

December 17, 2019 Partners Working Group Call

Attendance:

Kira Sullivan-Wiley (BU)

Kathy Gerst (NPN)

Mike SanClements: soil biogeochemist by training, NEON: Terrestrial Instrument Science Team

Agenda

- Terms of Reference and Work Plan
 - Mike: will comment later
 - Kathy: We should clarify/ think more about the role of the partners WG in standard setting. Especially when it comes to “technical” standards for forecasts and forecast readiness versus “partnership” standards for building and managing collaborations.
- Discuss Kira’s Survey forward
 - The goal of the survey is to get a handle on the players in the forecasting space:
 - Who is working with data, models, forecasts, decision tools, and decisions related to ecological forecasting
 - How they use these components in their work (in what ecological contexts/ systems)
 - How the component is stored/ managed/ shared/ linked with other components
 - **COMMENTS:**
 - Scope it better and define forecasts in that first sentence—especially the temporal scale of data collection, e.g.
 - Get “topic” sentence from each person
 - Language around “organization should rather be: effort, **project, program**, unit, group... meaning lab, office, etc.
 - EER is jargon-y

- Chris sent Kira the graphic on User Engagement from NOAA individual. Share with the full group.

In closing: bump all agenda items to next meeting, with updates on the survey from Kira next time. Jody to approve Mike’s request for access to the ToR/Work Plan