

About NCADAC Working Groups

Federal advisory committee working groups are ad hoc groups formed to complete specific assignments and/or to make recommendations for the consideration of the federal advisory committee. Working groups are often (although not always) short-term.

Working Groups (WG) may be formed in the following two ways: (1) the NCADAC can form a Working Group at a NCADAC meeting, or (2) the Executive Secretariat (ES) can propose a Working Group, notify full NCADAC, ask for volunteers for membership, appoint leadership, and give one week for comments from any NCADAC member.

WG chairs are appointed by the ES. WG members are appointed by the NCADAC Chair and Vice-Chairs. Nominations for members can come from any source.

As progress has been made and continues to be made in a number of areas of the assessment, the chairs propose a review of the WGs, including the discontinuation of several where their tasks have been accomplished, and the creation of several additional WGs.

Recommendations for Working Groups:

WG3 Scenarios: The group continues to function. Ask current members to respond by certain date if they wish to remain on the group.

WG5 Request for Information: Sunset; assigned work completed. Future RFIs could be developed by the staff, ES, IQA contacts, Engagement and Communications WG, or Sustained Assessment WG depending on the context.

WG6 Information Quality Assurance: Sunset; assigned work completed. If the author chapters need tutoring on use of the IQA tools, Anne Waple, T.C. Richmond or Sharon Hays can assist; Glenn Tallia (NOAA) will continue to advise.

WG7 Engagement, Communication, and Evaluation: Sunset. The scope of this group including both evaluation and engagement and communications has been too broad to manage. Create a new working group, below, and add an evaluation work stream to the Sustained Assessment Working Group.

WG8 Regional Coordination: Sunset; assigned work completed. See possible new groups, below.

WG9 Sectoral Coordination: Sunset; assigned work completed. See possible new groups, below.

WG10 Science of Climate Change: Sunset; assigned work completed.

WG11 Agenda for Climate Change Science: Sunset and form a new working group if/when needed.

WG12 Adaptation and Mitigation: Sunset; assigned work completed. See possible new groups, below.

WG13 Indicators development and evaluation: This group continues to function. Ask current members to respond by certain date if they wish to remain on the group and then ask NCADAC for other volunteers if additional members are needed.

WG14 International: The group continues to function. Ask current member to respond by certain date if they wish to remain on the group.

WG15 Sustained Assessment: This group continues to function. Review group's initial charge and revise if necessary to address any additional duties, e.g. How should they interact with WG7 concerning engagement, and WG3 for developing scenarios? Make it clear that evaluation falls within this group's purview, and invite former members of WG7 and/or other evaluation experts to join.

Possible new working groups:

Report Integration Working Group. Assignment: A small group whose charge is to help move the report along from 30 draft chapters to a single coherent report. The group would assist with ensuring overall consistency, "horse-trading" between chapters, and resolving issues at the interface of CLAs, review editors, and the NCADAC. They would need to be in regular communication with the staff, particularly the editorial team (Susan Hassol and others). As needed, this group would elevate issues or make recommendations for the consideration of the Executive Secretariat and/or NCADAC (in other words, their authority would not exceed that of the ES). The exact role of this working group would need to be further refined. Suggested membership: No more than 6-8 members.

Regional Capacity Working Group. Assignment: A small working group to support ongoing regional and cross-cutting regional activities. They would provide strategic vision and interact with technical input and author teams to build and sustain regional capacity.

Sectoral Capacity Working Group. Assignment: A small working group to support ongoing sectoral and cross-sectoral activities. They would provide strategic vision and interact with technical input and author teams to build and sustain sectoral capacity. **Engagement and Communications:** Assignment: A working group that continues much of the charge of WG7, without overall evaluation as a significant component.

Decision Support, Adaptation, and Mitigation Working Group. Assignment: A working group to focus on building assessment capacity in decision support, adaptation and mitigation. Recommend July or later as a time to start the group; starting sooner would probably be counterproductive with the focus on drafting chapters this spring.