

Kick Off Meeting of the WCRP LA & C Conference
Scientific Steering Committee
Ministry of Science and Technology and Productive Innovation (MinCyT)
Buenos Aires, Argentina
4-5 March, 2013
Agenda

Monday 4 March

09:00 - 09:30 **Start of Meeting**

Welcome (Mónica Silenzi –MinCyt/Celeste Saulo-UBA)

Introduction (All)

ToRs of the SSC and Aims of the SSC meeting (Walter Baethgen/Celeste Saulo) (10 min)

09:30 - 10:30 **Climate& applications research frontiers**

Review of Climate & applications research frontiers (by every member of the SSC), including WCRP and GEWEX expectations for the *WCRP-CCS for LA&C*. This section is intended to provide input about the scope and expectations on this Conf, and will take advantage of each participant expertise.

09:30 WCRP Grand Challenge for Regional Climate (Carolina Vera WCRP-JSC)

09:45 VAMOS perspective (Hugo Berbery, VAMOS co-chair)

10:00 GEWEX research priorities in LA &C (Rene Garreaud GEWEX)

10:15 CORDEX S. America perspective (Silvina Solman)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 **Climate & applications research frontiers (cont)**

11:00 Data bases for climate analysis and forecasting, links with WGSIP (Celeste Saulo)

11:15 Climate Services Partnership (CSP) perspective (Walter Baethgen)

11:30 Can we meet expectations from Agriculture and Energy Generation users? (Pedro Leite Silva Días)

11:45 Bridging climate science and policy (Fernanda Zermoglio)

12:00 Climate, land use and stakeholders: learning to act in a climate-change world (Sandro Schwindlein)

12:15 Landuse, land cover and ecotone shifts (Holm Tiessen)

12:30 - 13:30 lunch break

13:30 - 15:00 **Climate & applications research frontiers (cont)**

13:30 Climate Variability & Climate Change in Tropical South America (German Poveda)

13:45 The Caribbean: A Regional Approach to Climate (Michael Taylor)

14:00 - 15:00 Discussion of "Climate & applications research frontiers" - towards a Conference Themes outline

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 17:30 Conference format I

Agree on an appropriate title, scope, mission and vision for the *WCRP-CCS for LA&C*

Determine Conference format (presentations, discussions, poster sessions)

Define actions to promote synergies across existing programs and emerging initiatives relevant to LA&C

Draft call for papers for the *WCRP-CCS for LA&C*

Tuesday 5 March

09:00 Brief review of accomplishments and pending issues from previous day

09:15 - 10:30 Conference Funding

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

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 Conference participation

Validate the prior mapping of existing climate research institutes and researchers

Identify/Define invited talks

List programs that should be invited to present or organize poster clusters

12:30 - 13:30 lunch break

13:30 - 15:00 Preparation for the *WCRP-CCS for LA&C*: I) organization and logistics

Website, registration, announcements, brochure, flyer

Establish relevant organization task forces (Scientific boards, logistic board, local organization, etc)

Establish timeline

Local arrangements (venue, accommodation, catering, social events)

Conference side events and meetings

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 17:30 Preparation for the *WCRP-CCS for LA&C*: II) Deliverables and legacy

Discuss conference deliverables (including proceedings, website for presentations, etc.)
Develop mechanism for delivering conference outcomes to stakeholders
Discuss involvement of Climate Services and other local institutions (intermediate?) in
sustaining long-term dialogue between research-stakeholders-society (outreach activities?)
Action Items for SSC

Closure