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Characterizing a National Climate Service

Question of scope:

Problem driven → apply science within a policy or decision context

Science driven → apply a policy context within the science information

In reality – this is a messy problem that is not linear.

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Clarification of what is meant by “partnership”

When 2 or more parties come together....

and there is mutual dependency or co-dependency.

the sum is greater than the parts.

Recommend a formal definition → contractual arrangements.

Other beneficial relationships are important but not recognized as true partnerships.

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For what parts of a NCS are partnerships necessary, appropriate or beneficial?

Need to determine in specific decision context rather than in the abstract.

We should expect partnerships to be context specific and change over time.

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What is the basis of a successful partnership?

Regionally relevant

- proximity to the users
- partners in place - sustained local relationships and expertise
- trust is essential

Driven by decision-maker needs

- climate information only really useful when tailored to specifically identified problems.

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What is the basis of a successful partnership?

Sustained resources and relationships

→ formal arrangements

→ funds to support process of engagement, not just products

Roles clearly defined (NOAA as well as others)

→ win/win opportunities need to identified

Dynamic

→ guidelines are available but flexible

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Identify a few examples that could inform the emergence of a national climate service.

Interagency working groups

→ CCSP; USGCRP

successful when the need for diverse expertise identified and partners brought in from the beginning

not so successful when there is a disconnect between the desired users and the developers

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Identify a few examples that could inform the emergence of a national climate service.

Boundary organizations → RISAs; IRI
have range of expertise → local/academic
connect to decision makers

National Weather Service → mature organization

NIDIS → has all the elements for success

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Recommend some proposed early (steps toward establishing) partnerships that would advance the emergence of a national climate service.

Two approaches –

Interagency working group – federal framework

→ should involve private partners from beginning

Issue driven – regionally relevant

→ organize around “buckets of information”

→ should have core capabilities

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Ended with a plea:

“I’m trying to be interested in what you are saying
but.....Please sort it out!”

*People want information; they are making decisions NOW.
Where do they go?*