

## **Goals for the 2008 U.S. CLIVAR Summit**

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1. Panels will refine and document a set of best practices for their respective research activities; assess how well the community is following them; and discuss how best to engage the target audiences to inform them about these recommendations and how they could be implemented.
2. Make plans to provide feedback to the US research agencies on the overall research investment in decadal variability and predictability and drought, noting strengths as well as specific gaps where additional research is needed. As part of this feedback, recommend new inter-agency research activities that are modest in cost and would address one or more of the research gaps.
3. Panels will prepare brief reports describing the scope and aims of current and anticipated US CLIVAR activities in decadal variability and predictability and drought, articulating how these activities contribute to the challenges in these foci. This report will also motivate and identify new research activities that are needed and could be coordinated by their Panels, Working Groups, or US CLIVAR. Following the Summit, these reports will be synthesized into a document useful to the agencies and the US Climate Change Science Program in their strategic planning for the next administration.
4. Explore how best to inform and interact with programs that interface directly with policy and decision makers in order to enhance the relevance of climate research coordinated by US CLIVAR.
5. Review the progress of US CLIVAR Working Groups and identify leaders and topics for potential future Working Groups