



# GCOS Switzerland Record of Decisions - 3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting

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Date, Time:	24 October 2018, 09:15-15:00
Location:	Swiss Academy of Sciences SCNAT Haus der Akademien, Laupenstrasse 7, 3008 Bern
Participants:	
<i>Steering Committee</i>	T. Stocker (University of Bern, Chair), K. Ammon (ProClim), W. Haeberli (University of Zurich), C. Schär (ETH Zurich), R. Stöckli (MeteoSwiss)
<i>Swiss GCOS Office</i>	T. Konzelmann (representing B. Calpini), F. Fontana, M. Bizzozzero, C. Streule (Minutes)
<i>Excused</i>	M. Rebetez (University of Neuchâtel), B. Calpini
<i>Invitee (Item 4)</i>	A. Rossa (Head of GAW-CH Office)

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## 1 Welcome

T. Stocker welcomes the GCOS Switzerland Steering Committee (StC) to its third meeting.

## 2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda is adopted with the following modification: the presentation on GAW-CH is moved and will be held as agenda item 4.

## 3 Adoption of minutes of last StC meeting

The minutes are adopted. With minor revisions the Record of Decision is adopted and shall be published online.

## 4 GAW Switzerland: Presentation by A. Rossa, Head of GAW-CH Office

The StC takes note of the information provided by A. Rossa concerning the GAW CH programme. The StC welcomes the intention of MeteoSwiss to organize a joint GCOS-GAW symposium in 2020.

## 5 Election of Vice Chair of GCOS CH StC

M. Rebetez is elected as Vice Chair of the GCOS CH StC.

## 6 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

With minor revisions, the Declaration of Conflict of Interest is adopted and shall be published online.

## 7 Core Tasks

### a) Status Reports

The StC takes note of the status reports.



## **b) Duration of agreements**

The StC decides that future GCOS CH agreements shall be concluded for a maximum duration of four years with the possibility of explicit renewal (“Befristeter Vertrag mit Möglichkeit zur expliziten Verlängerung”).

## **c) Terms of Reference (ToRs) GLAMOS evaluation**

With minor revisions the proposed TORs for the GLAMOS evaluation are adopted.

The Swiss GCOS Office is tasked to initiate the evaluation process and to invite GLAMOS representatives to the next StC Meeting.

## **d) Terms of Reference Euro-Climhist evaluation**

With minor revisions the proposed TORs for the Euro-Climhist evaluation are adopted.

The Swiss GCOS Office is tasked to initiate the evaluation process and to invite Euro-Climhist representatives to the next StC Meeting.

The StC decides to entrust Prof. Georgina Endfield (University of Liverpool, UK) and Prof. David Nash (University of Brighton, UK) with the evaluation of Euro-Climhist.

## **8 Studies**

### **a) Status Reports**

The StC takes note of the status reports.

### **b) Call for Proposals 01/2018: Lessons learnt**

The StC takes note of the lessons learnt from the Call for Proposals 01/2018.

### **c) Call for Proposals 11/2018**

The StC defines a financial volume of 970 kCHF for the call for proposals 11/2018. The StC decides on the following scope (thematic focus and indicative duration of projects) of this Call:

- Integration of observation methods (Strategic Priority 1.3): 1-2 years
- Data rescue (Strategic Priority 1.4): 1-2 years
- Earth system cycles (Strategic Priority 3.2): 2-3 years
- Communication of climate observation (Strategic Priority 4.1): 1-2 years

The StC decides that proposals addressing other pillars will also be considered as long as the benefit for the GCOS Implementation Plan and the GCOS Switzerland Strategy are clearly apparent.

## **9 GCOS Roundtable**

The StC decides on the following thematic focus for the National GCOS Roundtable 2019:

- Morning Session: GCOS Monitoring Principles;
- Afternoon Session: Communication of Climate observation.

The StC emphasizes the need to limit the number of participants of the Swiss GCOS Roundtable, by inviting key representatives of partner institutions explicitly.

## **10 Varia**

### **Outcome of PERMOS discussions**

The StC takes note of the ongoing discussion concerning the renewal of the PERMOS agreement including the possible new contractual set-up encompassing all nine PERMOS partner institutions.



### **Workshops planned for 2019**

The StC tasks the Swiss GCOS Office to organize a workshop on the topic of a possible national Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) platform and a workshop on the GCOS CH snow monitoring strategy.

### **Postulate**

R. Stöckli informs the StC about a postulate by B. Glättli, suggesting the foundation of a “Swiss Open Climate Data-Center”.

### **Water Vapour University of Bern**

The StC takes note of the information provided by the Swiss GCOS Office concerning the upper-air water vapor time series at University of Bern. The Swiss GCOS Office has contacted University of Bern to emphasize the importance of maintaining this time series following the retirement of Prof. N. Kämpfer.

### **Date of next meetings**

The next StC meetings will take place as follows:

- Spring meeting 2019: 12.03.2018, 13:30-18:00, Zürich
- Autumn meeting 2019: 17.09.2019, 09:15-16:00, Bern