Guiding principles of the use of the Core Fund
Summary and Background

The transition process of Future Earth, following an external review, is aimed at increasing the effectiveness, accessibility and reach of this dynamic global network. In pursuit of these ends, the community-led Future Earth Implementation Team has drafted Guiding principles of the use of the Core Fund to provide guiding principles, within which the Future Earth Secretariat and each GRN will negotiate and manage their relationships.

The Core Fund is a flexible, common pot of funding administered by the Global Coordination Hub. Its main objective is to support the Global Research Networks (GRNs) through three funding pillars:

**Annual grants to GRNs (30-70%)**
- Same amount for all GRNs
- Flexible use; in accordance with the mission and objectives of Future Earth
- GRNs annual reports should provide information on how grants are used

**Grants for cross-cutting initiatives (30-70%)**
- One-year or multiple-year grants that emphasize integrative & synthesis activities fostering collaboration among Future Earth’s entities and/or facilitate co-design and transdisciplinarity
- The Governing Council may identify priorities for proposals and is responsible for approving them
- The Grant recipients will report on the use and outcomes of the initiatives as directed by Future Earth

**Support of Future Earth core values of inclusivity and diversity (max. 40% - only for special circumstances)**
- If needed and approved by the Governing Council some of the Core Fund may be used by the Central Coordination Hub to support participation of under-represented communities in Future Earth activities and governance

The Future Earth Implementation Team is soliciting high-level feedback from the Future Earth core community on this document before submitting it to the Governing Council for approval. Please share your comments no later than February 23rd, 2021.