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**Abstract:**

The Global Carbon Project (GCP) has recently been established as a response of the international research community to the issue of carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas whose atmospheric concentrations continue to increase, has currently caused significant and quantifiable changes in climate, and which threaten us with much larger and more unmanageable changes in the future. Because the dynamics of the human system is as important as that of the natural systems, the recommended research program is one that recognizes this aspect. Its objective is to develop a comprehensive, policy- relevant understanding of the global carbon cycle encompassing its natural and human dimensions and their interactions. The GCP Science Framework and Implementation Plan, published last year, is the work of this project. Because of the importance of Asia for this international program office is at NIES in Tsukuba and another at CSIRO in Melbourne. We are encouraging the development of strong national programs in Asian countries. Meetings of the AOGS provide a natural forum for discussions of various aspects of this program. Elements of the implementation plan and current activities are addressed.

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