The National Climate Assessment

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NCA Structure

CENRS/OSTP

US Global Change Research Program (Federal)
- USGCRP Principals
- Interagency National Climate Assessment (INCA) Task Force
- NCA Staff
- Technical Support and Coordination units (e.g., NCDC)

National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee (NCADAC)
a.k.a. Federal Advisory Committee

Network of Partners and Stakeholders
- Regional Networks
- Professional Societies
- Citizen Groups
- NGOs

Working Groups
- Regions (SW, NE, etc.)
- Sectors (water, energy, etc.)
- Indicators
- Climate Change Science
- Long-term Process
- Adaptation and Mitigation
- Etc.
NCA Structure (cont.)

NCADAC Federal Advisory Committee (appointed by Secretary of Commerce)

Executive Secretariat (appointed by Under Sec. of Commerce)

Working Groups

Regional Teams

Sectoral Teams

Other Teams

Chapter Author Teams
Information Flow

NCADAC

Chapter Author Teams

Chapters for 2013 Report

Technical Input Teams (NCADAC, Agency-Led, External / RFI)

2009 GCCI Report
Synthesis and Assessment Products
Existing Government Reports
Peer Reviewed Literature
Gray Literature
NCADAC Working Groups

- Working Groups (WG) may be formed in the following two ways: (1) the NCADAC can form a WG at a NCADAC meeting, or (2) the Executive Secretariat (ES) can form a WG, following 1-week notice and request for volunteers or comments from any NCADAC member.
- WG chairs are appointed by the ES and members are appointed by the NCADAC Chair and Vice-Chairs.
- Nominations for members can come from any source.
Technical Input Teams

The NCADAC may choose to form technical input teams for topics in the 2013 draft outline. When this occurs, 1) Technical Input Team leaders are confirmed by the Executive Secretariat (ES) in consultation with the WG chairs; 2) Nominations for Team members can come from any source; 3) Team leaders can create their working teams as they see fit as they assess their needs; 4) Team leaders will provide information about their team members to the NCADAC and the ES through the Working Group (WG) Chairs in a timely fashion; and 5) WG Chairs will stand ready to offer help in this process as needed and, of course, suggest additional talent.
Federal agencies are also leading Technical Input Teams for some NCA topics. They 1) are encouraged to be inclusive in selecting their team membership and 2) will provide information about their team leadership and members to the NCADAC through the ES in a timely fashion. The INCA task force will 1) coordinate these technical inputs; 2) work to align them with NCADAC plans; and 3) strive to make certain that these inputs reach the NCADAC before the March 1st (2012) deadline for submission.
Technical Input Teams (cont.)

- **Regional teams are already in place in each of the Assessment regions.** For these Regional teams, 1) the leadership of the Technical Input Teams emerged in consultation with White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Council on Environmental Quality; 2) the Team leaders are free to create their working teams as they see fit; 3) the Team leaders should provide the NCADAC and the ES the requested information about their team members and approach in a timely fashion through the Regional Coordination Work Group (RCWG); and 4) the RCWG chairs will help as needed and may suggest additional talent for the team.
Other Technical Input Teams may be formed in response to the Request for Information (RFI). Requirements for those Teams are described in the RFI ([link](#)). Teams interested in providing inputs to the NCA are encouraged to prepare a short expression of interest (EOI) describing their anticipated inputs. All EOIs submitted in response to this notice must include a primary point of contact and contact information (phone number, mailing address, email address, website if applicable, institutional affiliation(s) if applicable). In addition, it is recommended that EOIs include the specific NCA topic(s) of interest, a short description of the input(s) the team intends to provide, and background information about the team and sponsoring organization.