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Draft Outline of a new GCOS Implementation Plan

SBSTA 37¹ encouraged the GCOS secretariat to provide a draft of a new implementation plan to SBSTA 43 in 2015. SBSTA invited the GCOS secretariat to provide the final implementation plan to SBSTA 45 in 2016.

The new implementation plan is envisaging broadening its scope to global Earth's environmental cycles, i.e., energy, carbon and water, and *inter alia* taking into account Sustainable Development Goals, climate services, climate indicators and relevant outcomes of discussions during COP21. It will advise on new requirements for measures needed for adaptation to a changing climate, and measures to mitigate climate changes.

The new plan will lay out a new strategic approach to further implement the Global Climate Observing System and will introduce a section on cross-cutting disciplines and on scientific and technological challenges.

The GCOS secretariat will develop a new implementation plan along the draft outline in the Annex.

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