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## **WDS ENDORSES ISC STATEMENT: SAFEGUARDING INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

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The [World Data System](#) (WDS) Scientific Committee is proud to announce its endorsement of the recent statement issued by the [International Science Council](#) (ISC) and its Affiliated Bodies, “Safeguarding and Enhancing International Scientific Collaboration for Climate Action.” This call-to-action urges governments, funders, and the global research community to maintain strong support for international scientific research and collaboration in addressing climate change—one of humanity’s most pressing and complex challenges.

The ISC statement draws attention to mounting obstacles faced by climate researchers worldwide, including significant funding cuts, political pressures, and increasing barriers to data sharing and scientific exchange. These factors not only threaten the pace of scientific discovery but also undermine the credibility and societal value of scientific outputs.

“The challenges of climate change demand that we work together across borders, disciplines, and sectors,” said David Castle, Chair of the WDS Scientific Committee. “Open access to data, transparency in research, and sustained collaboration are essential for informed policy decisions and effective climate action. WDS is committed to fostering these principles within the global data community.”

The ISC and its partners—including WDS—reaffirm their commitment to working closely with governments, funding agencies, multilateral institutions, the broader science community, and civil society to protect scientific integrity and promote open, inclusive research environments. By supporting robust international collaboration, the statement calls for renewed investment in climate monitoring systems, greater protection for scientific outputs, and efforts to build public trust in science through transparent practices.

WDS encourages all members of the scientific community, policymakers, and stakeholders to read and share the full ISC statement: <https://council.science/statements/climate-science/#AB>

### **About the World Data System**

Founded in 2008, the World Data System (WDS) is an affiliated body of the International Science Council (ISC). Its mission is to enhance the capabilities, impact, and sustainability of its member repositories and data services by fostering trusted communities of scientific data repositories. The WDS also aims to strengthen the entire lifecycle of data management, ensuring that high-quality data supports first-class research output. Additionally, it advocates for accessible data along with transparent and reproducible science.



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<https://www.worlddatasystem.org/>

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