Draft - ICONICS Zoom meeting, 25 June 2018

Participants:

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Kris  Tim
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Updates

Tom will retire 1 November (congratulations to Tom). He is in discussion with PBL about possible advisory or other roles after that. He intends to continue as a member of ICONICS, but his exact role won’t be clear until later this year. To support the transition, it was agreed to add a 3rd co-chair. Further, it was agreed that the 3rd co-chair should come from current ICONICS membership (and not future members).

Action item: Please submit nominations (self or of others) to Tom and Kris by 6 July.

ICONICS Governance

It was agreed to write a governance document, covering membership, how decisions are taken, and other issues. The IAMC governance [http://www.globalchange.umd.edu/iamc/governance/] will be used as an example, recognizing that ICONICS is a smaller organization. The drafting committee includes Tom, Bas, Tim, and Kris; Bas will write the first draft. The draft will be shared with all members of ICONICS for input and discussion.

Once the governance is agreed, then new members will be added to ICONICS. It is hoped to add new members by the fall. There was discussion of the importance of maintaining relationships with WGs 1 and 3.

There was discussion of and support for including one or more representatives from WGI in ICONICS. There were mixed opinions about having a WGI representative as a co-chair.

ICONICS Mission Statement

There was extensive discussion of the mission of ICONICS, with general agreement that ICONICS has and will continue to provide unique value at the WG2/WG3 interface. The contributions of VIACS to CMIP6 were discussed, in part as an example of the value of a clear mission statement. Examples of the value of ICONICS included:

- Complementing the role of IAMC in developing new (and useful) scenarios;
- Facilitating development of multiscale scenarios;
- Facilitating intersectoral assessments at regional scales;
- Providing guidance for issues not covered by IAMC, such as cost-benefit frameworks;
- Sponsoring the Scenarios Forum
Issues that ICONICS could explore include expanding the SSPs to include the SDGs, linking adaptation with the SDGs, and using the SSPs to inform decision-making under deep uncertainty.

Action item: Please send a few bullet points to Kris and Tom of the unique roles of ICONICS with respect to the scenarios process and the WGs, possible future directions, and any other perspectives that could inform a mission statement.

Kris will use your input to write a first draft for review and comment.

Next call

End of July or early August, with the goal of agreeing the governance and mission statement. Kris will circulate a doodle.