

Charge to Breakout Groups

Breakout groups are requested to review key science issues in their respective areas using the position papers from SSG-14 and the CLIVAR “Forward Look “ arising from SSG-14 as a guide, identifying in particular focused activities leading to key deliverables between now and the CLIVAR sunset date (end of 2013).

The above papers are available from:

<http://www.clivar.org/organization/ssg/ssg15/ssg15.php>

Aspects the groups may wish to consider are:

1. Update on CLIVAR road map activities in each theme, including identification of new science advances and challenges, especially in light of AR4.
2. What added value is CLIVAR/WCRP bringing to the research? – necessary to “promote” CLIVAR.
3. What are the new directions and challenges that need further development, in terms of both observations and modeling? Can these be prioritized?
4. What will be the CLIVAR legacy? What are the major opportunities and roadblocks to achieving this legacy? How do we begin to “close down” activities?
5. What is the relevance of the other WCRP projects to the theme, and are interactions with those projects working well? What can improve those interactions? Where is there overlap?
6. Issues of outreach and links to users. Should CLIVAR make a “Summary for Policymakers” in each theme? How should CLIVAR accomplishments be communicated? Lisa Goddard’s presentation (agenda item 5.2) will provide input here

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