

NOAA's Climate Program Office (CPO)

The Climate Program Office (CPO), established in 2005, is the epicenter of NOAA's climate science portfolio. Situated within NOAA's Office of Atmospheric Research, CPO manages competitive programs that advance observations, understanding, modeling, decision support, and engagement. CPO's mission to advance scientific understanding, monitoring, and prediction of climate and its impacts to enable effective decisions reinforces the commitment to sustain and grow the fundamental, core capabilities that have long been the hallmark of NOAA's climate science.

CPO also works to ensure its science helps citizens, businesses, and governments make smart choices in broad societal challenge areas that include climate impacts on water resources, vulnerability of coasts and their resilience to climate impacts, sustainability of marine ecosystems, changes in extremes of weather and climate, and information for adapting to and mitigating climate variability and change. CPO-supported research is conducted across a continuum of time scales spanning weeks to decades, and across spatial scales from global to local.

CPO also provides strategic guidance for the agency's climate science and services programs, and supports NOAA's contributions to the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), the National Climate Assessment and the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit. It also plays an active role in numerous international climate activities, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and World Climate Research Programme (WCRP).

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