



The PAGES 2k Network, Phase 3: Introduction, Goals and Call for Participation

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The past 2000 years (the “2k” interval) provides critical context for recent anthropogenic forcing of the climate, baseline information about Earth’s natural climate variability, opportunities to improve the interpretation of proxy observations, and evaluation of climate models. The PAGES 2k Network (2008-2013 Phase 1; 2014-2016 Phase 2) built regional and global surface temperature reconstructions for terrestrial regions and the oceans, and used comparison with realistically forced simulations to identify mechanisms of climate variation on interannual to bicentennial time scales. The goals of Phase 3 (2017-2019), which launches in May 2017 at the PAGES Open Science Meeting, are to:

- 1) Further understand the mechanisms driving regional climate variability and change on interannual to centennial time scales (Theme: “Climate Variability, Modes and Mechanisms”);
- 2) Reduce uncertainties in the interpretation of observations imprinted in paleoclimatic archives by environmental sensors (Theme: “Methods and Uncertainties”); and
- 3) Identify and analyse the extent of agreement between reconstructions and climate model simulations (Theme: “Proxy and Model Understanding”)

Research will be organized as a linked network of well-defined projects and targeted manuscripts, identified and led by 2k members. The 2k projects will focus on specific scientific questions aligned with Phase 3 goals, rather than being defined along regional boundaries.

An enduring element from earlier phases of PAGES 2k will be a culture of collegiality, transparency, and reciprocity. Phase 3 seeks to stimulate community based projects and facilitate collaboration of researchers from different regions and career stages, drawing on breadth and depth of the global PAGES 2k community; support end-to-end workflow transparency and open data and knowledge access; and develop collaborations with other research communities and engage with stakeholders. If you would like to participate in PAGES 2k Phase 3 or receive updates, please join our mailing list, or speak to a coordinating committee member.