# Key Elements of NCA Development

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### **NCA Roles**

Key contributors to the development of an NCA... and, therefore, those who have the most opportunities to consider the use of Al

Role	Description			
Federal Steering Committee (FSC)	The FSC consisted of one representative from each USGCRP member agency. In consultation with the SGCR, the FSC was responsible for selecting CLAs, CLs, and REs; determining scope and content; and overseeing development and production of NCA5, including ensuring that the process adhered to principles of engagement and transparency.			
Federal Coordinating Lead Author (CLA) and Agency Chapter Lead (ACL)	CLAs served as the federal coordinating lead for each chapter. ACLs provided additional agency input to chapter teams. Both CLAs and ACLs were responsible for coordination across chapters to ensure consistency and accuracy throughout the report and to ensure that chapters adhered to author guidance. CLAs were responsible for recommending CLs to the FSC. The FSC was responsible for reviewing and approving CLs.			
Chapter Lead Author (CL)	CLs were responsible for the ultimate delivery of their chapter for approval and publication. These responsibilities included selecting a diverse and qualified author team and overseeing all aspects of development, assessment, writing, and editing of their chapter.			
Chapter Author (CA)	CAs contributed writing, developed figures, responded to comments, and revised chapter drafts under the direction of the CLs. Each chapter's Key Messages represent the consensus of the CAs and CL.			
Technical Contributor (TC)	TCs provided discrete, specific technical contributions on an as-needed basis, as identified by the CL. TCs did not participate in the consensus process of developing Key Messages.			
Review Editor (RE)	REs, selected by the FSC from a public call for nominees, were responsible for ensuring that all substantive public and peer-review comments were appropriately addressed and documented by author teams.			
Staff Point of Contact (POC)	USGCRP National Coordination Office staff filled the roles of POCs, providing administrative support, chapter coordination, and guidance throughout report development.			
Technical Support Unit (TSU)	The NOAA TSU supported climate science data analysis; editing; figure development; data management and documentation; web design and development; and graphic design, layout, and other production activities.  NCA5, Table A1.1			

# NCA Development Process

Who "holds the pen" evolves over 3+ years:

- USGCRP NCO
- Federal Agencies
- Federal CLAs + Chapter Leads
- Chapter Authors
- Technical Support Unit (TSU)















- 2) Development process put in place
- 3) Public comment on Draft Prospectus
- 4) Coordinating Lead Authors selected
- 5) Public Call for Authors and Technical Inputs

- 14) TSU conducts technical review of First Order Draft
- 15) Authors develop Second Order Draft
- 16) Federal agency review of Second Order Draft
- 17) Authors develop Third Order Draft

- 20) Authors develop Fourth Order Draft
- 21) Final Federal agency review and clearance of Fourth Order Draft
- 24) NCO and TSU produce final print report
- 25) NCO and TSU develop NCA website

2016 Q1–Q3	2016 Q4-2017 Q1	2017 Q2-Q3	2017 Q4-2018 Q1	2018 Q2-Q3	2018 Q3-Q4	2018 Q4	2018 Q4
Organization and Development	Author Selection and Chapter Scoping	Development of Chapters and Agency Review	Public Review	Revision and Review	Final Approval	Final Production	Report Release
	6) Chapter Leads see 7) Authors are select teams 8) Authors develop in outline 9) Federal Steering ( chapter outlines 10) Authors develope chapter outlines (2 11) Federal agency re of Zero Order Dra 12) Public engageme and feedback on o outlines 13) Authors develop F	ted for chapter  nitial chapter  Committee reviews d annotated Zero Order Draft) eview ft nt workshops draft chapter	19) National A Sciences and Medi		Order D 23) Federal Commit	Steering tee ensures ency review nts were	26) Outreach and dissemination













## **NCA Components**



#### **Report Content**

- Overview
- Chapters
  - Introduction(Narrative, Tables, & Figures)
  - Key Messages
    - Supporting Narrative, Tables,
       Figures, & Case Studies
  - Traceable Accounts
  - References
- Appendices

#### **Associated Products**

- PDF (multiple languages?)
- Website (w/ metadata)
- Chapter Hand-outs (2-pagers)
- Chapter .pptxs for download
- Interactive Atlas
- Art x Climate Gallery
- Podcast(s)
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## Potential Opportunities for AI in NCAs



# As an initial question: What steps or processes are tedious / cumbersome / inefficient?



- Chapter Topics
- Author Identification
- Public Engagement
- Chapter Scoping

- Cross-chapter Consistency
- Report-wide Themes
- Metadata Collection
- Figure Permissions
- Citation Checking

- Alt Text
   Creation
- Smart Search
- Non-English Translations

- Media coverage
- User Info / UseCases
- Research Gaps
- Topical Derivative Products