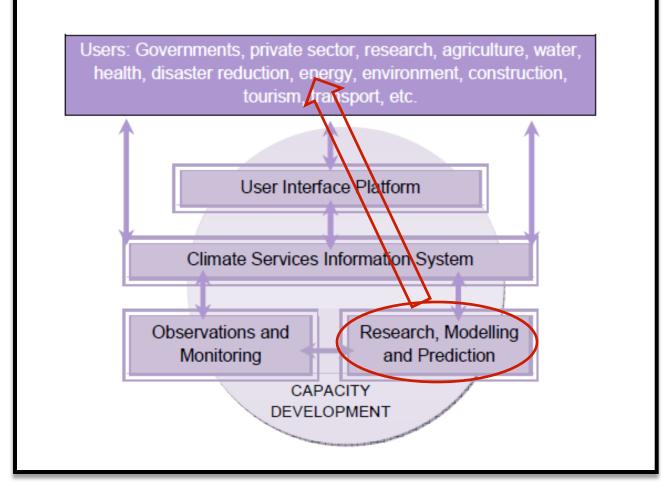
Predictability, Prediction and Applications Interface (PPAI) Panel Report

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What is the Charge of PPAI?



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PPAI - Some Past Milestones

- Predictability : Working Groups
 - MJO; Drought; Decadal; Hurricane; ENSO Diversity; Extremes
- Predictions
 - Developing framework for verifications (MJO, Decadal); CMEP; DRICOMP; Participation through WCRP (WGCM, WGSIP,...); Reanalysis
- Application
 - Postdocs Applying Climate Expertise (PACE)
 - Participation in various assessments

PPAI Action Items from 2011 Summit

- PPAI to propose a Working Group on the "Largescale climate patterns responsible for climate extremes
 - WG proposed submitted and WG was approved
- PPAI members Annalisa Bracco and Curtis Deutsch to propose a joint Working Group on the "Climate and Carbon"

– WG proposed submitted and WG was approved

- PPAI members to resubmit a Working Group prospectus on "Sea-ice variability"
 - Based on the comments from the CLIVAR SSC, this was not pursued further

PPAI Action Items from 2011 Summit

- PPAI encourages to propose a Working Group on "Decadal Variability in the North Pacific"
 - WG idea was not developed any further. Might come back to it in the next call for WGs
- PPAI to explore the possibility to organize a Summer Colloquium in conjunction with the ASP on 'Climate and Carbon"
 - Discussions under way with NCAR to organize the summer colloquium in 2013

PPAI Action Items from 2011 Summit

- PPAI to propose organizing a workshop focused on interfacing U.S. CLIVAR with Applications
 - No explicit action taken as part of CLIVAR...
 - Many activities related to NCA in which PPAI members participated. PPAI breakout session has further details
 - Convened a workshop on "Extreme climate events and their regional implications for water management: Floods and Droughts"

Other Activities Related to the PPAI

- Hurricane WG Working group report
- Decadal Predictability WG Working group report
- Participation of PPAI members in various relevant activities (WCRP/WGSIP; National Climate Assessment; CLVIAR/SSG; Organizing committee of "Dynamics and Predictability of High-Impact Weather and Climate Events; NCAR CESM WG on "social dimensions;

Other PPAI & CLIVAR Relevant Activities : NMME

- National Multi-Model Ensemble
 - Focus on "real-time" seasonal and intra-seasonal predictions
 - A multi-agency effort (NOAA, NASA, DoE, NSF)
 - Participation includes : NCEP, GFDL, IRI, NCAR, COAL, U. Miami, U. Colorado, NASA/GMAO
 - Seasonal hindcasts available from IRI data library
 - Data sets will facilitate further studies on seasonal predictability and assessment of prediction skill
 - A more detailed presentation in the PPAI breakout session

Other PPAI & CLIVAR Relevant Activities : ESPC

- ESPC A US effort on developing an "Earth System Prediction Capability"
- Established in 2010 to improve collaboration across Federal agencies to improve global prediction at the weather to climate interface
- A set of working groups targeting specific prediction issues and requirements, e.g., tropical cyclones; blocking; extremes etc.
- A more detailed presentation in the PPAI breakout session (Daniel Eleuterio)

Other PPAI & CLIVAR Relevant Activities : NCPP

- NCPP: National Climate Predictions and Projections Platform
- Mission: Supports state-of-the-art approaches to develop and deliver comprehensive regional climate information and facilitate its use in decision making and adaptation planning
- Strategic Approach: A participatory community enterprise where climate information users, infrastructure developers, and scientists come together in a collaborative problem solving environment.

Some Other PPAI & CLIVAR Relevant Activities

- WWRP/WCRP Project on Sub-seasonal and Seasonal Predictions
 - Exchange (and development of central repository) of monthly forecasts from operational centers
- WGSIP Climate Historical Forecast Project (CHFP)
- CMIP5 Projections and initialized decadal predictions
- National Climate Assessment (NCA)
- Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)

Summary of 2012 Breakout Session

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Breakout Session Summary

- Status of CMIP5
- Summary of "National Multi-Model Ensemble"
- Joint session with POS on "National Climate Assessment"
- US initiative on "Earth System Prediction Capability (ESPC)

Possible PPAI Action Items and Recommendations to CLIVAR

- Develop a special session on NCA to investigate common synergies (during next year's summit)
- Recommend existing Working Groups to explore contributions to NCA Topical reports on: state of knowledge of interest to NCA; observational needs for NCA;...
- Review recommendations that will be in the NCA final report and their connection with CLIVAR science foci
- Possible application workshop (action from the last year) with NCAR/CESM "Social Dimension" group, RISAs,...
- Explore CLIVAR connection with the climate service organizations and centers, e.g., DOI Climate Services Centers, RISAs,...
- Recommend a science team on "decadal predictions and predictability"

Possible Action Items and Recommendations to CLIVAR

- Recommendation to the WGCM or US Modeling Centers on better practices for data availability
- CLIVAR Webinars in between two summits
- CLIVAR to provide reviews to various US science plans
- NMME A overview paper in "CLIVAR Variations"
- Develop metrics of success for US CLIVAR output and accomplishments