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GSRN 10-year goals

The full implementation of all goals named in GCOS-226¹, based on the experience of implementing GRUAN, will take decades. The TT-GSRN has therefore agreed to define the following goals, to be achieved in a 10-year timeframe, within the initial GSRN:

10-year goals

- 1. Provide sustained reference quality observations, with full traceability and defined and quantified uncertainties, on a global scale (on land) for at least the ECVs surface temperature and precipitation, in order to quantify their variability, long-term change and inform on extremes.
- 2. Deliver an implementation plan for the inclusion of additional ECVs.
- 3. Be a recognized reference network within the WMO tiered system which primarily supports the climate community in quantifying climate change.
- 4. Publish operational procedures and practices for knowledge transfer and capacity development.
- 5. Ensure a free and open access archive of accredited GSRN data products².
- 6. Identify GSRN affiliated research facilities delivering scientific advances in measurement techniques and improving knowledge on climate reference data and instrumentation.

¹ https://library.wmo.int/doc num.php?explnum id=6261

² In accordance with the WMO Unified Data Policy (WMO Res. 1)