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To: National Member contact persons  
Scientific Union Presidents and Secretaries-General  
Interdisciplinary Body contact persons  
Chairpersons of Regional Committees and Regional Directors  
Contact points of Scientific Associates

**Re.: Request for nominations to WDS Scientific Committee (WDS-SC)**

**Deadline: 16 May 2012**

The term of office of all members of the Scientific Committee of the ICSU World Data System (WDS) comes to an end on 31 May 2012. In the interests of both continuity and renewal, some members will be invited to serve a second three-year term, while others are to be replaced by individuals bringing fresh insights to the work of WDS. New nominations for membership are therefore being sought. We should like to invite you to submit, if you so wish, the names of data specialists or those with a particular interest in data issues who you are confident would bring appropriate experience and expertise to the World Data System, and to do so using the template provided. As always, we should like you to have enquired as to whether the person(s) nominated would be able and willing to serve in the capacity proposed starting June 2012.

In accordance with the Constitution of the World Data System, WDS-SC is charged with developing and implementing the overall strategy for WDS, recruiting new WDS Members and encouraging their active participation in the system, ensuring adherence to agreed standards, and performing accreditation and review of new and existing Members (copies of the WDS Constitution and Terms of Reference of the WDS Scientific Committee are attached for ease of reference).

WDS-SC is made up of leading scientists who are actively involved with large data-set issues and data centre/service directors. ICSU is seeking individuals who can bring a range of disciplinary and contextual experiences to the work of WDS including in social science data. Every effort will be made to have the Committee as geographically and gender-balanced as possible.

WDS-SC meets face-to-face at least twice per calendar year (usually once in Tokyo at the WDS International Programme Office, and once in Paris at ICSU). These meetings

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are supplemented by monthly electronic web-conferences. I should therefore like to encourage you to submit your nominations for membership of the WDS Scientific Committee on the template enclosed to Dr Mustapha Mokrane, Executive Director of WDS, at [mustapha.mokrane@icsu-wds.org](mailto:mustapha.mokrane@icsu-wds.org) by 16 May 2012 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Steven Wilson  
Executive Director

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Constitution of ICSU WDS and Terms of Reference of WDS-SC  
Nomination template