VC-WG Day Structure & Agenda-Survey Results

CEOS entertains five Working Groups and seven Virtual Constellations. Out of these twelve groups, one (the OSVW-VC) has not been able to take part to the planned tag up telecon exercise in June-July, due to the job change of one co-chair, and another one (the OST-VC) missed the duly agreed appointment. The results below are based on the ten teleconferences held between 17 June and 13 July.

# Structure of the VC-WG Day

Nine out of ten groups favor a full plenary session, one in favor of a combination of splinter and plenary. The interest of splinter groups was in allowing better interaction among VCs and WGs, but this was not applicable this year, given the imposed agenda item on Carbon which will not leave enough time for it.

Nine out of ten groups are also in favor of restricting attendance to one/two representatives of each group (i.e., maximum 24 people) plus support staff (SIT Chair Team, CEO/DCEO) as the only way to ensure that an open discussion takes place within a much smaller group than in past years, particularly in Darmstadt.

**Conclusion**: The VC-WG Day will be convened in plenary session on 13 September **by invitation only**.

# Topics for discussion

Almost all groups supported the idea of devoting the first two or three hours of the Day to Carbon Strategy. A number of suggestions of other topics were made by the VC and WG leads and co-chairs. Two of them emerged as being supported by two groups:

* Harmonizing investments for Cal/Val activities among the diverse future missions (OCR-VC & ACC-VC)
* Connected Data Assets and coordination on data exchange (SST-VC & WGISS)

An interesting idea was submitted by the Chair of the WGCV to reserve the last 60’ to what he called the “market-place”, during which all groups could quickly expose their main issues or interests or offers under the control of a moderator-a role which he accepted to fulfil.

Many suggestions of topics were put forward, but it was not clear that they would each offer a broad enough interest to deserve being retained as a topic for general discussion. The market-place seems to provide the adequate forum for the concerned groups to float these ideas, which included:

* Identification of criteria for project performance evaluation (“metrics”), proposed by WGDisasters
* How to fund WG activities and how to attract new members, proposed by WGCapD
* VCs and Climate, proposed by WGClimate
* Open discussion on climate ecological forecasting, etc., proposed by OCR-VC
* WGISS miscellaneous items
* Analysis-Ready-Data, proposed by LSI-VC
* Multi-purpose Passive Microwave Constellation, proposed by SST-VC

# Proposed VC-WG Day Agenda

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|  | **Topic** | **Moderator** | **Contributors** |
| 09:00-10:30 | Carbon Strategy Action items | Dowell | All VCs and WGs |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee/tea break |  |  |
| 11:00-12:30 | Carbon Strategy (cont’d) | Dowell | All VCs and WGs |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch |  |  |
| 13:30-14:30 | Harmonizing Cal/Val activities | DiGiacomo & Zehner | All VCs and WGs |
| 14:30-15:30 | Connected Data Assets and coordination of data exchange | Mitchell & Casey | All VCs and WGs |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee/tea break |  |  |
| 16:00-17:00 | Market Place (up to 5’ for each group) | von Bargen | All VCs and WGs on their selected issues |