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“The new WDS will support ICSU's mission and objectives, ensuring the long-term stewardship and provision of quality-assessed data and data services to the international science community and other stakeholders.”

SCID Report 2008



**ICSU**  
WORLD DATA SYSTEM

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**ICSU WDS Conference**

*Global Data for Global Science*  
September 3-6, 2011  
Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

- [Website](#)
- [Preliminary report](#)

**WDS Feedback Survey**

Please take this [survey](#) to provide feedback to the WDS Scientific Committee

Or send general comments to [icsuwds@gmail.com](mailto:icsuwds@gmail.com)

A new ICSU World Data System (WDS) has been created through a decision of the 29th General Assembly of the International Council for Science (ICSU).

WDS builds on the 50-year legacy of the ICSU World Data Centre system (WDC) and the ICSU Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical data-analysis Services.

The WDS concept aims at a transition from existing stand-alone WDCs and individual Services to a common globally interoperable distributed data system, that incorporates emerging technologies and new scientific data activities.

The new system will build on the potential offered by advanced interconnections between data management components for disciplinary and multidisciplinary applications.

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**News and Events**

- [The First ICSU World Data System Conference "Global Data for Global Science"](#)
- [Fifth Scientific Committee Meeting](#)

**Join ICSU WDS**

**Why join** World Data System?

Applications for membership are **now open**

**Criteria for Membership**

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