

Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) Panel on Space Weather (PSW):

*A Forum for Realization of
Global Space Weather Roadmap Goals.*

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**Panel on
Space
Weather**

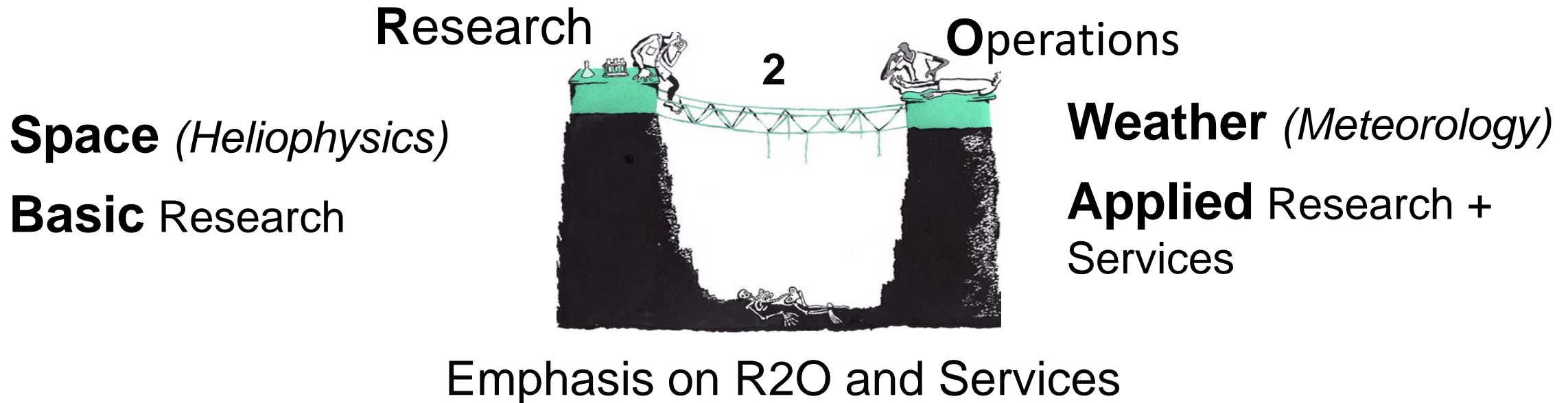


Outline

Panel on Space Weather

- Evolution of views on what are top challenges in the field of space weather.
- General recommendations from COSPAR-ILWS Global Space Weather Roadmap, 2015-2025
- Vision and plans for COSPAR PSW activities.
- Opportunities for COSPAR-UN hands-on education initiatives.
- PSW events at the upcoming COSPAR 2018 General Assembly.

Top Challenge at the Dawn of Space Weather: Bridging the “Valley of Death” Between Research and Operations

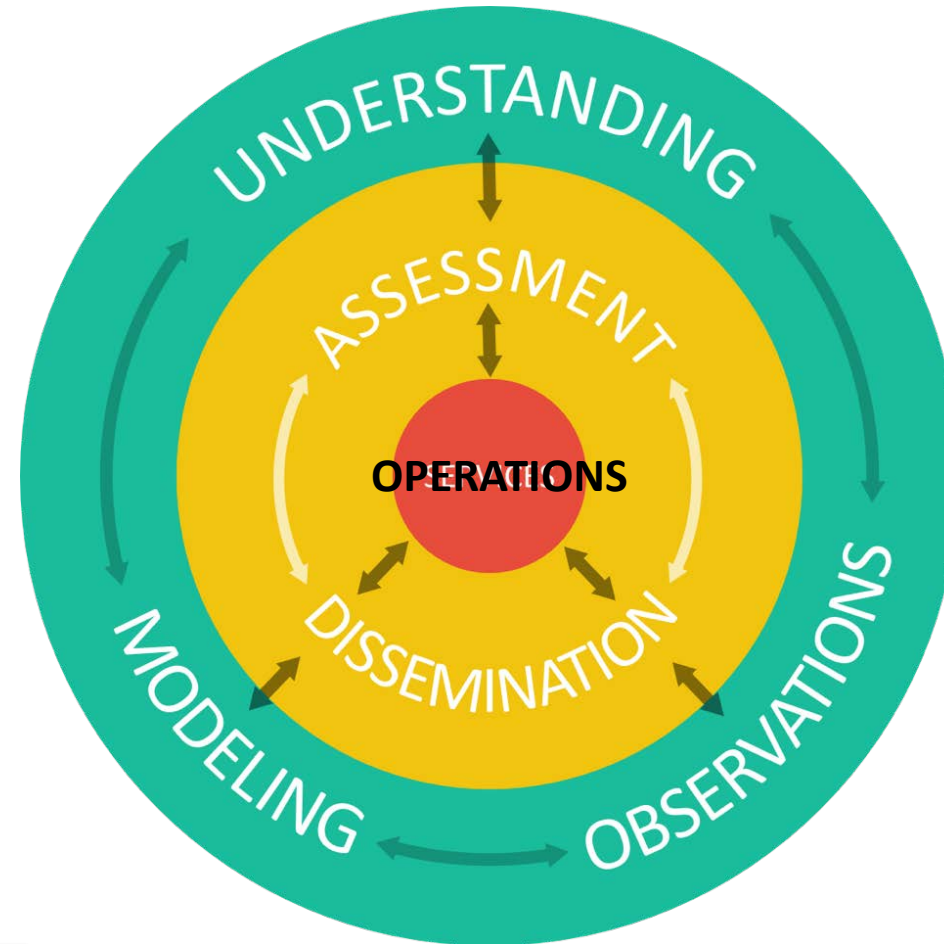


COSPAR Panel on Space Weather established in 1999

- Provide expert knowledge on space environment.
- Encourage development of space weather predictive techniques.

Views on Top Challenges Evolved Over the Years

A need for a hub (vs. a bridge) enabling multi-way connections between key elements of space weather capabilities system



An importance of emphasis on advancing research targeting improvements of space weather services.

RESEARCH

A HUB 4 R2O-O2R

OPERATIONS



A Global Space Weather Roadmap 2015-2025

Commissioned by COSPAR and ILWS



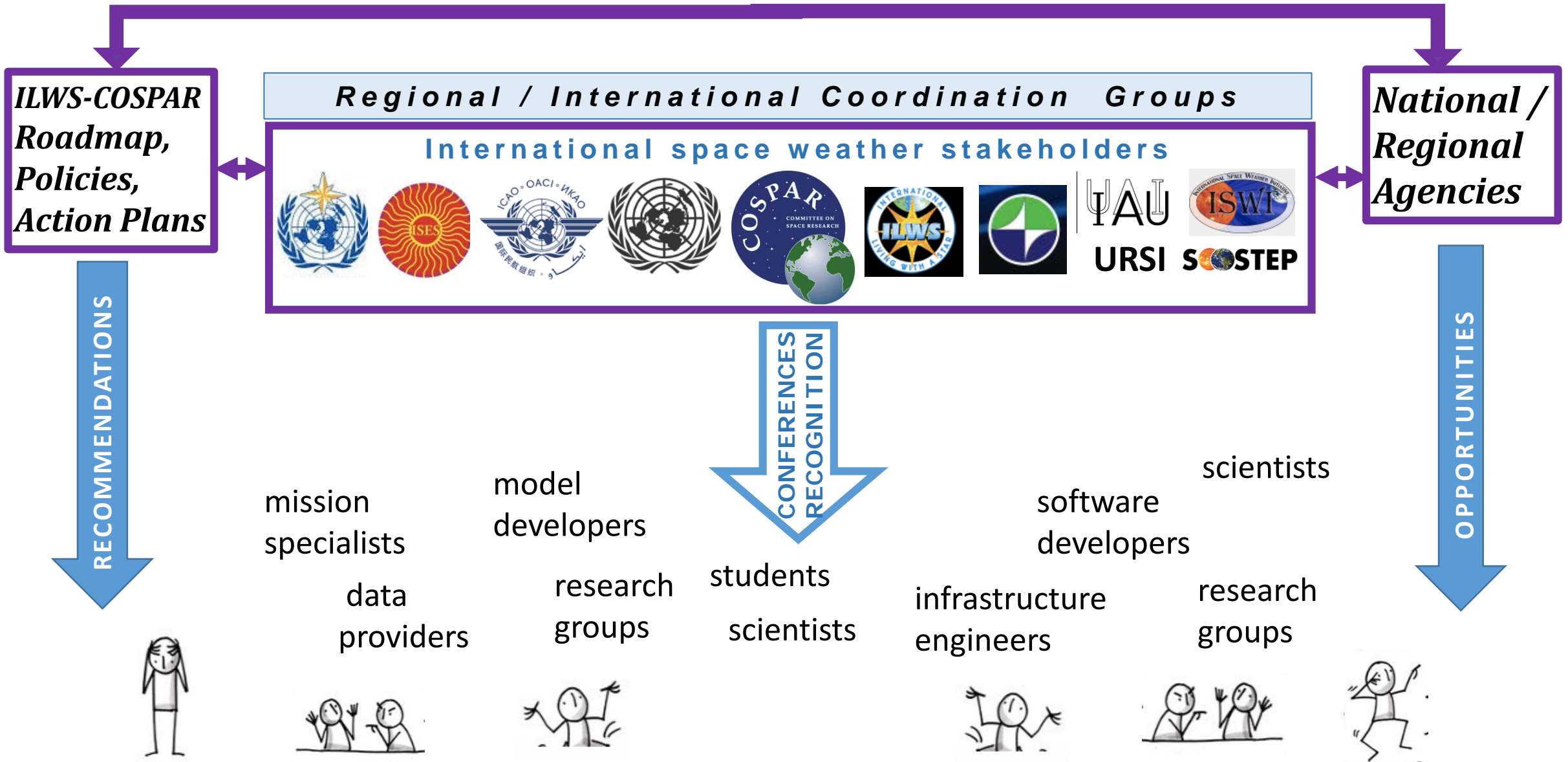
[Schrijver et al., 2015]:

Performed gap and feasibility analysis. Identified research priorities & pathways. Analyzed opportunities for improvement. Provided specific recommendations.

Roadmap guidelines:

- Understand and quantify key aspects of space weather: physical processes, impact on technology & society.
- Establish mechanism for rapid implementation of latest advances in understanding, observations and modeling into space weather applications and operations.
- ***Facilitate transition to effectively functioning and operating, information-sharing, global space weather community.***

Current State of Affaires: A Top-Down Approach. Insufficient Global Coordination.



A Need for a Bottom-Up Component of Global Coordination in Space Weather.



**A bottom-up push for innovation. A global community voice.
A joint force to maximize return on investments.
International Space Weather Action Teams (I-SWAT).**



COSPAR PSW Plans

<https://ccmc.gsfc.nasa.gov/psw/>



- Actively contribute to global coordination of space weather efforts. Represent COSPAR scientific community in discussions of Expert Group on Space Weather and future International Space Weather Coordination Group.
- Facilitate establishment of a high performance network of International Space Weather Action Teams (**I-SWAT**) for realization of space weather roadmap goals and continuous roadmap updates.
- Organize **working meetings** (in addition to Assemblies and Symposiums) that bring together scientists, space weather service providers, and expert-users of space weather information.
- Create an inviting, dynamic environment that encourage active participation, emergence of new leads and innovative ideas.



Focused Topics for I-SWAT (examples)

grouped by domain, lined-up with impacts

PSW

Space weather origins at the Sun

Propagation of transient through evolving ambient heliosphere

Coupled magnetosphere

Primary user groups & Impacts

Solar output

Input to heliosphere and geospace

Input to geospace

ionosphere-atmosphere (geospace) system response to solar drivers

S1. Long-term solar variability. Prediction of solar cycles.

S2. Solar magnetic field & heating. Ambient magnetized solar wind and spectral irradiance.

S3. Solar eruptions: CMEs, flares, enhanced electromagnetic emissions and high energy particle fluxes.

H1. Time of CME arrival. Plasma parameters and magnetic field structure within CME approaching geospace.

H2. SEP and GCR in heliosphere.

G1. Geomagnetic environment.

G2. Ionosphere / atmosphere variability.

G3. Near-Earth radiation & plasma environment.

Electric power systems, GICs

Positioning / Navigation / Communication

(Aero)space assets

- *Satellite / debris drag*
- *Satellite / aviation functions,*
- *Astronauts health*

Opportunities for Hands-on Education

- Promote space environment awareness as an important component of the new millennium core education.
- Go beyond organizing Space Weather Schools. Establish international hubs, provide resources and training opportunities for teachers.
- Engage students in activities that are pushing the frontiers of research, development, and experimental operations. Provide exciting hands-on opportunities for undergraduates.
- Create an environment for students from different countries and different career goals to work together for the benefit of society, and strengthen international collaborations.
- Initiate **Space Weather World Relay** that will engage undergraduate students from multiple *time zones* around the globe in innovative and collaborative space weather monitoring, analysis, and forecasting (opportunity for joining forces with UN COPUOS, SCOSTEP/ISWI, COSPAR Capacity Building).



PSW

*5 events,
16 x 90 min
sessions*

42nd COSPAR Scientific Assembly
Pasadena, CA, United States, 14 - 22 July

<http://cospar2018.org/>

Abstract Deadline: February 9th, 2018

PSW.1 Metrics and Validation Needs for Space Weather Models and Services

PSW.2 Solar System Space Weather

PSW.3 From Ionospheric Indices Towards Standardized Activity Scales

PSW.4 Interoperability of Data Models, Data Holdings and Data Access Tools

PSW.5 Space Weather Initiatives and Coordinated International Efforts to implement COSPAR-ILWS Roadmap Recommendations