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Proposed Redesign

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Revealing the Past, Interpreting the Present, and Informing the Future

Climate Monitoring from Space

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Key WGC Functions and Features per ToR

- Highly abbreviated version
 - Comprehensive view of available CDRs [Inventory portal]
 - Creation of the conditions for delivering further CDRs [SCM]
 - Optimisation of future missions to expand CDRs [CDR fly-out charts]



Key WGC Functions and Features per ToR

- CEOS Requirements
- Best Practices in CDR Generation
- Resources (document library)
- Partners
- About
- Meetings and Materials
- News

Home (News)	CDR Inventory	GCOS Requirements	CDR Continuity (SCOPE-CM)	CDR Planning (Fly-out Chart)	Generation Best Practices	Document Library
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