

# Welcome to the Kick Off Meeting of the WCRP LA & C Conference Scientific Steering Committee

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# The objective of this meeting

- To Plan the ***Conference on Climate and Society for Latin America and the Caribbean***, that will be held in Montevideo, 17-21 March, 2014.

¿What do we need/expect from you?



# Terms of Reference for the SSC

- Agree on an appropriate title –acronym-, scope, mission and vision for the Conference, in accordance with WCRP future plans
- Secure synergies across existing programs and emerging initiatives (of WCRP and others) relevant to LA&C
- Define Conference Themes

# Terms of Reference for the SSC

- Determine Conference agenda
  - Type of presentations:
    - key note speeches and white papers,
    - plenary discussions,
    - break-out groups,
    - poster sessions,
    - back-to-back meetings
  - Draft call for papers for the *WCRP-CCS for LA&C*
  - Design the program and allocate time and speakers



# Terms of Reference for the SSC

- **Determine Conference Participation**
  - Define the size of the meeting and variety of participants (stakeholders, policy makers, academia, etc.)
  - List programs that should be invited to present or organize poster clusters
  - Define invited talks
  - Validate the prior mapping of existing climate research institutes, researchers, intermediary institutions to publicize the Conference



# Terms of Reference for the SSC

- **Develop and Initiate Funding Strategy**
  - Assessment of conference funding needs
  - Identify Stakeholders and Funding Bodies, points of contact (and/or funding committee)
  - Draft funding proposals

# Terms of Reference for the SSC

- Define Conference Deliverables/outcomes
  - key note speeches (+plenary) → document
  - short white papers (+plenary) → document



- Provide the basis for future WCRP program for the region
- Contribute to Climate Services development
- Define research priorities in LA&C
  - Develop mechanism for delivering conference outcomes to stakeholders
  - Discuss other conference deliverables (proceedings, website for presentations, etc.)



# Terms of Reference for the SSC

- Define Conference organization and logistics
  - Establish timeline
  - Decide on Conference Website, registration, announcements, brochure, flyer
  - Establish relevant organization task forces (Scientific boards, logistic board, local organization, etc)
  - Decide on Local arrangements (venue, accommodation, catering, social events)
  - Organize Conference side events and meetings



# ***Conference on Climate and Society for Latin America and the Caribbean***

General and specific objectives



# General Objective

Contribute to define the research agenda needed to support the provision of effective, problem-oriented and demand-driven climate services

- (i) research focused in improving climate monitoring and predictions at regional and local scales;
- (ii) research oriented by the demands of socio-economic sectors sensitive to climate, and
- (iii) research on the process of informing policy and decision-making in the different socioeconomic sectors.



# CCS- LAC Specific Objectives

- Identify research themes critical to improve our understanding of sources and intrinsic levels of predictability on intraseasonal, interannual, decadal and longer time scales
- Identify strategies to narrow the gap between current predictive capabilities in the region and estimated limits of predictability
- Improve overall understanding and prediction of climate extreme events and their impacts on key environmental services and on society

# Specific objectives

- Discuss and plan how to establish a research framework oriented to identify climate-related information, products and tools needed in the different socioeconomic sectors, and to explore communication strategies to improve the flow of knowledge throughout the information chains
- Promote discussions across WCRP emerging initiatives relevant to LA&C such as grand challenge on regional climate, grand challenge on water availability and CLIVAR Monsoon activities
- Advance in the foundation of regional climate services



# Why's and What's in this meeting

Monday Morning and early afternoon:

- Climate & applications research frontiers:

We would like to share the vision of WCRP and know the expectations of other WCRP projects/programs wrt this Conference

We hope brief talks to be the fuel and sources of inspiration for defining the Conference themes



# Why's and What's in this meeting

Monday afternoon:

- Open discussion to identify Conference Themes
- Start working on Conference Agenda and Call for papers

Tuesday morning:

- Conference funding
- Conference Participation



# Why's and What's in the Agenda

Tuesday afternoon:

- Organization and logistics
- Deliverables and legacy
- Action items for the SSC