

## Description of Regional Consultation Task

1. **What is the goal of these Regional Consultations?** At JSC-41 we agreed to: *“Start regional and community consultations with the aim of including developing and other countries in the co-production of the new WCRP. Discussions should include members from regional WCRP communities and funding agencies”*<sup>1</sup>
2. **Who is the Audience?**
  - a) WCRP family and the science communities
  - b) Co-Sponsor communities
  - c) Partners and allied agencies and groups
  - d) Government and non-government agencies who are setting climate policies and using climate research and information
3. **What are the Regions? See Tables 1 and 2**
  - Group 1: Africa (WMO Region I)
  - Group 2: South America (WMO Region III)
  - Group 3: North (including Greenland) and Central America (WMO Region IV and Greenland)
  - Group 4: Oceania and Asia (WMO Regions II and V, except for Western Asia)
  - Group 5: Europe and Western Asia (WMO Region VI and Western Asia from WMO Region II)
4. **What is the mode of consultation?** Our suggestion is via a series of “Virtual Town Halls” – i.e. an online discussion of around 90 mins that will comprise:
  - An overview presentation from WCRP [using pre-prepared slide pack and collateral]. Content will include: i) WCRP Strategy; ii) Implementation research priorities and Lighthouse Activities; iii) proposed draft WCRP structure; and iv) How communities and researchers can engage.
  - Discussion session, including Q&A.
  - Other talks and presentations deemed as appropriate by local organising committee, e.g. if there is a WCRP family researcher who is willing to do a short science presentation it might attract an audience.We also suggest each region consider a series of follow-up, one-on-one, meetings with key sponsors, funders and partners (e.g. national Royal Societies, Academies etc)
5. **How will this be organised; what is the approach?** This will take both a “top-down” and “bottom-up” approach.
  - a) An overarching **Steering Group** will be formed, comprising: the JSC Chair and Vice Chair, 1-2 other members sourced from JSC and Core activities, and membership from the ECR and “global south” communities as advisors. The task of this Steering or Oversight Group is to provide oversight and guidance and to ensure a consistent approach and messaging / content.
  - b) **Focal Points for each Region** whose task is to set up Local Organising Committee(s) who will organise and undertake the Regional Consultations in their respective regions. These Regional Focal Points will liaise with the WCRP International Core Project Offices and allied networks (Sponsors, Funding Agencies, National and Regional agencies, climate research community) in the region to ensure good engagement. This “bottom-up” approach is critically important.
  - c) **Administrative support:** will be sourced from the WCRP Secretariat and CORA, who will also provide a liaison with the IPOs.
  - d) **Local support** may also be sourced from our Co-Sponsors in each region, as appropriate and relevant.

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 1, Figure 2 for relevant Slide from JSC-41 Session 2.

Table 1: Summary of Major Regions and alignment to WCRP Core Activity Membership<sup>2</sup> (see relevant spreadsheet for details):

Region <sup>3</sup>	JSC Members	WCRP Core Activity Members	Regional Group
A. Africa [Northern, Eastern, Middle, Southern and Western]. WMO Region I	Pedro Monteiro	Bruce Hewitson	<b>Group 1</b>
B. South America. WMO Region III	Tercio Ambrizzi Ken Takahashi	Silvina Solman	<b>Group 2</b>
C. North [incl. Greenland] and Central America and the Caribbean = WMO Region IV plus Greenland	Jim Hurrell	Fiamma Straneo, Sonya Legg, Graeme Stephens, Gerry Meehl, Andy Robertson, Carolyn Reynolds, Bill Merryfield, Greg Flato.	<b>Group 3</b>
D. Oceania [incl. Australia and NZ] = WMO RA V	Helen Cleugh Lisa Alexander	Wenju Cai, James Renwick, Seok-Woo Son	<b>Group 4</b>
E. Asia = WMO Region II	Huijun Wang		
a. Southeastern Asia <sup>4</sup>	Masa Kimoto Krishnan Raghavan		
b. Eastern Asia [China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea]			
c. Southern Asia [Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka]			
F. Europe [Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western] plus Western Asia = WMO Region VI plus some of WMO Region II [Western Asia]	Detlef Stammer, Martin Visbeck, Susanna Corti, Jens Christensen, Tom Peter, Igor Shkolnik, Pascale Braconnot, Pierre Friedlingstein	Jan Polcher, Neil Harris, Daniela Jakob, Frederic Vitart, Paco Doblas-Reyes, Susann Tegtmeier, Doug Smith, Jean-Noel Thépaut, Clare Goodess, Keith Williams, Cath Senior	<b>Group 5</b>

<sup>2</sup> Note this table is from a WCRP "leadership" perspective. As captured in the proposal, we would ask the relevant IPOs and community network groups to help build a more "bottom-up" database of key people in each region.

<sup>3</sup> These broadly comply with accepted separation of the world into 7-8 regions; with the YESS regions; align to WMO Regions and the statistical divisions of the UN (see <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/> and Appendix 1).

<sup>4</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeast\\_Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeast_Asia).

Table 2: Revised and corrected Table showing Regions and Dates for Regional Consultations

Original Region (from initial email, now corrected in middle column)	Revised Regions – use these <i>Unless otherwise indicated, the individual nations in these regions follow the UN protocol as explained at <a href="https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/">https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/</a></i>	Tentative Timing for VTH(s)
1. Regional Group 1: Africa, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, UAE	A. Group 1: Africa [Northern, Eastern, Middle, Southern and Western]	September, 2020
2. Regional Group 4: Asia a) Southeastern Asia b) Eastern Asia [China, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong] c) Southern and Central Asia [India, Pakistan]	B. Group 4: Oceania and Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceania (including NZ and Australia)</li> <li>• South-eastern Asia</li> <li>• Eastern Asia [China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea]</li> <li>• Southern Asia [Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka]</li> </ul>	September, 2020
3. Regional Group 2: South America	C. Group 2: South America	October, 2020
4. Regional Group 3: North and Central America and the Caribbean	D. Group 3: North [incl. Greenland] and Central America and the Caribbean	October 2020
5. Regional Group 5: Europe [includes Russia, Iceland, Greenland, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Syria]	E. Group 5: Europe [Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western] plus Western Asia	November 2020

## Appendix 1: Supporting Information

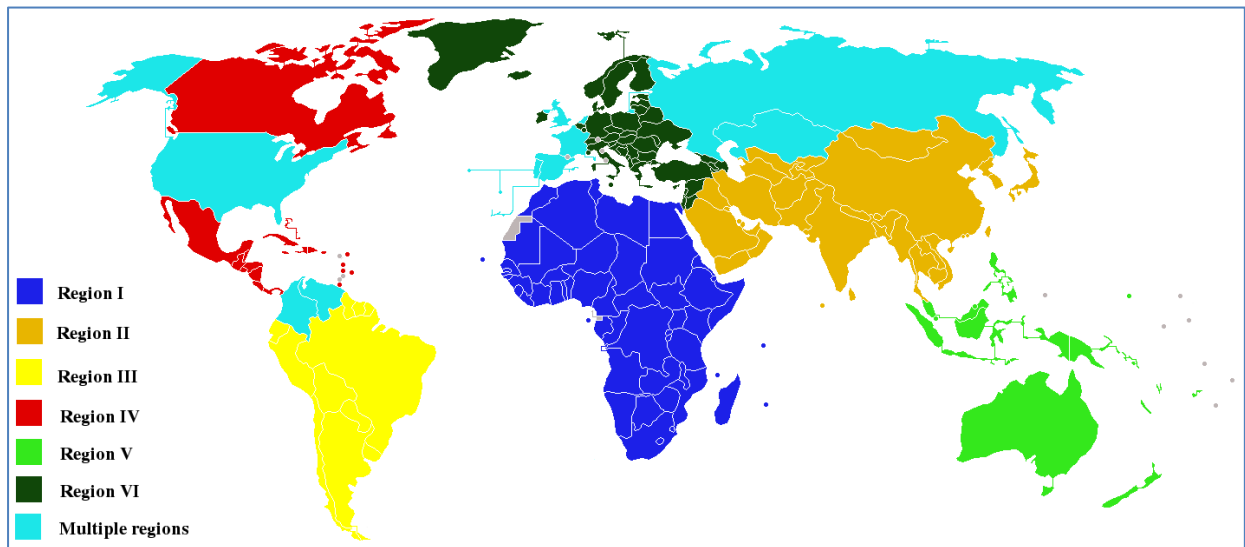


Figure 1: WMO Regions (top) and for the YESS community (bottom)

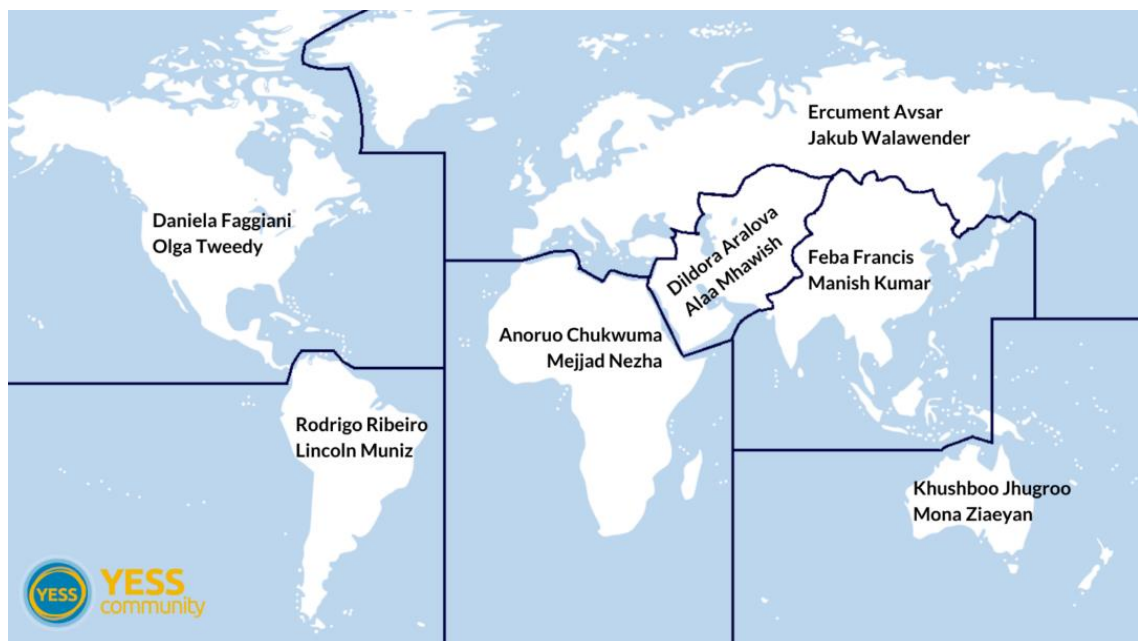


Figure 2: Slide from Session 2 of JSC-41 regarding Regional Consultations

## Regional Consultation

**Put the necessary steps in place to “roll out” the regional consultations on WCRP evolution.**

- There needs an identified regional “lead” to make it happen; i.e. establish the process, establish a team from across the JSC/WCRP family to be the local leads etc.
- Chair and Vice Chair to attend these regional consultations to provide a consistent message
- Outcome: consultation outcomes will refine the Lighthouse Activities and research program

