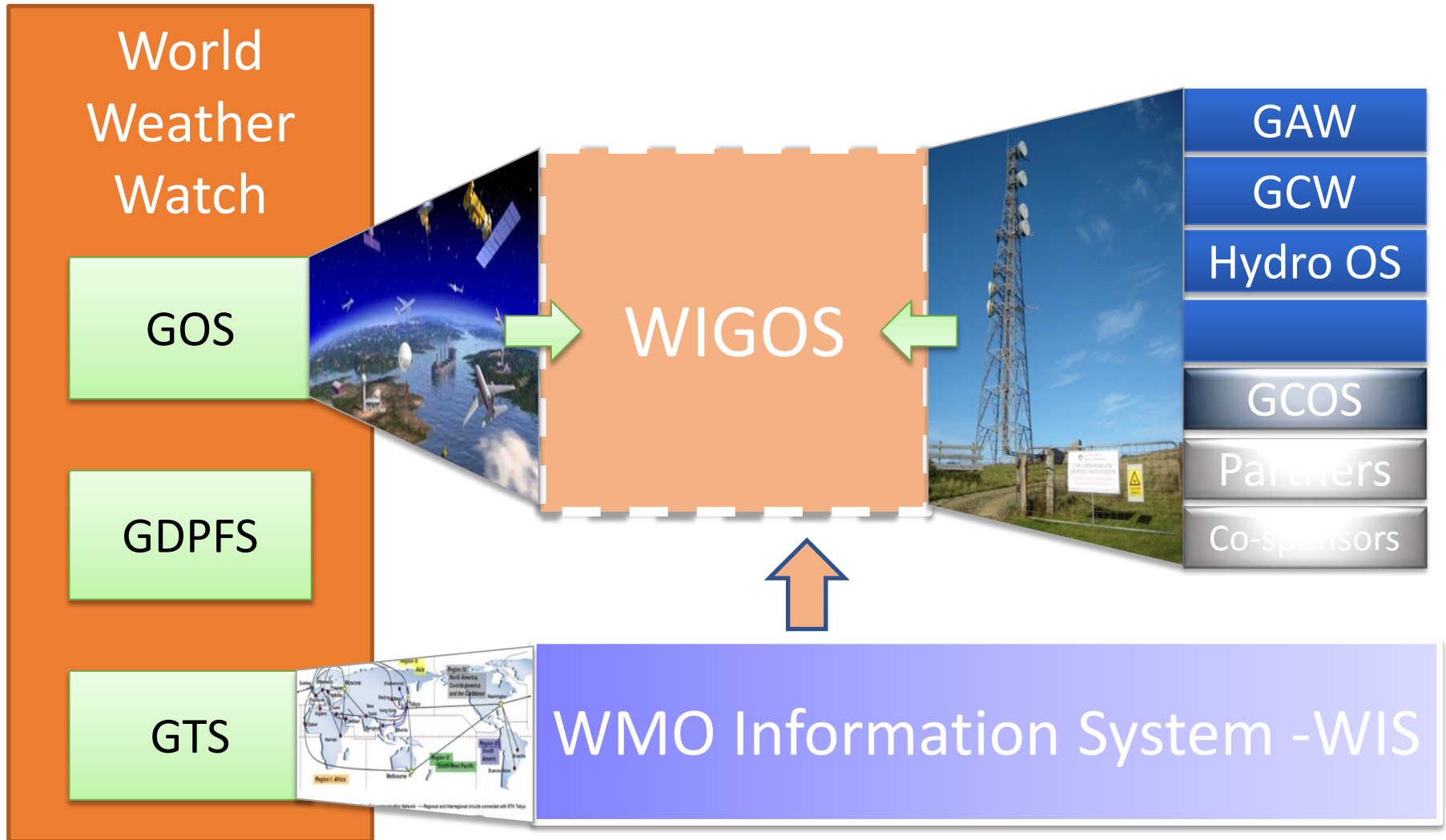


WMO Integrated Global Observing System

- World Weather Watch (WWW), established in 1963.
- Later needs for the observation system supporting weather, water, climate and environmental issues:
 - WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS)
 - WMO Information System (WIS)



WMO Integrated Global Observing System



III. Observing system capability analysis



Observing System Capability Analysis and Review Tool



OSCAR

Observing Systems Capability Analysis and Review Tool

Login

[Home](#) [Observation Requirements](#) [Space-based Capabilities](#) [Surface-based Capabilities](#)

Welcome to OSCAR

OSCAR is a resource developed by [WMO](#) in support of Earth Observation applications, studies and global coordination.

It contains quantitative user-defined requirements for observation of physical variables in application areas of WMO (i.e. related to weather, water and climate). OSCAR also provides detailed information on all earth observation satellites and instruments, and expert analyses of space-based capabilities.

The tool constitutes a building block of [WIGOS](#) and more specifically, the so-called [Rolling Requirements Review process](#). OSCAR targets all users interested in the status and the planning of global observing systems as well as data users looking for instrument specifications at platform level. To continue, please select one of the following modules:

- [Observation Requirements](#)
- [Satellite Capabilities](#)
- [Surface based Capabilities](#)

Each of the modules can be consulted individually, however, the tool is also designed with the goal to integrate user requirements with actual capabilities. This facilitates the Rolling Requirements Review process, comparing "what is required" with "what is, or will be available", in order to identify gaps and support the planning of integrated global observing systems.

The tool is being further developed, and additional functionality and appropriate. Please contact the system. One future objective is to automatically generate first-level analyses of compliance between the quantitative requirements and the actual capabilities (space- or surface-based).

Getting started with OSCAR/Space and OSCAR/Requirements

- Watch the [10 minute OSCAR screen-cast](#) to get an overview of the application and learn how to use its functionalities
- Documents available for download
 - [OSCAR/Space and OSCAR/Requirements User manual](#) (413 kbyte)
 - [OSCAR/Requirements Focal Point manual](#) (200 kbyte) for user requirements editors
 - [OSCAR Flyer](#) (1.4 Mbyte)
- Please provide feedback to the WMO Space Programme Office sat-help-desk@wmo.int

Getting started with OSCAR/Surface

- Read the [OSCAR/Surface User manual](#)
- The user support can be contacted via the [OSCAR/Surface feedback form](#).



See <http://oscar.wmo.int>

Gap Analysis - Measurement timeline for Radio Occultation Sounding missions

Instrument	NRT?	Sorting	Satellite	Orbit	4	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
TGRS (COSMIC-2)		2	COSMIC-2a	24°																X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
IGOR (COSMIC) ①	No	2	COSMIC-1	72°			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
GNOS		3	FY-3RM-1	50°																										
GNOS		3	FY-3RM-2	50°																										
Tri-G (JASON-CS)		3	JASON-CS-A	66°																										
Tri-G (JASON-CS)		3	JASON-CS-B	66°																										
AOPOD		3	KOMPSAT-5	06:00 asc										X	X	X	X	X	X	X										
Radiomet		3	Meteor-M N3	12:00 asc																		X	X	X	X	X	X			
GNOS	Yes	3	FY-3D	14:00 asc															X	X	X									
GNOS		3	FY-3G	14:00 asc																			X	X	X	X	X			
ARMA-MP		3	Meteor-MP N1	15:30 asc																										
GNOS		3	FY-3E	06:00 desc																		X	X	X	X	X				
GNOS		3	FY-3H	06:00 desc																										
ARMA-MP		3	Meteor-MP N2	09:30 desc																										
RO		3	EPS-SG-A1	09:30 desc																										
RO		3	EPS-SG-A2	09:30 desc																										
RO		3	EPS-SG-A3	09:30 desc																										
RO		3	EPS-SG-B1	09:30 desc																										
RO		3	EPS-SG-B2	09:30 desc																										
RO		3	EPS-SG-B3	09:30 desc																										
GNOS		3	FY-3F	10:00 desc																										
GNOS	Yes	3	FY-3C	10:15 desc											X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
ROSA		4	Megha-Tropiques	20°																										
IGOR (TacSat-2)		4	TacSat-2	40°				X	X																					
ROSA ①		4	SAC-D	06:00 desc									X	X	X	X	X													
GRAS	Yes	4	Metop-A	09:30 desc			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GRAS	Yes	4	Metop-B	09:30 desc									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
GRAS		4	Metop-C	09:30 desc																										
GOLPE		4	SAC-C	10:20 desc	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																
CORISS		5	C/NOFS	13°					X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
GPS/MET		5	OrbView-1/MicroL	70°																										
BlackJack (CHAMP)		5	CHAMP	87°	X	X	X	X	X																					
BlackJack (GRACE)	No	5	GRACE (2 sats)	89°	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Tri-G (GRACE-FO) ①		5	GRACE-FO (2 sats)	89°																X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
TRSR (Ørsted) ①	No	5	Ørsted	96.5°	X	X	X																							
ROHPP		5	SEOSAR/Paz	06:00 asc																X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
IGOR (TanDEM)		5	TanDEM-X ①	06:00 desc							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
IGOR (TerraSAR)		5	TerraSAR-X ①	06:00 desc				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

IV. Vision for WIGOS in 2040



Why a Vision for WIGOS in 2040?

- To serve as reference for WMO Members and other observing system operators
 - providing context and expected boundary conditions relevant for observing system developments
- To inform long-term planning of satellite agencies about expected evolution of WMO user requirements
 - This drives the 2040 timeline
- To inform planning efforts of users (NHMSs, NWP centers, ...) regarding systems development and required computing and communication capabilities

See: <https://www.cgms-info.org/Agendas/WP/CGMS-47-WMO-WP-02>



Space-based Component - Four Groups

- Backbone system with specified orbital configuration and measurement approaches (Group 1).
 - MetOp, ...
- Backbone system with open orbit configuration and flexibility to optimize the implementation (Group 2).
 - Cosmiq, ...
- Operational pathfinders, and technology and science demonstrators (Group 3).
 - Future needs
- Additional capabilities (Group 4).
 - Commercial data providers, ...

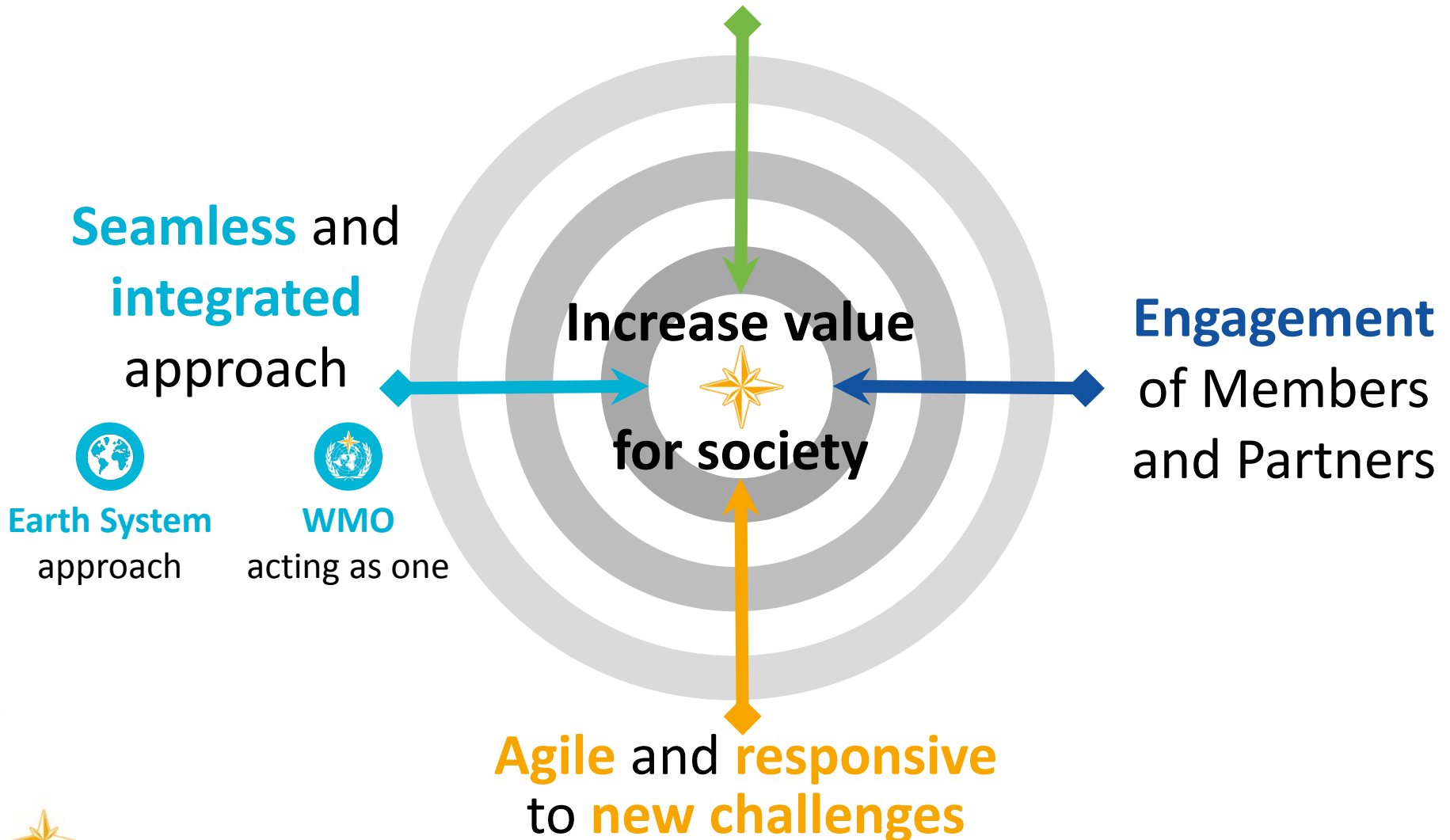


V. WMO Governance Reform



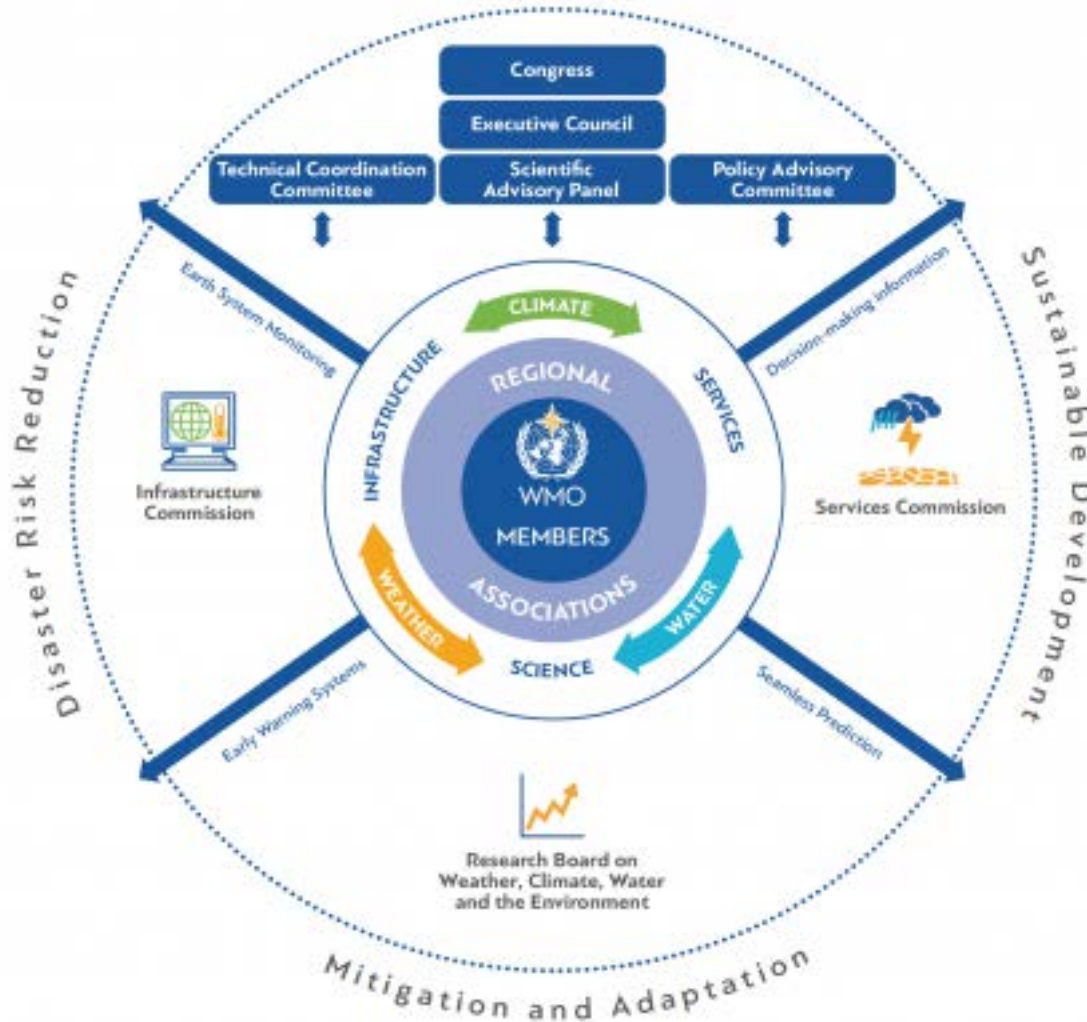
Reform Objectives

Effectiveness and efficiency



Cg-18 Adopted New WMO Structure

- Global development agenda



See <https://public.wmo.int/en/governance-reform>



WMO Strategic Plan 2020-2030

VISION 2030

A world where **all nations**, especially the **most vulnerable**, are **more resilient** to the **socioeconomic impact of extreme weather, climate, water** and other **environmental events**, and **empowered** to boost their **sustainable development** through the **best possible weather, climate and water services**

OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

Preparedness for, and reducing losses from hydrometeorological extremes

Climate-smart decision-making to build resilience and adaptation to climate risk

Socioeconomic value of weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental services

CORE VALUES

Accountability for Results and Transparency

Collaboration and Partnership

Inclusiveness and Diversity

LONG-TERM GOALS

1 Services



Better serve societal needs

2 Infrastructures



Enhance Earth system observations and predictions

3 Science & Innovations



Advance targeted research

4 Member Services



Close the capacity gap

5 Smart Organization



Strategic realignment of structure and programmes

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

FOCUSED ON 2020-23

- Strengthen **national multi-hazard early warning/alert systems**
- Broaden provision of **policy- and decision-supporting climate, water and weather services**

- Optimize **observation data acquisition**
- Improve access to, exchange and management of **Earth system observation data and products**
- Enable access and use of **numerical analysis and prediction products**

- Advance **scientific knowledge of the Earth system**
- Enhance **science-for-service value chain** to improve predictive capabilities
- Advance **policy-relevant science**

- Enable developing countries to **provide and utilize essential weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental services**
- Develop and sustain **core competencies and expertise**
- Scale up **partnerships**

- Optimize **WMO constituent body structure**
- Streamline **WMO programmes**
- Advance **equal, effective and inclusive participation**



VI. Conclusion

- WMO Space Programme promotes:
 - Availability and utilization of satellite data and products for weather, climate, water and related applications
 - Coordinate environmental satellite matters and activities
- Vision for WIGOS 2040 serves as reference for WMO Members and other observing system operators including space-based component
- WMO reform goal:
 - Increase efficiency and improve partnerships through holistic Earth system approach



Coordination is needed!

ESA weather satellite's near miss warns of dangers to come



BY PAUL WILLIS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

SATELLITES

A weather satellite belonging to the European Space Agency (ESA) was forced into a last-minute maneuver to avoid colliding with another satellite in a large constellation, in a first for the agency.

The ESA performed what it called a "collision avoidance maneuver", firing the thrusters of its Aelous observation satellite to move it off a course from a potential direct hit with a SpaceX satellite in the Starlink constellation.



ESA Operations ✓

@esaoperations

Follow



For the first time ever, ESA has performed a 'collision avoidance manoeuvre' to protect one of its satellites from colliding with a 'mega constellation'
[#SpaceTraffic](#)



20 September 2019

Thank you

<http://www.wmo.int/sat>



WMO OMM

World Meteorological Organization

Organisation météorologique mondiale

Back up slides



WMO Application Areas – Earth System Approach

1)	Global numerical weather prediction
2)	High-resolution numerical weather prediction
3)	Nowcasting and very short range forecasting
4)	Sub-seasonal to longer predictions
5)	Aeronautical meteorology
6)	Forecasting atmospheric composition
7)	Monitoring atmospheric composition
8)	Atmospheric composition for urban applications
9)	Ocean applications
10)	Agricultural meteorology
11)	Hydrology
12)	Climate monitoring (GCOS)
13)	Space weather
14)	Climate science

See <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/OSY/GOS-RRR.html>



WMO Space Programme Expert Teams

ET-SAT

Expert Team on Satellite
Systems

IPET-SUP

Inter-Programme Expert
Team on Satellite
Utilization and Products

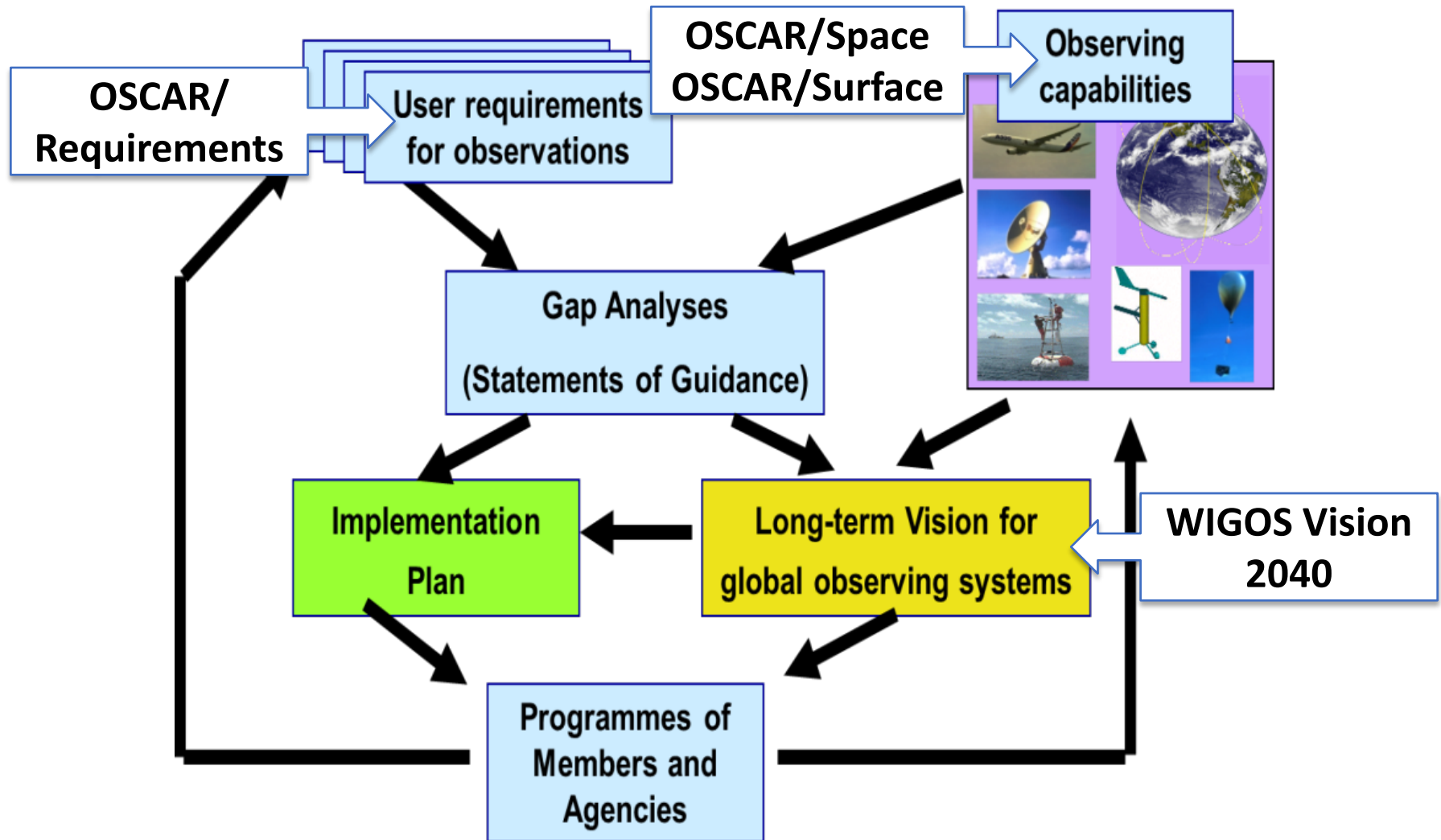
IPT-SWeISS

Inter-Programme Team
on Space Weather
Information, Systems
and Services

- Established under the Open Programme Area Group on Integrated Observing Systems (OPAG-IOS) of the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS)
- The OPAG-IOS makes recommendations to CBS biennially.
 - CBS reports annually to the WMO Executive Council through the report of the president of CBS.
- Members nominated by Permanent Representatives



Rolling Review of Requirements



Sorting criteria – OSCAR/Space Gap Analysis

Relevant instruments and their contribution

The sorting column describes how the instruments, by design, have the potential to contribute to certain pre-determined capabilities, assuming ground segments. For this particular capability, instrument performance is considered to be driven by:

- the number of occultations per day, determined by:
 - how many GNSS systems are exploited (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, Beidou)
 - whether occultations are exploited with the GNSS satellite rising and/or setting (viewing fore- and/or aft-);
 - whether the instrument is launched and operated as a constellation or an individual system ;
- the capability to scan the ionosphere (this requires GNSS signal sampling for altitudes above 100 km.

Sorting criteria and colour code:

1. Receivers flown on dedicated satellite clusters to track ≥ 3 GNSS systems by 2 directional antennas for both fore- and aft- occultations. Altitude scanned to the ionosphere OR not.
2. Receivers flown on dedicated satellite clusters to track ≥ 1 GNSS systems by 2 directional antennas for both fore- and aft- occultations. Altitude scanned to the ionosphere OR not.
3. Receiver hosted on single satellites, to track ≥ 3 OR ≥ 2 GNSS systems by 2 directional antennas for both fore- and aft- occultations. Altitude scanned to the ionosphere OR not.
4. Receiver hosted on single satellites to track 1 GNSS system by 2 directional antennas for both fore- and aft- occultations. Altitude scanned to the ionosphere OR not.
5. Receiver hosted on single satellites to track 1 GNSS system by 1 directional antenna for either fore- or aft- occultation. OR receiver equipped with 2 directional antennas. Altitude scanned up to the ionosphere OR not.



Other Key Cg-18 Outcomes (Relevant to Observations)



Selected Cg-18 Outcomes

34	Global Basic Observing Network (GBON)
35	WMO Integrated Global Observing System station identifiers
36	Amendments to the Technical Regulations (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, Part I – WMO Integrated Global Observing System, and to the Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WMO-No. 1160)
37	The WMO Integrated Global Observing System transition to operational status commencing in 2020
38	Vision for the WMO Integrated Global Observing System in 2040
40	Members' contribution to the actions specified in the Implementation Plan for the Evolution of Global Observing Systems, in the context of the future WMO Integrated Global Observing System Implementation Plan
42	Radio frequencies for meteorological and related environmental activities
46	Future collaboration between WMO and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission on facilitating oceanographic observations in coastal regions in support of Earth system prediction and climate services

See https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=15822 (WMO No.508)



Selected Cg-18 Outcomes

47	Ocean observations in support of Earth system prediction, and WMO support to the Global Ocean Observing System Strategy 2030 (including Tropical Pacific Observing System 2020)
49	Antarctic Observing Network
50	Pre-operational phase of the Global Cryosphere Watch
51	Implementation of the architecture for climate monitoring from space
52	Strategy for the Virtual Laboratory for Education and Training in Satellite Meteorology 2020–2024
53	Four-year plan for WMO activities related to space weather 2020–2023
54	Implementation plan of the regional operational subproject for space-based monitoring of weather and climate extremes in East Asia and the Western Pacific
55	Emerging data issues
56	Data policies and practices

See https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=15822 (WMO No.508)



37(Cg-18) – WIGOS Operational

1. National WIGOS implementation;
2. Implementation of the Global Basic Observing Network and the Regional Basic Observing Networks;
3. Operational deployment of the WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System;
4. Operational deployment of Regional WIGOS Centres;
5. Further development of the OSCAR databases and integration with other system elements;
6. Fostering a culture of compliance with the WIGOS technical regulations;

See https://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/wigos/documents/WIGOS_Newsletter_Vol5_N3_July2019_v1.0.pdf

