

Mars Exploration Program Office (MEPO) Status

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New Faces in MEPO



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A bit more on MEP strategic planning

- MEP has a solid foundation for strategic planning from,
 e.g., the MEPAG Goals document and the MASWG study
- Further key external inputs are coming soon:
 - Planetary science decadal survey
 - Results of low-cost science mission workshop
- Overarching MEP strategy is expected to:
 - Map science objectives and technology enablers to potential new missions
 - Address technology development, infrastructure needs (e.g., replenishing aging imaging and comm relay assets) and support for operating missions



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Potential MEPAG support to MEP strategic planning

- Support definition and refinement of science themes that are responsive to long-term programmatic objectives and constraints (e.g., mission opportunities, budgets)
- Start with the MEPAG Goals to focus, and then transform science objectives into investigations in a mission context
- MEPAG SAGs have served this role in the past, and could be very helpful to the strategic planning effort
 - MASWG arcs refine, set priorities
 - Connect science themes to mission pathways/ architectures



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