



2015 US CLIVAR Summit Meeting Objectives and Outcomes

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Meeting Objectives

The Panels at this meeting will consider **near-term implementation priorities** to make tangible progress in addressing new science goals over the next year.

- Provide Context – Update on US and International programs and plans
- Plan Implementation – Identify action items to advance new Science Plan goals and research challenges
- Conduct Panel Business – Review progress and identify gaps and opportunities
- Engage Cross-Panel Interaction – Foster dialogue among panels on topics of common interest
- Hold Special Science Sessions – Engage discussion of timely research topics:
 - ENSO Monitoring, Analysis, and Prediction Challenges
 - Understanding the Earth’s Climate Warming Hiatus



Program Context

- ◆ Late 2013 – Issued new Science Plan
 - ◆ Mid 2014 – Convened Summit to engage panel discussion of implementation
 - ◆ Early 2015 – Awarded 5-year renewal for US CLIVAR Project Office to support SSC, Panels, and activities
 - Continue US AMOC through 2012 and wrap-up 5 existing WGs this year
 - Start new WG on Arctic-Midlatitude Interactions
 - Fund workshops/conferences
 - Towards a holistic picture of the AMOC via observation, modeling, and synthesis
 - Translating process understanding to improve climate models
 - Observing and modeling climate variability in the Intra-Americas Seas
 - Connecting paleo and modern oceanographic data to understand AMOC over decades to centuries
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- Evolution of ENSO in climate models: ENSO in a changing climate
 - Energy flow through the climate system
 - Southern Ocean air-sea fluxes
 - Salinity and freshwater changes in the ocean
- ◆ Forward – Implementation of Science Plan goals, strategies, and challenges
 - Within capped budget, no new Science Teams, up to one new WG start
 - Importance of prioritization
 - Additional mechanisms (e.g., sessions at annual conferences) to make progress



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Is US CLIVAR:

- making sure or encouraging the **full use of sustained observing assets**?
- sufficiently encouraging analyses that **synthesize diverse observations** to document that state and variability of the ocean?
- achieving balance within portfolio on **discovery vs. assessments/applications**; how well are information needs driving physical science questions? How is science helpful to decision makers?
- How can panels be more proactive with community: **organizing special sessions** at national and international meetings? and/or **special issues and collections of papers** in journals? guiding the **organization and dissemination of results**?

Plenary Agenda

Tuesday, August 4

		Lead Presenters
08:00	Welcome, introductions, objectives & outcomes	Bob Weller
08:15	Updates on research challenges	Mike Patterson
08:45	International CLIVAR	Detlef Stammer
09:45	Science Session: ENSO Monitoring, Analysis, & Prediction	Arun Kumar, Yan Xue, & Bruce Anderson
	ENSO Theory & Predictability	Mike McPhaden
	Building the Bridge between ENSO Theories & Operational Prediction	Ben Kirtman
	ENSO Precursors & Building an Operational ENSO Monitoring System	Bruce Anderson
01:30	Agency manager engagement	Agency Managers
02:00	Panel breakouts	
05:30	Working Dinner & Science Session: Warming Hiatus	Janet Sprintall & Dimitris Menemenlis
	Lack of Evidence for a Slowdown in Global Temperature	John Abraham
	Pacific Causes	Shang-Ping Xie
	Deep Ocean Warming	Sarah Purkey
	Atlantic/Southern Ocean Perspective	KK Tung

Thursday, August 6

08:00	Panel breakouts continue	
10:20	Breakout reports	Panel Co-chairs
11:20	Conclusions and Next Steps	Sonya Legg
11:45	Ajourn	

Panel Breakouts (Tues pm-Thurs am)

Phenomena, Observations, and Synthesis (POS)

- Sustaining Ocean Observing Systems
- Syntheses of Climate Parameters
- Understanding of Climate Variations and Impacts
- Panel Business

Process Study and Model Improvement (PSMI)

- Evaluation of New Reporting Mode (Process Studies & CPTs)
- Implementation Process Understanding in Models
- Discussion Arising from Science Sessions – ENSO, Warming Hiatus, Process Study Contributions
- Panel Business

Predictability, Predictions, and Applications Interface (PPAI)

- Panel Business
- Systems Sensitive to Decadal Variations
- Climate & Extreme Events: Dynamics and Predictability
- Applications Interface

Joint Panel Sessions

POS and PSMI: Tropical Pacific Observing System (TPOS 2020)

- Overview of TPOS 2020
- Salinity Processes in the Upper Ocean Regional Study (SPURS-2)
- Evaluating TPOS Using OSEs
- Perspectives of ENSO Diversity

PSMI and PPAI: Quantifying Improvements in Predictions/Projections

- Presentations
- Discussion

PPAI and POS: Predictability of Coastal Shelf Systems, Including Ecosystems

- Presentations
- Discussion

Anticipated Outcomes

- Identification of near-term panel priorities to address program goals and research challenges, including specific recommendations and action items regarding:
 - Observing and analyses systems, climate variations and impacts, process study feedback, implementing process understanding in models, predictability and prediction studies across timescales, and connecting prediction and communicating climate information activities
 - Implementation activities – Working Groups (only one possible new start), workshops, and panel-led sessions to organize community on emerging topics, esp. to address research challenges
- Recommendations to address the challenges in observing, understanding, and forecasting ENSO
- Recommendations to address the challenges to define the hiatus and to differentiate and assess its underlying mechanisms and predictability
- Identification of strategies for evaluating observing system needs, quantifying uncertainties in predictions, and linking to coastal and ecosystem impacts

Thank You

