# WIGOS Metadata: XML profiles & expected information flow



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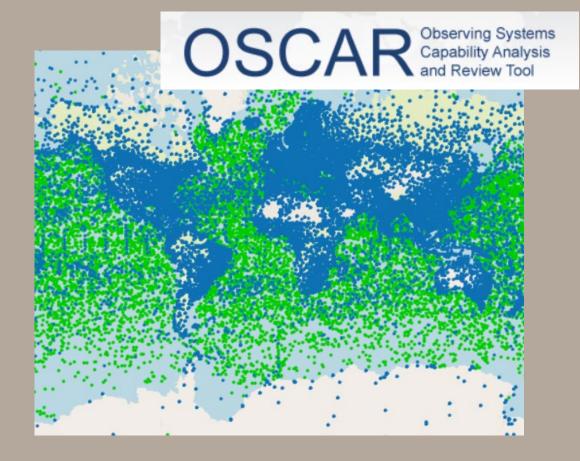
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- Example XML templates

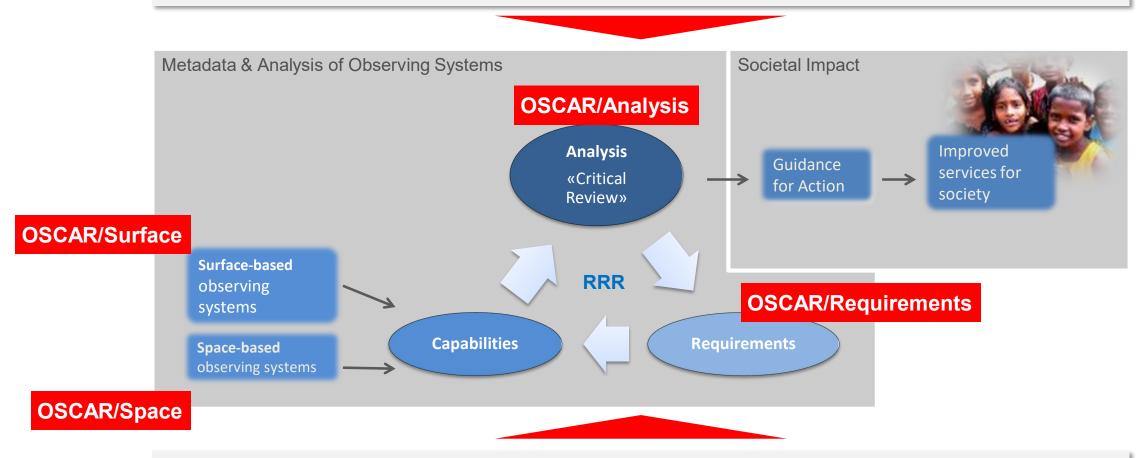






#### RRR and OSCAR

**Evolve observing systems rationally → WIGOS "Rolling Review of Requirements" Process** 



Enable adequate use of observational data → Operational Meteorology, Climatology, Public Health, ...



#### WIGOS Metadata Standard

Approved by WMO Cg-17 (2015, revised 2019)

- Observed variable
- 2. Purpose of observation
- 3. Station/platform
- 4. Environment
- Instruments & methods of observation
- 6. Sampling
- 7. Data processing and reporting
- 8. Data Quality
- 9. Ownership and Data Policy
- 10. Contact

- WIGOS Metadata Standard WIGOS Metadata Standard (WMO-No. 1192) ■ Editorial note Contents Chapter 1. Purpose and scope of WIGOS metadata Chapter 2. WIGOS metadata categories Chapter 3. A note on space and time Chapter 4. Reporting obligations for WIGOS metadata Chapter 5. Technical implementation and use of the standard Chapter 6. Adoption through a phased METEOROLOGICAL Chapter 7. Detailed specification of WIGOS metadata elements References and further reading
- Land, ocean, space
- Fixed, mobile observing facilities
- In-situ, remote-sensing instruments
- Physical, chemical, biological, hydrological observations
- Weather, climate, warnings, ...

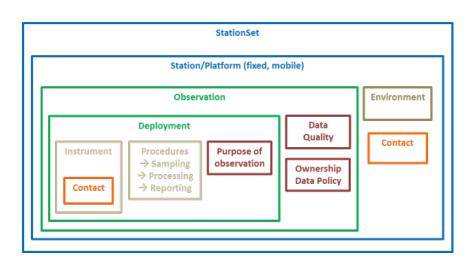
XML schema & API

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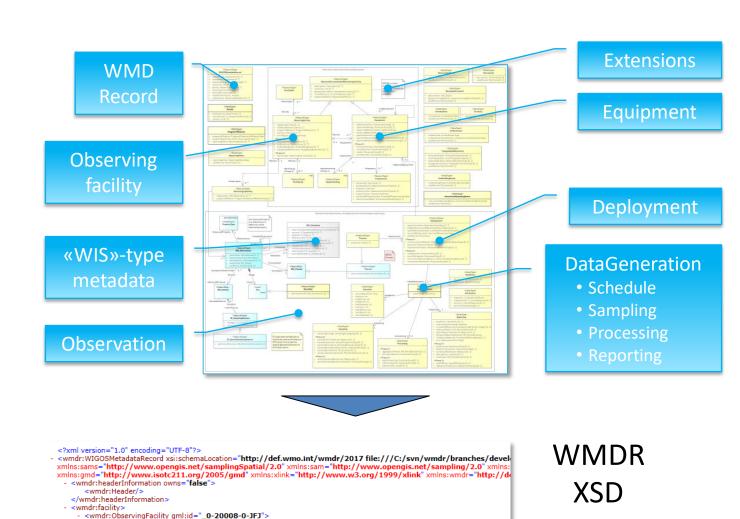
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## WIGOS Metadata Representation





- 1. Observed variable
- 2. Purpose of observation
- 3. Station/ platform
- 4. Environment
- 5. Instruments & methods of observation
- 6. Sampling
- 7. Data processing and reporting
- 8. Data Quality
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**XML** 

<gml:description>The high alpine research station Jungfraujoch is situated on a mountain saddle between the

<gml:identifier codeSpace="http://wigos.wmo.int">http://wigos.wmo.int/0/20008/0/JFJ//dentifier>

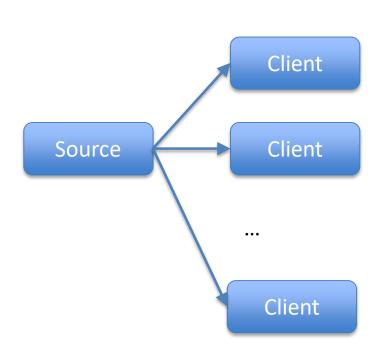
layer to the free troposphere. </gml:description>

<aml:name>Junafrauioch</aml:name>

surrounded by highly industrialized regions at much lower altitudes. This special geographical situation of



#### Expected information flow in a distributed system

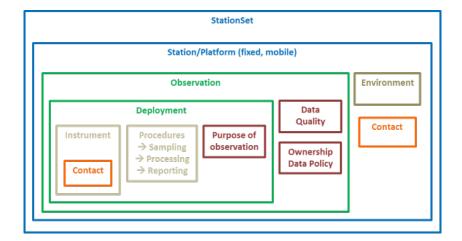


- Provide common information from a central place
- Provide specific information from a dedicated maintainer (federation)
- Edit information only at the source
- Consume and display information wherever useful



# Desired information flow between OSCAR/Surface and (GAW) Data Centers

- OSCAR/Surface is **SOURCE** 
  - Station Information
  - Environment
  - Program/network affiliations
  - Contacts

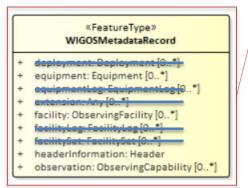


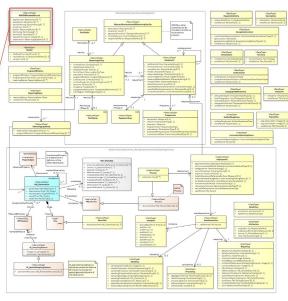
- Data Center is SOURCE
  - Observations
    - Variables
    - Instruments incl. location
    - Method, Procedures
    - Data periods available
    - Schedules
    - Data quality
    - Data policy
    - Instrument PIs



# OSCAR/Surface API (1.0RC9)

- XML files can have different scope
  - Facility + at least 1 observation (+ contacts)
  - Observation with reference to facility
  - Equipment for instrument catalogue
- Not supported (yet)
  - Photo, document upload
  - Individual deployments (need to be part of an observation)
  - Facility log, equipment log
  - Any extensions of the schema







# OSCAR/Surface role 'Data Centre'

- Is a machine-to-machine role
- Can add
  - Add new stations, incl. program/network affiliation
    - → Always: need WIGOS Station Identifier (WSI)
    - → For GAW Global, Regional, Contributing: need GAW Identifier (GAWID)
  - Add/edit observations, deployment history
    - → Need gml:id to identify/edit observation
  - Add/edit contacts
    - → Identified by e-mail, name
- Can not
  - edit station characteristics





## Station exists in GAWSIS-OSCAR/Surface

- Download station XML file, find gml:id(s)
- Updates
  - Check if observation (variable + geometry) exists → get gml:id and use
  - Check if deployment exists → get gml:id and use
- Additions
  - Add new observation(s) and deployment(s) → provide gml:id for future use



# OAI/PMH provider & API endpoints

- OSCAR/Surface WMDR XML station representations at
  - https://oscardepl.wmo.int/oai (test environment)
  - https://oscar.wmo.int/oai/ (production environment)
- Useful OSCAR/Surface endpoints
  - https://oscar.wmo.int/surface/rest/api? wadl → capabilities
  - https://oscar.wmo.int/surface//rest/api/wmd/download/0-20008-0-MKN
  - https://oscar.wmo.int/surface/rest/api/referenceData/program-tree
  - http://oscar.wmo.int/surface//rest/api/search/wigos?WIGOSStationIdentifier=0-20000-0-06679,0-20008-0-MKN



## Station not in GAWSIS-OSCAR/Surface ...

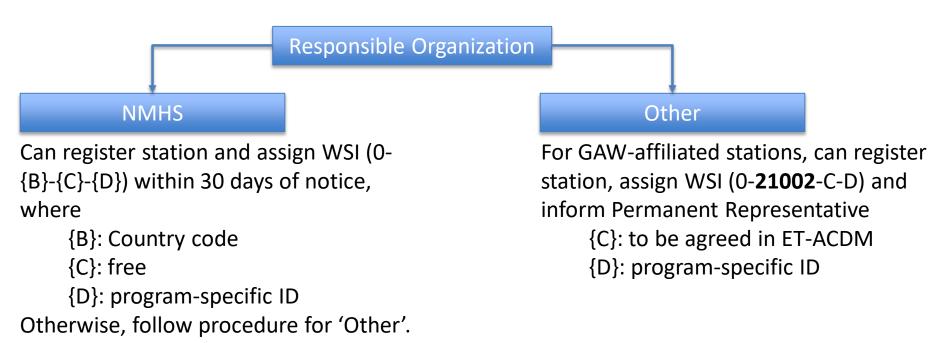
- Always verify station does not yet exist in GAWSIS-OSCAR/Surface or in the vicinity (~1 km radius) → Check in OSCAR/Surface, GAWSIS only shows subset
- Ideally, stations should be registered in GAWSIS-OSCAR/Surface before data submissions are accepted by a data archive
  - For GAW Regional, Local stations, this is part of the application process and WDCs are requested to honor this requirement.
- For stations known to an archive but not to GAWSIS-OSCAR/Surface
  - Establish if another data archive host (other) data from the same station
  - Work with the station so that the responsible organization performs the registration, ideally through the NMHS, ideally using XML if there are many. If they cannot do the registration, ...





### WIGOS Station Identifier / GAWID

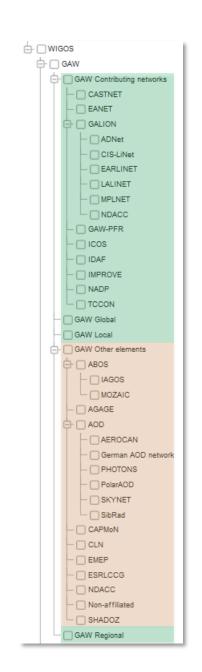
Governance depends on who's responsible (Res 35 Cg-18)



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- GAW Global, Regional, Local, Contributing → 3-letter GAWID
- GAW Other → Anything allowed





## Example XML templates

- Tailored XML files that limit the information in the file to what needs to be transmitted, e.g.
  - no station characteristics, but only reference to facility
  - Information for a new observation
  - Information to update an existing deployment
- Some examples exist (but do not necessarily cover your use case)
  - https://github.com/wmo-im/wmdr/tree/master/examples
- Examples can be turned into templates by using placeholders instead of real content, and creating XML file using a scripting engine.



# Example XML templates: Instrument catalogue

https://github.com/joergklausen/oscar-instrument-catalogue/blob/master/instrument-catalogue-template.xml

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54 lines (54 sloc) 2.94 KB
  1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
      <wmdr:WIGOSMetadataRecord xmlns:wmdr="http://def.wmo.int/wmdr/2017" xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink" xmlns:gmd="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd" xmlns:gco="http://www.is</pre>
              <wmdr:headerInformation owns="false">
                                           </wmdr:recordOwner>
                                  </wmdr:Header>
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                           </wmdr:headerInformation>
                           <wmdr:equipment>
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                                  <gml:identifier codeSpace="http://codes.wmo.int/wmdr/ObservedVariableAtmosphere/{{ instrument['observedVariable'] }}" </gml:identifier>
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//wmdr:specifiedRelativeUncertainty>
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                                  </wmdr:Equipment>
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