

Meeting Minutes

CLIVAR/GEWEX Monsoons Panel

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Number	2020-8	Meeting Title	CLIVAR-GEWEX GMP Teleconference
Objective/Purpose	Discuss the Agenda Items below and progress on action items		
Time & Date	18 December 2020 15:00-16:00 UTC	Venue	GoToMeeting Video Conference

MEETING DETAILS

Chairperson(s)	Aurel Moise and Leila Carvalho (MP Co-Chairs)	Rapporteur(s)	Aurel Moise and Rupa Kumar Kolli
Attendees	MP: Aurel Moise, Leila Carvalho, Gill Martin, Andy Turner, Annamalai, Aïda Diongue-Niang, Randy Wu, Alice Grimm, Yukari Takayabu ICMPO: Rupa Kumar Kolli, Somnath Mahapatra		
Apologies	MP: Mouhamadou Bamba Sylla, Vincent Moron, Suryachandra Rao		

ACTIONS

Deadline	Action	Responsible
22 Dec 2020	CLIVAR questionnaire related ACTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send the latest draft response to CLIVAR questionnaire to all members; • remind all to read the links/videos w.r.t. WCRP changes Kumar sent around earlier¹; • Lighthouse activities: Find out if anybody is interested to get involved and communicate to ICMPO for further processing. 	Aurel & Leila
24 Dec 2020	Send previous Annual Reports around to members to get an idea of the structure and contents. However, we need to follow the latest template provided by ICPO, which was already circulated.	ICMPO

¹ <https://www.wcrp-climate.org/news/wcrp-news/1634-new-wcrp>; <https://www.wcrp-climate.org/wcrp-ip-overview>; Extraordinary JSC session (JSC-41B; <https://www.wcrp-climate.org/jsc41b-about>); Recordings of JSC-41B are available here: <https://wmoomm.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/wmocpdb/EtMPx0TcXDFIntdkPAU0PqUBHFYypwRUrw6fIT06T8kSpA?e=Bih1os>

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15 Jan 2021	Regional Working Group related actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs of regional WG's to organise a meeting asap (by mid-JANUARY latest) and discuss activities (building on past activities and considering the NEW Terms of References of the MP); • Discuss membership – bringing in new members into the regional WGs (including expanding of membership) who are motivated and at working level; • Need inputs to ANNUAL REPORT as soon as possible (use the template sent earlier) 	WG Co-Chairs (AAM: Anna&Aurel; AFM: Aïda&Bamba ² ; AAM: Alice&Iracema) with ICMPO support
15 Jan 2021	Read material on WCRP changes and establishment of new Climate Research Forums (https://www.wcrp-climate.org/wcrp-ip-consult) and provide suggestions on how to link these Forums to our regional WGs	ALL
15 Jan 2021	Send finalized CLIVAR Questionnaire response to SSG co-chairs	Aurel & Leila
ASAP	Ask people in regional WGs and among your networks to propose names for new membership proposals (but please confirm with the potential candidates FIRST on willingness and availability before suggesting). Contact ICMPO about proposed names. Pay special attention to the need for adequate representation from African, female and early career scientists.	ALL
22 Jan 2021	Send doodle poll for the next meeting (January) by teleconference; last week of January 2021, after regional WG meetings are held.	ICMPO

AGENDA AND KEY OUTCOMES

No	Description
1	<p>Homage to Françoise Guichard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy gave a genuinely nice speech on Françoise's role in the MP, along with his personal view on the remarkable person Françoise was. Additional comments came from several other members of the MP and ICMPO. Members expressed satisfaction that a formal homage on behalf of the MP and ICMPO was published in the special issue of GEWEX Quarterly devoted to the global monsoons (https://www.gewex.org/gewex-content/uploads/2020/12/Q42020.pdf). Members also noted that this special issue consisted of an article co-authored by Françoise, which is possibly one of her last scientific contributions, and appreciated Aïda's efforts to ensure the involvement of Françoise.
2	<p>Re-establishing and revitalizing the Regional Working Groups (RWGs) <i>Discuss solutions forward to re-vitalise regional WG's. What needs to change? Aurel facilitated discussion.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANDY: RWGs have too much to do... what should they focus on? Prioritising? Top down? Or bottom up? Maybe re-shape them into something more like a task team? To achieve specific aims? • KUMAR: Should have modest expectation; should start talking initially which they are not doing at the moment; Small goals to start working on, understanding everybody is quite busy. But the ICMPO wants to support if needed. Suggest to set up RWG with people who are interested and enthusiastic. Also, CLIVAR and GEWEX leadership is not too prescriptive in their expectations from

² As per the record (<https://www.clivar.org/african-monsoon>), the co-chairs of the Regional Working Group on African Monsoons are Serge Janicot, Alessandra Giannini and François Mkankam Kamga. However, none of them is currently a member of the MP, and it is not clear if they are still engaged with the WG. Therefore, Aïda and Bamba are requested to take the lead and establish communications with the WG current membership for the proposed meeting in mid-January.

	<p>the MP or its RWGs, so we can set modest goals. Above all, the current change in WCRP strategic planning with a special focus on regional approach provides great opportunity for us to be visible at WCRP levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFRICA (Aida): Previous reports from Africa RWG would be helpful to start re-establishing the group (Aurel: these are included as part of the MP’s annual reports). • ANDY: It might be good if a previous annual report could be dug out to just show what is there... in any case they are not actually asking for much - just putting pieces of work against particular headings. • NEW TOOLS: (Andy) Slack would be good for a more instant exchange within RWGs. Set up a whole Panel-Slack with a general channel, a private channel for the Panel members, and a series of 3 regional channels. • ALICE: Instead of a topic list with many issues, maybe focus on just a few (or one centre thing) which motivates the WG? Like the Monsoon Workshop organized under the auspices of the MP in 2019. • GILL: RWGs are an ensemble of opportunity; who they are, what they have... but require to meet ASAP and discuss what the core interests might be over the next year. • ANNA: Agrees to most of the points; regarding top down: can’t enforce topics on RWGs; also, keep in mind that there is no funding available; What is each RWGs interest? What are their priorities? From there flows the contributions to global MP; Should need to meet soon; AAMWG will meet in January; Kumar to help; Also, we should consider cross-WG meetings to see what others are doing. • KUMAR: Post-covid, there is a strong possibility that WMO and WCRP will slash 50% of their meetings, and stand-alone face to face meetings of Panels and/or WGs may not be supported in future. Thematic workshops and events led by the Panel and/or WGs may however find some interest for partial support. Keeping in view the absence of financial implications of WG size without meeting opportunities, we may consider EXPANDING the regional WG’s to bring in more diverse talents and also to facilitate active engagement of an adequate number of members at any given point of time.
3	<p>Annual Report for 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have limited input so far (Anna & Andy have sent some of their 2020 activities, and Alice sent something addressing more details and WG-wide topics); Not many responses from other members; • Deadline: We have already passed the original deadline set by ICPO, which was end of October 2020. Leila had requested Jose for time until late December which he has agreed. The CLIVAR and GEWEX SSGs may meet around February, so we should positively submit the report in early January.
4	<p>CLIVAR questionnaire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft responses have been prepared by Leila/Aurel/Kumar and sent back to CLIVAR SSG Co-Chairs. We still have time to improve this and we should; • Deadline: Mid-January (self-imposed); Please send your comments/edits asap.
5	<p>Proposal for online thematic workshops (topic/region)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leila to discuss offline via email; • Need to put some ideas forward (size; duration; etc).
6	<p>Outcomes of WCRP JSC-41B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kumar briefly highlighted the outcomes of this extraordinary session of the JSC and encouraged members to visit the WCRP web site for more details on the new Implementation Plan (see links above); • Current WCRP Grand Challenges will sunset in 2022, and will be gradually phased out in the coming months

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current core projects (also called “Homes”) will continue, and in addition two new homes will be set up on (i) Earth system modelling and observational capabilities and (ii) Regional climate information for societies. • There is a clear regional focus in the new IP, along with the initiation of regional consultations facilitated by new WCRP Climate Research Forums. This is already progressing, and these forums are open-ended with opportunities for everybody to join; Helen Cleugh (WCRP JSC Vice-Chair) is driving this; • JSC-41B was also briefed on the transition of ICMPO to become International Monsoon Project Office (IMPO) to support all monsoon-related activities of both WCRP and WWRP.
7	<p>MP membership changes <i>Also refer to notes in last meeting’s minutes³</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to replace several people in the MP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alice (Americas/CLIVAR) ○ Annamalai (Asia/CLIVAR) ○ Andy (Asia/CLIVAR) <i>TBC</i> ○ Françoise (Africa/GEWEX) • We need to suggest two names for replacement of each position; • We already asked GEWEX to propose names from their community as well; • So far there are less than 10 nominations for the MP. Additional efforts are needed to collect more nominations, with particular focus on global south, regional expertise, gender and early career scientists; • We can also consider a proposal to expand membership.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Number	2021-1	Meeting Time & Date	4 th week of January 2021, ICMPO to send doodle poll
Location	Video conference, details of meeting to be sent out		

³ <https://www.clivar.org/sites/default/files/documents/Minutes%20of%20MP%20Meeting%2020201029.pdf>