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Minutes of Steering Committee

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The HELIX Scientific Steering Committee meets approximately every three months, with the following lead representatives from each partner regularly attending:

- UNEXE Richard Betts (Chair)
- UNEXE Danielle Murtagh (Project Manager & Committee Secretary)
- UNEXE Tim Lenton
- MO Jason Lowe
- UEA Asher Minns
- UEA Rachel Warren
- VU Roy Brouwer
- JRC-IPTS Juan-Carlos Ciscar
- JRC-IES Lorenzo Alfieri
- WFP Tania Osejo
- ULG Francois Gemenne
- CNRS Benjamin Sultan
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- TUC Ioannis Tsanis
- ICPAC Joseph Muetmi
- BUET Saiful Islam
- FIIT-IITD Ashvin Gosain
- ANACIM Ousmane Ndiaye

The minutes included below are taken from the Skype meeting, held on 3rd September 2015.



Skype Call

1.1 PRESENT				1.2 APOLOGIES	
RB	UNEXE Richard Betts (Chair)	SI	BUET Saiful Islam	ON	ANACIM Ousmane Ndiaye
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TO	WFP Tania Osejo	SR	FIIT-IITD Sandhya Rao for Ashvin Gosain		
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JM	ICPAC George Kabaka for Joseph Mutemi				

1.3 AGENDA

1. Re-cap previous actions
2. Simulations protocol
3. Science update – ULG
4. HELIXscope – update from AM/JP
5. Any other Business
6. Date of next meeting is 9th November 2015, 10am (UK) via skype

AGENDA ITEM/ISSUE DISCUSSED	ACTION
Apologies	<p>The group noted apologies from the following:</p> <p>Roy Brouwer (VU), Ousmane Ndiaye (ANACIM), Benjamin Sultan (CNRS), Olivier Dessens (UCL), Tim Lenton (UNEXE)</p>
1	<p>RB thanked the group for contributing to the interim report – confirmed that this was submitted on time, the Commission had requested some clarification and further detail from some partners, this had been completed and we are currently awaiting final approval.</p> <p>RB noted that some feedback in relation to climascope had been received and thanked those who had sent in their comments. JP requested that DM forward the updated HELIXscope documents to the Steering Committee for further discussion/comment at the Annual meeting.</p> <p>The group noted that the HELIXscope user group – which work alongside JP in user testing the new platform - had not yet had enough volunteers – ideally this should include one member from each institution, the current group consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Price (UEA) • Rachel Warren (UEA) • Asher Minns (UEA) • Richard Betts (UoE) • Ben Parkes (CNRS) • Grigory Nikulin (SMHI) • Aris Koutroulis (TUC) • Joseph Mutemi (ICPAC) <p>Sandhya Rao (FIIT), Caroline Zickgraf (ULg) and Lorenzo Alfieri (JRC) confirmed they will also be a part of the HELIXscope user group. Members are therefore required from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met Office • VU • UCL • WFP • ANACIM • PIK • BUET <p>Partner leads to confirm their nominated representative for the HELIXscope group no later than the morning of Tuesday 15th September (at the annual meeting).</p>
2	<p>RB reported that a protocol was needed for running impacts projections. At a recent JULES</p>

	<p>Impact Meeting (held between the Met Office and UoE), the following were discussed as possible requirements to be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domain • Forcing data • Grid size • Crop varieties • Crop/pft parameters • Spatial distribution of irrigation • Land use • Vegetation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Timeframe ○ Spinup ○ Initial conditions • River network/river mouth • Ancillaries <p>The following were agreed as points for further discussion at the annual meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use – the use of ISIMIP and/or CMIP6 to be agreed • Output and derived variables • Ozone – specifically how to address the discrepancies between the models <p>DM to include time within the annual meeting agenda to discuss the simulations protocol.</p>
3	<p>CZ presented the work and findings of two ULg working papers: ‘Adaptation for whom? Testing the Migration-Adaptation nexus’ by Gemenne/Blocher and ‘Climate change perceptions and migration: Recent evidence from the West African Sahel’. The working papers are available in the ‘HELIX Steering Committee’ shared dropbox folder.</p>
4	<p>Further to item 1, JP/AM provided a brief update on progress within HELIXscope. AM reported that the tender document – needed in order to appoint an external company to begin working on the design of the new site – was almost complete. AM to forward final draft to DM by Friday 4th September.</p> <p>JP confirmed a beta site is expected to be available late October 2015, in order to meet the deliverable deadline. This would enable a functional wireframe feasibility study, to test how people use the site, without having first hard coded the data.</p>
Any Other Business	<p>RB reported that the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office had recently published a report, acknowledging HELIX. The group discussed other potential areas and projects for HELIX to engage with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RW reminded the group that some HELIX members were also working as part of the Met Office led project, AVOID, which is due to complete a set of new impact projections by the end of September 2015.

Re-cap of Actions	<p>DM forward the updated HELIXscope documents to the Steering Committee</p> <p>AM to forward final draft of HELIXscope tender document to DM by Friday 4th September.</p> <p>DM to include time within the annual meeting agenda to discuss the simulations protocol.</p> <p>Partner leads to confirm their nominated representative for the HELIXscope group no later than the morning of Tuesday 15th September (at the annual meeting).</p>
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