

Meeting Minutes

CLIVAR/GEWEX Monsoons Panel

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Number	2020-4	Meeting Title	CLIVAR-GEWEX MP Teleconference
Objective/Purpose	Review of Terms of Reference		
Time & Date	23 June 2020 06:00-07:00 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, Randy Wu, Suryachandra Rao, Yukari Takayabu, Annamalai, Andy Turner, and Aida Niang ICMPO: Rupa Kumar Kolli, Ashwini Kulkarni, Somnath Mahapatra		
Apologies	MP: Mouhamadou Bamba Sylla, Alice Grimm, Françoise Guichard, Vincent Moron ICPO: Jose Santos		

ACTIONS

Deadline	Action	Responsible
30 June 2020	Send doodle poll for the next meeting (July) by teleconference	ICMPO
July 2020	Continue email exchange on the review of ToRs and prepare for their finalization at the July meeting; Task team to make a draft proposal for the final ToRs at this meeting.	All MP members, coordinated by the ToR Task team
July 2020	Facilitate discussion on the ToRs of regional working groups (WGs) and membership updates (rotation and renewal plans) and report to the MP of any proposals for amendments. Use the email groups set up for the WGs, and the MP's shared Google folder.	MP members currently participating in the Regional WGs, for their respective WGs
July 2020	Keep under review the ongoing progress in the development of the special issue of CLIVAR Exchange on India's Monsoon Mission, and notify the panel on the members' possible involvement	Aurel and Leila with assistance from ICMPO

Deadline	Action	Responsible
July 2020	Share the official WCRP presentation on the future structure discussed at JSC-41, as and when available for distribution	ICMPO
July 2020	Share more details when available on the potential involvement of MP in the organization of the Seventh International Workshop on the Monsoons (IWM-7) under the auspices of WMO, and brief the panel on the latest status at the July meeting	Aurel, Françoise, Kumar

AGENDA AND KEY OUTCOMES

No	Description
1	<p><i>This meeting was dedicated to a single-point agenda on the discussion on changes/amendments to the current list of ToRs for the Panel, which have been in place since 2014.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aurel introduced the objectives of this discussion, and presented a synthesis of the members’ input prepared by the ToR Task Team; • Material for this discussion was placed on the Panel’s Google Drive, including the suggestions from various panel members. <p>Before considering the individual ToRs, the participants first discussed some of the fundamental aspects around what the Panel should consider and why. The following are the highlights of the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Turner provided an overview of how the current set of ToRs came about and what the reasoning was behind the directions indicated by the current ToRs. Mentioned here was the aim to stay fairly generic in the expression of the ToRs; additionally, with the new GEWEX linkages added to the initially just CLIVAR-based monsoon panel (which in turn was a consolidation of the work done by the erstwhile CLIVAR regional panels), the cross-linkages to GEWEX activities needed to be explicitly addressed; • The participants agreed that the ToRs should be generic and more of a guiding nature, so to facilitate capturing as many activities as possible for short-term work plans; • The participants recognized the need to differentiate between the ToRs expressing the <i>Vision</i> of the Panel and providing guidance on the overall direction and mandates for the Panel’s work, and the more focussed set of the associated activities which should constitute the <i>Annual Planning</i> for the panel; • Surya expressed concern about too much time being taken for the protracted discussions on the ToRs, and urged the Panel to wrap this up quickly and get started on some tangible work plans to address the key priorities of practical significance; • Kumar highlighted the need for a specific focus on research-operations linkages, keeping in view the fact that research advances are not being optimally feeding into improvement of operational practices. The participants referred to the occasional participation of Panel members in Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs), which needs to be further expanded and built upon to evolve a more systematic approach; • The Annual reporting to the SSGs of CLIVAR and GEWEX is already on the ToRs and routinely included in the Panel’s work plans; this is where we would set priorities for the coming year(s), which will also facilitate broader discussion and high-level endorsement; • Some of these priorities could include the development of “white papers” (e.g., on monsoon predictability at different time scales, modelling skills in representing the monsoons, articulation of key gaps in our knowledge about monsoons that need greater research focus, etc.)

The participants agreed that this discussion was valuable and necessary. The next step will be the actual translation of these thoughts into the ToRs – either to retain the existing ones or re-phrase some of them to better reflect the Panel’s vision. The Co-chairs emphasized the need to get ALL panel members involved in this discussion.

On a side point, the ongoing changes to both WMO and WCRP governance structures were mentioned and the participants agreed that we should try to have a better understanding on what these are and how they might affect the Monsoons Panel. The participants requested ICPO and ICMPO to support this discussion with further documentation and presentations in due course.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Number	2020-5	Meeting Time & Date	3 rd week of July 2020
Location	Video conference, details of meeting to be sent out		