



Future Climate Change Research and Observations: GCOS, WCRP and IGBP Learning from the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (AR4)

Sydney, Australia, 4-6 October 2007

Agenda

Goals:

1. To establish future observing system and climate change research requirements based on gaps and uncertainties identified from the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report's (AR4):
 - Working Group I (WGI: The Physical Science Basis), and
 - Working Group II (WGII: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability).

2. To determine observation and research requirements that lead to better climate change risk analyses and adaptation measures; and result in lower vulnerability and impacts to a changing climate.

3. To identify priorities for new observations and research expected to be needed in support of future IPCC assessments.

Programme overview:

	Thursday 4 October	Friday 5 October	Saturday 6 October	Sunday 7 October (Limited Attendance)
AM	Registration at 8:30 Opening at 9:00 Welcome Addresses Survey Results Creating Task Groups IPCC Perspectives	Q&A for Task Groups Break-out into Task Groups	Plenary discussion: Reports from Task Groups Plenary discussion: Priorities for future IPCC assessments	WCRP ACC Task Team Conference Call (7:00-9:00) Int. Steering Committee: Completion of Workshop Report (9:00-12:00)
PM	IPCC Perspectives (cont'd) Instructions to Task Groups	Plenary discussion: First report of Task Groups Break-out into Task Groups Plenary discussion: Reports from Task Groups	Plenary discussion: Lessons learned Round table (All) Plenary discussion: Future priorities for GCOS, WCRP, IGBP Closing at 18:00	
Evening	<i>Greenhouse 2007 Conference Dinner</i>	<i>Workshop sponsored Dinner at Casa di Nico (19:00)</i>		

Thursday 4 October 2007

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| 1. | Registration | 08:30 - 09:00 |
| 2. | Opening (Chairs: J. Church, C. Nobre, J. Zillman) | 09:00 - 09:45 |
| 2.1 | Welcome | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o T. Rosswall (ICSU) o R. Batterham (Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering) o G. Love (representing the WMO) o N. Smith (representing the IOC) o I. Carruthers (on behalf of UNEP) | |
| 2.2 | IPCC Opening Address (R. Christ) | |
| 2.3 | Local arrangements (W. Steffen, with P. Holper, M. Hopkins) | |
| 2.4 | Expectations of the workshop, approval of the agenda and acknowledgements of sponsors (Chairs) | |
| 3. | Gaps, uncertainties and deficiencies (Survey Results)
(A. Henderson-Sellers, K. Noone, D. Goodrich) | 09:45 - 10:30 |
| | Tea Break: Greenhouse 2007 | 10:30 - 11:00 |
| 4. | Creating Workshop Task Groups
(Chair: A. Henderson-Sellers) | 11:00 - 12:20 |
| 4.1 | Group 1: Gaps in AR4: Knowledge, Interpretation, General Appraisal
(T. Stocker/U. Cubasch) | |
| 4.2 | Group 2: Climate and Earth System Modelling (V. Ramaswamy/P. Jones)
<i>(Global needs for observations, for evaluation, for improvement, and for impact studies)</i> | |
| 4.3 | Group 3: Impacts, Adaptation, and Risk (Mark Stafford-Smith/L. Kajfez-Bogataj)
<i>(Encompassing biodiversity, human health, water cycle, agriculture...)</i> | |
| 4.4 | Group 4: Regionalising Model Projections/Downscaling (A. Lynch/P. Mason)
<i>(Future projections at the regional scale; relation to adaptation and policy)</i> | |
| 4.5 | Plenary Discussion | |
| 5. | IPCC AR4: Perspectives | |
| 5.1 | IPCC WG I: The Physical Science Basis (Chair: M. Manning) | 12:20 - 13:00 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1.1 Atmospheric Modelling and Observations (K. Trenberth) 5.1.2 Oceanic Climate Change (N. Bindoff) | |
| | Lunch with Greenhouse 2007 | 13:00 - 14:00 |
| 5.1 | IPCC WG I (<i>cont'd</i>) | 14:00 - 14:40 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1.3 Terrestrial Coupling and Biogeochemistry (C. Prentice) 5.1.4 Cryospheric Climate Change (K. Steffen) | |
| 5.2 | IPCC WG II: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability (Chair: J. Palutikof) | 14:40 - 15:20 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2.1 High-resolution climate scenarios for impacts and adaptation research (L. Mearns) 5.2.2 Impacts and Vulnerability (R. Jones) | |
| | Tea Break with Greenhouse 2007 | 15:20 - 15:50 |

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| 5.2 | IPCC WG II (<i>cont'd</i>) | 15:50 - 16:10 |
| | 5.2.3 Adaptation Case Study: Urban Settlements
(P. Romero-Lankao) | |
| 5.3 | Research and Observation Needs for Future IPCC Assessments
(Chair: J. Stone) | 16:10 - 17:25 |
| | 5.3.1 General Perspectives (R. Christ) | |
| | 5.3.2 Risk Assessment and Risk Management (S. Schneider) | |
| | 5.3.3 Modelling Scenarios (G. Meehl)
(<i>Summary of 'The Netherlands' meeting</i>) | |
| 6. | Instructions/Guidance for Task Groups
(A. Henderson-Sellers, K. Noone, D. Goodrich) | 17:25 - 18:00 |

[N.B.: Task Groups meet in the evening]

Greenhouse 2007 Conference Dinner

Friday 5 October 2007

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| 7. | Questions from/Guidance to Task Groups (Plenary) | 08:30 - 08:45 |
| 8. | Work in Task Groups
[N.B.: Select/confirm group rapporteurs] | 08:45 - 11:00 |
| | <i>Tea break with Greenhouse 2007</i> | <i>11:00 - 11:30</i> |
| 9. | Work in Task Groups (<i>cont'd</i>) | 11:30 - 12:50 |
| | <i>Lunch break with Greenhouse 2007</i>
[N.B.: Task Group chairs meet with workshop organizers at lunch] | <i>12:50 - 13:50</i> |
| 10. | First report of Task Groups (Plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check status quo • Possible re-composition of groups | 13:50 - 14:30 |
| 11. | Continue work in Task Groups | 14:30 - 17:00 |
| 12. | Plenary discussion: Reports from Task Groups

[N.B.: Task Groups meet in the evening] | 17:00 - 18:00 |
| | <i>Workshop sponsored Dinner at Casa di Nico (19:00)</i> | |

Saturday 6 October 2007

[N.B.: DRAFT WORKSHOP REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS]

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| 13. | Panel & Plenary discussion (Chair: W. Steffen):
Based on reports from Task Groups | 09:00 - 10:30 |
| | <i>Tea break (Workshop sponsored)</i> | <i>10:30 - 11:00</i> |

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| 14. | Panel & Plenary discussion (Chair: M. Manning):
Priorities for future IPCC assessments | 11:00 - 12:30 |
| | <i>Lunch (Workshop sponsored)</i> | 12:30 - 14:00 |
| 15. | Panel & Plenary discussion (Chair: D. Goodrich):
Workshop lessons learned for GCOS, WCRP and IGBP | 14:00 - 15:30 |
| | <i>Tea break (Workshop sponsored)</i> | 15:30 - 16:00 |
| 16. | Round table (All participants)
<i>(Review draft Workshop Report; individual last words)</i> | 16:00 - 17:00 |
| 17. | Plenary discussion (Chair: K. Noone):
Future climate research and observation priorities for GCOS, WCRP and IGBP | 17:00 - 17:30 |
| 18. | Workshop closing and final remarks
(Chairs: J. Church, C. Nobre, J. Zillman, K. Lambeck) | 17:30 - 18:00 |

Sunday 7 October (Limited attendance)

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| 19. | Meeting of WCRP ACC Task Team (Conference Call) | 07:00 - 09:00 |
| 20. | Meeting of International Steering Committee & Secretariat
<i>(Completion of Workshop Report)</i> | 09:00 - 12:00 |

Background resources:

1. Aspen Report, 'A strategy for climate change stabilization experiments with AOGCMs and ESMS': http://wcrp.ipsl.jussieu.fr/Documents/ACC/Aspen_WhitePaper_1final.pdf
2. "GCOS – Observation Needs for Assessing Impacts of, Vulnerability and Adaptation to, Climate Variability and Climate Change: Conclusions from IPCC AR4 Working Group II" (J. Zillman): http://wcrp.ipsl.jussieu.fr/Documents/ACC/GCOS_ObsNeeds_WGII_JZ.pdf

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