

What's in a Name?

There is no community without communication

Community -and- Communication share the same Latin root: communis

meaning "common"

Goals



- GOAL 1: Establish, maintain, monitor, and assess a range of channels that promote multidirectional communication and convey content related to the UFS.
- GOAL 2: Establish guidelines and processes that result in improvements in content quality and consistency.
- GOAL 3: Promote and enable collaborative development and integrated decision making through open access to information and resources.
- GOAL 4: Create and sustain an identity through branding for the UFS, working through and with NOAA Communications and other parallel offices in partner organizations.

Communication Content

What is communicated:

- 1. Mission, Vision, Values, and Iconography
- 2. Governance Processes
- 3. Requirements
- 4. Plans, Schedules, Reports and other Management Records
- 5. Software and Technical Documentation
- 6. Data
- 7. Training Materials
- 8. Calendars
- 9. Glossaries

Communication Channels

How we communicate:

- 1. Websites
 - 1. Asynchronous Websites
 - 2. Collaboration Environments
- 2. Meetings, Focus Groups, and Panels
- 3. Email Lists
- 4. Media
- 5. Surveys

Outreach



Outreach is a form of communication. Crucial elements are:

- Information on how potential collaborators can participate in the UFS community
- User interface design aimed at keeping communication barriers low by conveying information in convenient, concise, and visible ways
- Enabling easy communication by users with members of the UFS community.

Implementation – Phase 1

Establish a foundation for communication

- P1- OBJ1 Define a communication core team that will implement this Plan
- P1- OBJ2 Form a Communication Focus Group
- P1- OBJ3 Provide and promote a common vocabulary for the UFS community
- P1-OBJ4 Establish an identity for the UFS enterprise

Implementation – Phase 2

Implement channels of communication and provide basic content

- P2-OBJ1 Establish channels to facilitate robust communication within and among all Working Groups
- P2-OBJ2 Establish a Community Development Website
- P2-OBJ3 Implement channels for broad community updates and announcements
- P2-OBJ4 Advance the EMC products website
- P2-OBJ5 Communicate the UFS identity

Implementation – Phase 3

Improve the quality of content and communication processes over time

- P3-OBJ1 Collaboratively develop and implement guidelines for technical documentation
- P3-OBJ2 Improve information and communication of policies related to data
- P3-OBJ3 Improve quality and communication of management records

Summary - Status

We have a good plan – now we need to execute...

- Timeline: Immediate
 - This cannot be an after thought; resources are needed
- Requirements:
 - We need the Communication and Outreach folks over the loop to enable effective communication
 - We need to establish the Communication 'Lead'
 - We need to establish the Technical Person, to help...
 - Setup and support a community collaboration space