Long-term Strategy for the Vienna Convention Trust Fund (VCTF)

On Behalf of the Advisory Committee

A few thoughts to gain your input/thoughts

VCTF can only be a “glue” that binds together projects and leverages more resources
Key Issues

- Lack of resources is a problem

- We need a clearly articulated portfolio of activities that clearly say what VCTF does - Get from this ORM.

- A clear “stock-taking” of the current gaps that are best addressed via VCTF – Get from this ORM

- Criteria - Capacity building and acquisition of data – (ground based) - Already exists

- Need to keep the basic measurements running and of good quality from some current activities

VCTF funding/interaction has to be a seed for growth
Long term strategy

- Develop a clear portfolio of activities for VCTF (based on ORM recommendations) and the expected outcome from those activities (without this, we cannot ask for $).

- Develop a fund-raising “campaign.” Address acquisition of resources through a multi-pronged approach.

- Development criteria for prioritizing the types of activities that are best suited for VCTF (capacity building and gaining science/data).

- Develop metrics to measure retention of capacity and development of data/science
Follow up activities of Advisory Committee*

1  Expert reviews of science and approach.
2  Feedback to help the proposers.
3  Connecting proposers with existing and planned activities.
4  Providing support letters when appropriate and needed.
5  Develop metrics for success

* Once the strategy is agreed to…. 
Criteria for Evaluating Proposals

1. Addressing ORM Priorities
2. Adequacy of funding. Cost-sharing by the country/organization
3. Quality of science
4. Capacity building and retention of capacity
5. Expertise of proposers or their collaborators
6. Plans and commitments for continuation of activities
7. Plans for dissemination and archival of data
8. Other usual criteria for proposal reviews
Near term action plan

1. Based on the discussions and reports of the ORM, write out a “Needs and gaps document.”

2. Based on discussion, identify potential source of funding.

3. Appoint a sub-group to document gains made by the program to date. (Members should include Geir Braathen (WMO) and 2 members of the Advisory Committee.)

4. Give feedback on proposals received to date. Partially fund one of the activities
Possible Approaches to Raise Money*

1. Appeal to the Parties to the Montreal Protocol- how best to do this?

2. Approach the space agencies of various countries and regions- how best to do this?

3. Approach Parties regarding the possibility of getting a (very small) share of MLF funds- is this allowed under the terms of MLF and how to ask?

4. Approach philanthropic organization- the need for infrastructure

5. Connect VCTF activities to educational activities

*Without money we cannot have a working trust fund!