

# ICWG-2 Workshop Aims

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# Meeting Organization

**Local Host:** Ralf Bennartz

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**ICWG co-chairs:** Andrew Heidinger, Rob Roebeling (Retiring), Karl-Goran Karlsson (New)

**CGMS Representatives:** Next Speakers

**CGMS Rapporteur:** Dong Wu

**Topical Groups Leads:** Andi Walther, Phil Watts, Bryan Baum, Mike Foster, Michael Pavolonis, Dong Wu, Steve Wanzong, Karl-Goran Karlsson, Ralf Bennartz

Thank you All!

# ICWG Terms of Reference with CGMS

1. foster commonality for level-2 and level-3 operational cloud parameter retrievals and/or products;
2. contribute to the assessment of differences between level-2 cloud parameter retrievals;
3. contribute to the validation of both level-2 cloud parameter retrievals and their error estimates;
4. identify and address research questions on level-2 cloud parameter retrieval algorithms and level-3 aggregation methods;
5. contribute to process studies of clouds and/or convection;
6. contribute to the definition of new space borne observation capabilities for cloud parameter retrievals and validation;
7. support and stimulate training of the operational and scientific community;
8. enhance the communication in this field and develop international partnerships;

## Main Recommendations of the ICWG-1

- **Facilitate level-2 cloud assessments** for near-real-time applications and level-3 cloud assessments for regional and climate applications.
- **Standardize requirements and terminology for cloud products**
- Enhance use of satellite **cloud products in tandem with non-satellite data**
- **Stimulate dialogue with cloud product users**, such as the IWWG, and integrate their requirements in the cloud retrieval algorithms
- Use heritage sensors to develop **cloud climate data records (CDRs)** that better characterize calibration errors, dependence on ancillary data, and orbital drift
- Generate sub-sampled level-1 products from historical, present, and future satellite missions to **facilitate CDR reprocessing**
- Include **uncertainty estimates and associated quality indicators** to level-2 cloud properties, and evaluate these in future ICWG assessments
- Maintain use of current, and plan for future, space borne lidar/radar **measurements for long-term satellite cloud validation**



### ICWG-1

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# ICWG Sub-Working and Topical Groups

- **Algorithms**

- Retrieval Methods (Phil Watts & Bryan Baum)
- Cloud Masking (Karl-Goran Karlsson)
- Microwave (Ralf Bennartz)

- **Assessments**

- Cloud Product Intercomparisons (Andi Walther)

- **Climate Applications**

- Climate Applications (Mike Foster)

- **Weather Applications**

- Severe Weather (Mike Pavolonis)
- Winds (Steve Wanzong, Dong Wu)

- **International Collaboration**

- International Collaboration (Dong Wu, Andrew Heidinger)

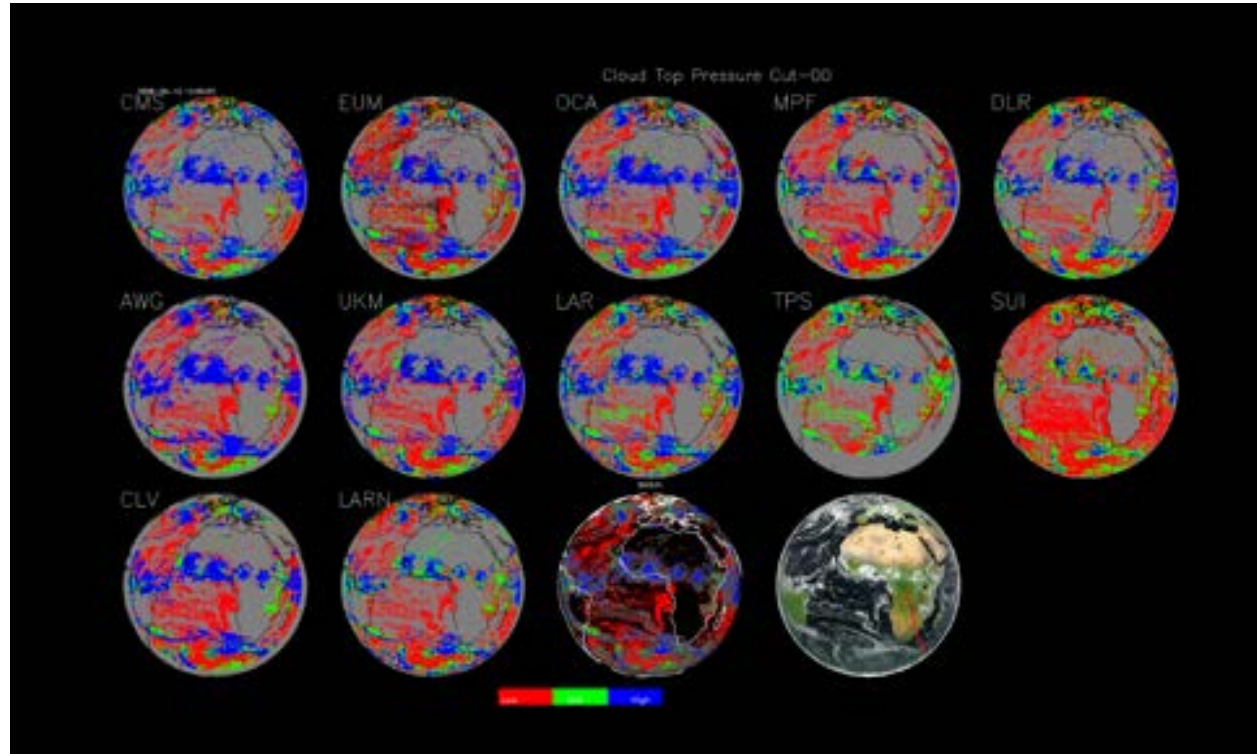
*Sub-Working Groups are permanent*

*Topical Groups can be modified based on ICWG feedback*

Andi Walther is leading the Intercomparisons Topical Group.

Thank you to all data submitters!

Please talk to Andi and/or send a representative to that breakout. We need participation in that group to keep the inter-comparisons relevant.



Example of the “CREW”-like analysis from Andi Walther’s Tools

# Workshop Wishes

- Active participation in Sessions and Topical Groups
  - Suggest modifications for ICWG-3
  - Help make the intercomparison data and tools relevant
- Help ICWG respond to existing CGMS actions.
- Help ICWG come up with new recommendations to the CGMS for the ICWG or other WGs.
- Help forge new collaborations between the agencies
- Enjoy the varied program of speakers
- Enjoy Madison



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