

WMO Space Programme	GUIDELINES TO WMO FOR FACILITATING TRANSITION OF RELEVANT R&D MISSIONS OR INSTRUMENTS TO OPERATIONAL STATUS	SAT-ST-07 Version 1 October 2008
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- **Support the user requirements process**
 - Organize a rolling review of user requirements
 - Update and document the user requirements
- **Foster a “Vision for the GOS”**
 - Define an observation strategy
 - Propose a high-level architecture
 - Perform a gap analysis
 - Identify complementary roles for international partners
- **Identify opportunities for transition**
 - Highlight required improvements
 - Monitor emerging capabilities
- **Support user readiness**
 - Raise user awareness
 - Facilitate near real-time data access
 - Encourage early use of R&D data, product development and mechanism for user feedback
 - Facilitate partnerships on development of new products
 - Encourage training on new systems and products
 - Encourage integration into operational applications
- **Promote the case at policy level**
 - Highlight the needs and benefits (business case)
 - Advocate weather/climate issues
 - Support OSSEs to quantify benefits
 - Assist in assessments of need for transition
 - Recommend institutional framework (mandate/expertise/user interaction)
- **Value and support partnership**
 - Among R&D and Operational agencies
 - Among agencies and pilot users
 - Among international players including CEOS, CGMS and WMO