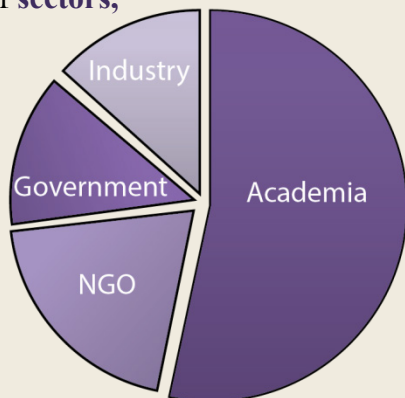


# Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment

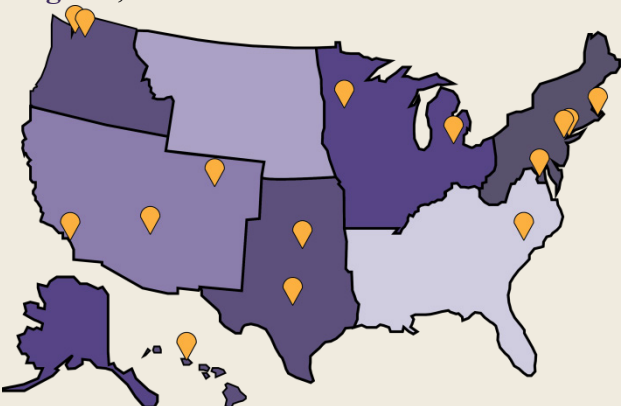
## Member Composition

In 2015, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) established the Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment under the provisions of the [Federal Advisory Committee Act \(FACA\)](#).

The Federal Advisory Committee has a diverse membership representing a wide range of **sectors**,



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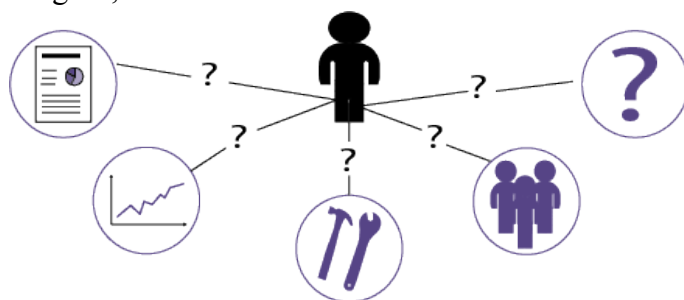
**expertise**, including: societal responses; climate impacts; physical sciences; communications, engagement, and education; economics and social science; risk management and risk assessment; technology, tools and data systems.

## National Climate Assessment

Under the [Global Change Research Act of 1990](#), the [U.S. Global Change Research Program](#) (USGCRP) is responsible for the quadrennial National Climate Assessment (NCA) reports ([NCA3](#), [NCA4](#)). The NCA integrates and evaluates current and projected global climate change trends, both human-induced and natural, and analyzes the effects of current and projected climate change.

## Sustained Assessment

Sustained assessment is an ongoing participatory process for engaging stakeholders and scientists in discovery, communication, and use of scientific knowledge on global change. Products of sustained assessment include reports, derived data and visualizations, decision support tools, ongoing dialogues, and other science-based resources.



## Federal Advisory Committee

The Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) helps USGCRP use the expertise of scientists and practitioners to identify opportunities for putting in place additional elements of a sustained process. Represented by question marks in the diagram above, the FAC provides advice on making USGCRP data more accessible and useful to private sector/civic organizations and state/municipal governments for their use in planning and decision-making. Additionally the FAC serves as a mechanism by which USGCRP can engage with the outside user community.

## Initial activities

- Writing a report (due Spring 2018) with recommendations for improving the sustained assessment process for NCA4 and beyond including identification of core activities and derivative products, expanded engagement, and evaluation of the process.
- Comparing available and required elements of sustained assessment (a gap analysis) to accelerate application of available resources and identify priorities for next steps.

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