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| **Abstract** | | |

Earth System Documentation (ES-DOC) is an international project supplying high-quality tools & services in support of earth system documentation creation, analysis and dissemination. It is nurturing a sustainable standards based documentation eco-system that aims to become an integral part of the next generation of exa-scale dataset archives. ES-DOC leverages open source software, and applies a software development methodology that places end-user narratives at the heart of all it does.

ES-DOC has initially focused upon nurturing the Earth System Model (ESM) documentation eco-system. Within this context ES-DOC leverages the emerging Metafor CIM standard and is supporting the following projects:

* Coupled Model Inter-comparison Project Phase 5 (CMIP5);
* Dynamical Core Model Inter-comparison Project (DCMIP);
* National Climate Predictions and Projections Platforms Quantitative Evaluation of Downscaling Workshop.

This presentation will introduce the project to a wider audience and will demonstrate the current production level capabilities of the eco-system:

* An ESM documentation viewer embeddable into any website;
* An ESM questionnaire configurable on a project by project basis;
* An ESM comparison tool reusable across projects;
* An ESM visualization tool reusable across projects;
* A search engine for speedily accessing published documentation;
* Libraries for streamlining document creation, validation and publishing pipelines.