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Call for Nominations: Scientific Committee of the World Data System

To: WDS Members; ISC Member Organizations, Member Unions and Associations, Affiliated Members, and Research Programmes; and other interested organizations

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of Professor Sandy Harrison—Chair of the World Data System (WDS; www.World-Data-System.org) Scientific Committee—I would like to bring to your attention that the WDS Scientific Committee for the period 2018–2021 now has **three vacancies**. These positions are available owing to members stepping down from the Committee for personal reasons.

The International Science Council (ISC) and the WDS would therefore like to call on their respective members, as well as partners organizations concerned with scientific data stewardship, to nominate new members of the Scientific Committee. Nominations of scientists or experts from the Global South, and within the Life (Health/Biological) Sciences and the Social Sciences and Humanities are strongly encouraged.

The Scientific Committee (SC) is the governing body of WDS as defined in its [Constitution](#). It is composed of internationally recognized and leading researchers and experts in all aspects of scientific data. SC members are appointed in their personal capacity normally for a three-year term that is renewable once, with attention to geographical, disciplinary, and gender balance. In addition, at least four members are drawn from representatives of WDS Member Organizations. The list of the current SC members is attached and their bios [available online](#).

More information regarding the role and responsibilities of SC members can be found below.

If you would like to nominate an expert for the WDS Scientific Committee, then please complete the attached Nomination Form to be sent to the WDS International Programme Office by email (ipo@icsu-wds.org) **no later than Sunday, 1 December**.

Yours sincerely,

Rorie Edmunds,
Acting Executive Director



Roles of Scientific Committee Members

- To ensure that WDS supports ISC's mission and objectives.
- To define, develop and prioritize plans for WDS.
- To establish and oversee the review of existing and new WDS Members.
- To establish and maintain a mechanism for oversight of WDS activities.
- To facilitate cooperation and integration with relevant national, regional, and international programmes, organizations, and institutions.
- To mobilize funds for the implementation of WDS and for related activities of the SC and of WDS Working Groups.
- To publicize and promote the activities of WDS.

Responsibilities of Scientific Committee Members

- Attend face-to-face meetings up to twice a year (travel support is provided by the WDS International Programme Office), as well as monthly web conferences.
- Represent WDS at relevant meetings around the world.
- Guide and convene WDS Working Groups and appropriate work plans.
- Assist in mobilizing financial and human resources for WDS.

Nomination Procedure

- 1) All nominating bodies are requested to submit a completed **Nomination Form** (attached) to the WDS International Programme Office by **email at ipo@icsu-wds.org no later than Sunday, 1 December**. Exceptionally, nominations may be accepted from interested individuals who feel they have the qualities and experience to serve on the WDS-SC. In this case, a short cover letter should be addressed to the Chair, Professor Sandy Harrison, stating your interest and how you could contribute to the work of the WDS-SC.
- 2) The Chair of the WDS-SC and the Acting Executive Director will review all materials and will prioritize the nominees according to their complementarity of the present WDS-SC. This prioritization will be submitted to ISC.
- 3) ISC will examine the prioritized list of nominations and officially approve the individuals to serve on the Scientific Committee. Successful nominees will be invited to immediately join the WDS-SC. ISC may exceptionally new SC member to have a 'zeroth term' such that their first three-year term begins on the new Scientific Committee appointed from July 2020.

International Programme Office

Acting Executive Director: Rorie Edmunds. *Senior Advisor:* Takashi Watanabe. *Administrative Officer:* Yuko Nikaido.
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Scientific Committee

Chair: Sandy Harrison (UK). *Vice-chairs:* Alex de Sherbinin (USA), Ingrid Dillo (The Netherlands). *Members:* Aude Chambodut (France), Elaine Faustman (USA), Isabelle Gärtner-Roer (Switzerland), Toshihiko Iyemori (Japan), Marc Nyssen (Belgium), Ioana Popescu (The Netherlands), Alfredo Tolmasquim (Brazil). *ECR Network Representative:* Sabrina Delgado Arias (USA).
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