

About the CDI

Purpose

- Advance understanding of earth systems through enhanced use of data and information and associated tools and techniques
- Provide a forum for people doing work with data integration to come together and learn how to do their job better
- Advance overall USGS capabilities with data and information by increasing visibility on the work of many people throughout the USGS

Working Groups

Working groups are the lifeblood of the community for data integration. The whole CDI is considered a community of practice, and there continues to be value in getting the entire group together every month and once a year for a larger workshop. These venues provide working groups to compare notes and for new community members to get in touch with what's going on. However, the "real work" of the community is done on a smaller scale within working groups where size is small enough to ensure the topics being pursued are relevant to everyone's regular job.

Workshops and Meetings

The CDI holds an annual workshop and monthly meetings for the entire community. Individual working groups set their own meeting schedule. Workshop pages below this section will be as comprehensive as possible with a collection of notes and other artifacts from meetings. We try to capture web meeting sessions and audio here for weekly meetings as well. Together the Monthly Forums and Annual Workshops provide a key component in the networking and sharing among community members.

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Projects

The Community for Data Integration provides a certain amount of funding to help facilitate the work of working groups. This is generally provided as small "grants" to help fund work that would otherwise not be done or not involve all the best partners. The process for proposing, reviewing, and approving new projects is continuing to evolve, but the working group facilitators are generally the people to talk to about current status.

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