

# GHRSSST 15 Advisory Council meeting report

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# Report on AC14 actions

- AC/14/01: G. Corlett – will initiate a regular teleconference with working group chairs. This was awaiting a telecon system to be found. Will be done this year.
- AC/14/06: AC to maintain a watching brief on the interaction between the VC and GHRSSST. This is a standing action and will be addressed by the AC chair attending VC and GHRSSST telecons.

# Review of membership

Changes:

- UKMO: Jonah Roberts-Jones
- EUMETSAT: Anne O'Carroll
- OSI-SAF: Stephane Saux-Picart

NOAA and NASA to check membership for next year

# Interaction between GHRSSST and CGMS

- G. Corlett presented GHRSSST to CGMS last month
  - Create awareness
  - Consideration of constellation
  - Asked for all agencies to join GHRSSST and SST-VC
- Awaiting feedback

# GHRSSST data policy for self-serve RDACs

- Last year agreed revision of R/GTS is needed
  - JAXA data not able to flow through R/GTS at the time. Data policy change.
  - Unknowns regarding other countries data policies
- K. Casey reviewed the R/GTS and presented a way-forward. Over next year options to consider for expanding the existing R/GTS to include channels for virtually consolidating GHRSSST
- ICD to be reviewed and updated this year to reflect evolutions (DAS-TAG lead)

# User interaction and feedback to data providers

- Issue that user feedback cannot be shared between help-desks
- To be considered during update of the ICD R/GTS.

# GHRSSST project office

- Currently PO funded by ESA and NERC
- Current ESA contract end September 2014
- ESA DUE can contribute until end 2016, then a review is needed afterwards.
- Additional costs such as web-page, web upgrade needed
- Consideration of shared project costs in future

# Science team meeting locations

- Need for agreeing locations and dates 2 years in advance for arrangements and funding to be established



# Updated GDS2

- DAS-TAG made amendments to GDS2
- Release 6 with minor changes sent to AC by E. Armstrong
  - A waiver can be requested to include experimental variables up to 64 bytes per pixel
  - The optional variables `satellite_zenith_angle` and `solar_zenith_angle` can be of type byte or short
- It is up to the DAS-TAG to decide whether a change is major or minor: agreed by AC

# Actions arising from AC G15

**AC/15/01:** K Casey to review the two NOAA members representation on the GHRSSST AC. By Next Meeting.

**AC/15/02:** Action on J. Vazquez to review NASA representation for two seats on GHRSSST AC. By Next Meeting

**AC/15/03:** ICD for GHRSSST to be revised and completed for Review by next GHRSSST ST meeting. DAS-TAG to lead on the content and advice.

**AC/15/04:** GPO to revise the requirements document for the GHRSSST Web site and circulate to the AC.

**AC/15/05** GPO and ST Chair to propose in a discussion paper a restructured and consolidated GHRSSST ST TAG and WG arrangement to provide a more streamlined and effective organisation. By Next ST meeting

**AC/15/06:** GPO to write letter of Support to HB at BoM. Letter to be drafted with HB prior to being sent.

**AC/15/07:** DAS-TAG to establish why the EUR OSI-SAF METOP AVHRR L2P data are not redistributed from GDAC and report back to OSI-SAF.

**AC/15/08:** DAS-TAG to be reminded of their responsibility to enact minor changes to GDS2.0 at their discretion. Major changes shall be submitted to approval by the AC and it is the responsibility of DAS-TAG to judge what a major change is. Changes to the GDS need to be more specific in terms of when pages and paragraphs are changed. A tracked change version shall be maintained by the GPO and can be made available on request.

**AC/15/09:** GHRSSST ST ToR should be reinstated. GPO and ST-Chair to check the GHRSSST ST ToR, arrange a review and circulate to ST for final comment and approval.

**AC/15/10:** GPO to have the most recent tables from the GDS2.0 posted on the GHRSSST web site and cross Checked with the GDS Document by DAS-TAG.