

Welcome to the Joint SOCCR Workshop



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The State of the Carbon Cycle Report: North America



Workshop Objectives

- Overall goal is for the SOCCR to be of high scientific quality and useful to decision makers
- Improve the quality and clarity of the text
- Allow for direct exchange of ideas and feedback at an early stage of writing
 - Content and scope
 - Language
 - Ideas for presentation



SOCCR “Vision”

- Be no longer than ~120 pages total
- Be written in accessible language with minimal use or clear explanation of disciplinary jargon
- Focus on key aspects of what is known about the carbon cycle, emphasizing the important aspects relating to carbon balances and how they are influenced by natural and anthropogenic factors.
- Clearly identify areas of uncertainty, what is unknown, and quantify uncertainty of findings
- Rely primarily on published literature
- Use clear, useful graphics when necessary
- Organize the report in a way that makes sense both scientifically as well as from a stakeholder perspective
- Minimize overlap between chapters
- Consider what is policy relevant
- Refrain from making policy or research recommendations, except where they relate to improving the connection between science and the stakeholder community

