

Meeting Minutes

CLIVAR/GEWEX Monsoons Panel

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Number	2021-2	Meeting Title	CLIVAR-GEWEX MP Teleconference
Objective/Purpose	Discuss the Agenda Items below and progress on action items		
Time & Date	08 July 2021 15:00-16:00 UTC	Venue	GoToMeeting Video Conference

MEETING DETAILS

Chairpersons	Leila Carvalho (MP Co-Chair)	Rapporteurs	Leila Carvalho and Rupa Kumar Kolli
Attendees	MP: Leila Carvalho, Suryachandra Rao, Gill Martin, Randy Wu, Yukari Takayabu, Mary Kayano, Mary Kilavi, Rondrotiana Barimalala, Pankaj Kumar RWG Co-Chairs: Annamalai, Alice Grimm ICMPO: Rupa Kumar Kolli, Ashwini Kulkarni, Somnath Mahapatra, Susmitha Joseph		
Apologies	MP: Aurel Moise, Andy Turner, Aïda Diongue-Niang, Mouhamadou Bamba Sylla, Vincent Moron		

ACTIONS

Deadline	Action	Responsible
8 July 2021	Inform ICPO and IGPO about Aïda's withdrawal from MP's work	ICMPO
31 Jul 2021	Submit proposal to the MP Co-Chairs for re-establishment of RWG on American Monsoons, along with draft Terms of Reference and draft work plan for the next 2 years	Alice Grimm
31 Jul 2021	Submit proposal to the MP Co-Chairs for re-establishment of RWG on Asian-Australian Monsoons, along with draft Terms of Reference and draft work plan for the next 2 years	Annamalai and Gill
31 Jul 2021	With assistance from ICMPO and former co-chairs and continuing members of the RWG, make draft proposals for the re-establishment of RWG on African Monsoons, including new co-chairs and members	Rondro and Mary Kilavi (with support from Bamba and Vincent)
31 Aug 2021	Finalize the re-establishment of Regional Working Groups (RWGs) in close coordination with RWG Co-chairs and relevant MP members	MP Co-Chairs

Deadline	Action	Responsible
As and when issued	Inform MP about the CLIVAR Open Call for Nominations, and also engage with IGPO to proactively pursue nominations from GEWEX community	ICMPO
Deadline for open call	Widely circulate the CLIVAR Open call in their networks and identify potential candidates for membership, keeping in view the need for balance in terms of region, gender and early-career scientists	ALL
Ongoing	Familiarize with the new WCRP structure and Implementation Plan, with the help of resource available on WCRP website (https://www.wcrp-climate.org/)	ICMPO
ASAP	Make proposals for a monsoon-focused session at WCRP OSC-2023 in close coordination with MP members/ICMPO and pursue with WCRP/CLIVAR/GEWEX leadership	MP Co-Chairs
ASAP	Share with the Panel more details on the cross-panel activity initiatives with the Indian Ocean Region Panel, and invite interested members to join, via the email group.	Surya
As and when requested by MP Co-chairs	Send doodle poll for the next meeting by teleconference	ICMPO

AGENDA AND KEY OUTCOMES

No	Description
1	<p>Introduction of new MP members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four new members, namely Mary Kayano, Mary Kilavi, Rondrotiana Barimalala and Pankaj Kumar attended the MP meeting for the first time; Each of them made brief presentations summarizing their professional background and indicating their potential contributions to the MP's work; The new members were warmly welcomed by the participants.
2	<p>Status and plans for RWG on American Monsoons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice Grimm, continuing Co-Chair, provided a brief overview of the current status and future plans; Alice has contacted a few potential members and is in the process of consultations for membership as well as the objectives and work plan. She hopes to wrap up the re-establishment in the next few weeks. She emphasized the need to have a limited set of objectives for the RWG and systematically address them with each of the members assigned a specific task; Kumar suggested to have a relatively larger group, so that a reasonable number of the members are available for the work at any given point of time; Leila emphasized the need to involve early-career scientists, for which we may seek assistance from the Young Earth System Scientists (YESS) community (https://www.yess-community.org/).
3	<p>Status and plans for RWG on Asian-Australian Monsoons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna, continuing Co-Chair, provided a brief overview of the current status and future plans; The members who are continuing on the RWG have held informal consultations among themselves and have unanimously agreed that Gill Martin will assume the responsibility of Co-Chair to join Anna in leading the RWG and Gill has graciously accepted that role; The group decided to limit their attention to one or two key activities to be taken up in the next 1-2 years, and also has agreed on an overarching theme which will be further fine tuned soon. The group also decided to mainly address the research needs of operational community in the region as their main target;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding membership, the group decided to encourage potential candidates from the under-represented countries in the region such as Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Philippines, etc. Some names have already been discussed, and will be finalized in the next couple of weeks. The group decided not to consider the suggested names from the MP nominations database of 2020, and would only look for expertise required for the targeted activities; Anna has also expressed his intent to be rotated off in about a year's time; If everything goes well, the RWG re-establishment may be finalized by the end of July 2021 following which they will start their work through virtual meetings with the assistance of ICMPO;
4	<p>Status and plans for RWG on Afriican Monsoons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumar noted that both the co-chairs of this RWG have decided to be rotated off and are no longer in a position to actively lead the re-establishment of this RWG; Kumar informed the participants that Aida, a current MP member based in Africa, has withdrawn herself from all further commitments to the MP, due to a change in her official responsibilities. Other members of the MP, Bamba and Vincent Moron, both of whom did not attend this meeting, may also have some links with Africa and should be requested to support this task; Kumar suggested that the two new MP members from Africa who were at this meeting, namely Rondro and Mary Kilavi, may take some active interest in rebuilding this RWG. This might be a challenge as both of them are new, but may also be a good opportunity for them to play a leadership role in the region; Rondro and Mary have agreed to try, but wanted help and guidance as both of them are new and do not have any background information on the RWG. Kumar offered ICMPO's assistance in linking with the former co-chairs as well as members. However, he emphasized the need for regional ownership of the RWG once it is established, and also a balanced coverage of all the sub-regional monsoons within Africa.
5	<p>CLIVAR Open Call for expert nominations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumar has informed the participants that the CLIVAR Office is preparing to issue an open call for nominations for all their panels, which also includes the MP. There are about six vacant positions expected in MP membership by the end of 2021. He will alert the members as and when the open call is issued, and he requested all members to widely publicize this call among their networks and facilitate a good collection of names to choose from.
6	<p>Staff Changes at ICMPO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumar informed the participants that Ashwini Kulkarni, Senior Scientist at ICMPO, will be leaving at the end of this month on her retirement from IITM. The participants recognized that she has been a tremendous support to ICMPO right from the outset, and thanked her for all her contributions and wished her well; Kumar also informed that Susmitha Joseph will be joining the ICMPO as a Senior Scientist. The participants warmly welcomed Susmitha to the team; Both Ashwini and Susmitha thanked the MP and RWG members for their support.
7	<p>Outcomes of WCRP JSC-42</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumar briefly referred to the recently held 42nd session of the WCRP Joint Scientific Committee (28 June-2 July 2021). He encouraged members to go through the meeting details and outcomes available on WCRP website (https://www.wcrp-climate.org/jsc42-about). In particular, he informed members that the new implementation plan of WCRP is fully operational, and that there are several changes to WCRP structure that the members need to familiarize themselves about Kumar also informed about the decision by JSC that there will be no more physical meetings for WCRP's routine business such as panel or working group meetings. However, thematic workshops and other science events led by panels and groups may be supported, subject to availability of resources;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumar also encouraged the MP to pursue a dedicated monsoon session at the WCRP Open Science Conference to be held in 2023, for which preparations are picking up momentum (https://www.wcrp-climate.org/wcrp-osc23).
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surya has informed the Panel that he has initiated cross-panel activity with the CLIVAR/IOC-GOOS Indian Ocean Region Panel (https://www.clivar.org/clivar-panels/indian), in collaboration with one of its Co-chairs Roxy Mathew. In this activity they are proposing to come up with a report on ocean observations requirement to improve S2S prediction of South Asian Monsoon. If any panel member wishes to contribute to this cross panel activity, they will be happy to involve them.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Number	2021-3	Meeting Time & Date	TBD, as and when requested by the MP Co-Chairs
Location	Video conference, details of meeting to be sent out		