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From: Emily Twigg, Executive Director

### **2026 Call for SCOR Working Group Proposals**

The SCOR Secretariat invites proposals for new working groups from now until 23:59 UTC on 10 April 2026. The instructions and a template for 2026 are available at <https://scor-int.org/work/groups/proposals/>.

Each proposal will be evaluated by national SCOR committees in terms of scientific merit and quality, timeliness, appropriateness for SCOR, and achievability of the proposed terms of reference. National SCOR committees are an important aspect of SCOR's operation and play a key role in reviewing working group proposals and in seeking new funds to support working group activities. In addition, the review of working group proposals is open worldwide to partner organizations and individuals who would like to provide comments. The selection of the new SCOR working groups will take place at the 2026 SCOR Annual Meeting which is scheduled to take place in Helsinki, Finland on 8-10 September 2026. Details about the meeting will be posted at the SCOR website (<https://scor-int.org/>) as they become available.

Annual SCOR Meetings are open, but anyone attending the meeting that has either submitted or been included in a proposed working group will be asked either to leave the room or disconnect from the call (anticipating that the annual meeting will be in hybrid format) when their proposal is discussed.

SCOR typically supports 1-3 new working groups annually, pending availability of funds and the outcome of the proposal review. Each new group will be provided US\$45,000 over a 3-4-year period to conduct its work.

Please contact me at [secretariat@scor-int.org](mailto:secretariat@scor-int.org) if you have any questions about the process for working group proposals. Proponents are encouraged to seek feedback from the Executive Director before submission.