

### GCP Projects

- Will be initiated and agreed by the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC).
- Significant contribution to the GCP Implementation Strategy, with a clearly demonstrated value added to existing IGBP, IHDP, WCRP core projects.
- Must be of scientific excellence, multidisciplinary in nature, with immediate or ultimate relevance to climate change policy.
- A formal written proposal is required which will be presented to the SSC for discussion and approval. The proposal needs to show the relevance to activities as described in the GCP Implementation Strategy with specific references to the activity/Tasks that will be contributing to. The document will include sections on: 1. Background, 2. Goals, 3. Activities/Research proposed, 4. Relevance to the GCP Implementation Strategy, 5. Leadership, 6. Contributing research groups, 7. Timetable (3-5 year timeframe), 8. Plans for funding, and 9. Expected outcomes/products.
- Components on capacity building, outreach and education are recommended to be part of the project.
- Publications resulting from GCP projects will acknowledge they are a contribution to the GCP Implementation Strategy. The following sentence for the acknowledgements section is proposed: e.g., *"This paper contributes to the implementation of Activity 3.3 on Carbon consequences of regional development pathways of the Global Carbon Project Implementation Strategy"*

### GCP Endorsed Projects

- Must be of scientific excellence, multidisciplinary in nature, and with immediate or ultimate relevance to climate change policy.
- The GCP will not be proactive in seeking projects to endorse except when the SSC determines it would further define (and benefit) GCP's science profile or dissemination the project goals.
- Upon an endorsement request, one co-chair and the two executive directors will review the proposal. A recommendation will be put forward to the SSC who will need to endorse it for final approval.
- The proposal needs to show the relevance to activities as described in the GCP Implementation Strategy with specific references to the activity/Tasks that will be contributing to. The document will include sections on: 1. Background, 2. Goals, 3. Activities/Research proposed, 4. Relevance to the GCP Implementation Strategy, 5. Leadership, 6. Contributing research groups, 7. Timetable (3-5 year timeframe), 8. Plans for funding, and 9. Expected outcomes/products.

- Requests to endorse “project proposals” to be submitted for funding will be treated in the same way as funded projects. To the extent possible, attention should be given to avoid engaging in “funding battles” among different groups competing for similar projects and funding which could damage GCP’s reputation. After approval, a GCP letter of endorsement will be issued by an executive director.
- The International Project Offices will keep a copy of all endorsed project proposals. The list of endorsed projects with links to the project’s webpage will be included on the GCP website.
- Endorsed projects will acknowledge that they contribute to the GCP implementation, and whenever publishing papers, make an explicit reference in the acknowledgements as follows: e.g., “*This paper contributes to the implementation of Activity 3.3 on Carbon consequences of regional development pathways of the Global Carbon Project Implementation Strategy*”
- The GCP may use results from endorsed projects (with appropriate acknowledgement of the principal investigators) to showcase the diverse research agenda that GCP sponsors.

### GCP Affiliated Offices

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- Have to be formally associated with a major research program of the global carbon-climate-human system consistent with the GCP Implementation Strategy.
- The International Project Offices (IPO, Canberra and Tsukuba) agree to collaborate, coordinate and keep the affiliated offices informed about GCP activities.
- Agree to collaborate, coordinate, and keep the IPOs informed on their activities.
- Will promote the GCP-wide agenda and work with the IPOs to implement regional and global activities consistent to their respective mandates.
- A “Memorandum of Understanding” or “Terms of Reference” document will be signed between the affiliated offices and the GCP SSC.