(Caribbean) Regional Climate Outlook Forum
Cave Hill, Barbados, June 21-23, 2010
Lisa Goddard in attendance
motivated by CIMH, CCCCCC

meeting highlights relevant to IASCLIP, from Lisa’s notes:

focus on process (no forecast)
discussion of hurricanes, regional downscaling
better understanding of ENSO regional, sub-
seasonal impacts
coastal issues inc. coral reefs
recent activity:

- from Art Douglas:
  travel to Colombia, Dominican Republic MET services w/ Mike Douglas; positive response; hope to join North American Drought Monitor w/ help from NCDC, with datasets ‘in good order’ to start monitoring in 2 years

- IASCLIP Forecast Forum proposal, modeled on NAME FF

- sessions at spring AGU (Brazil);
  fall NOAA Climate Diagnostics Workshop (hopefully)
US CLIVAR perspective:

US CLIVAR reviewed IASCLIP, did not endorse

=> NOAA only US agency currently providing support

- did not perceive well-focused science objectives,
- need a shorter, more focused white paper
- ideas for extended monitoring in place but lack scientific justification and cost-benefit analysis
- follow up on NAME science legacy questions
- encourage more connection to hurricane issues
How to build up IASCLIP?

currently US CLIVAR seeking new working group proposals

involvement in ‘hurricanes and sensitivity to SST’

proposed US CLIVAR WG? (e.g., Frank Marks)

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most active Caribbean/S. Am partners: CIMH, CCCC? Colombia? support RCOF?