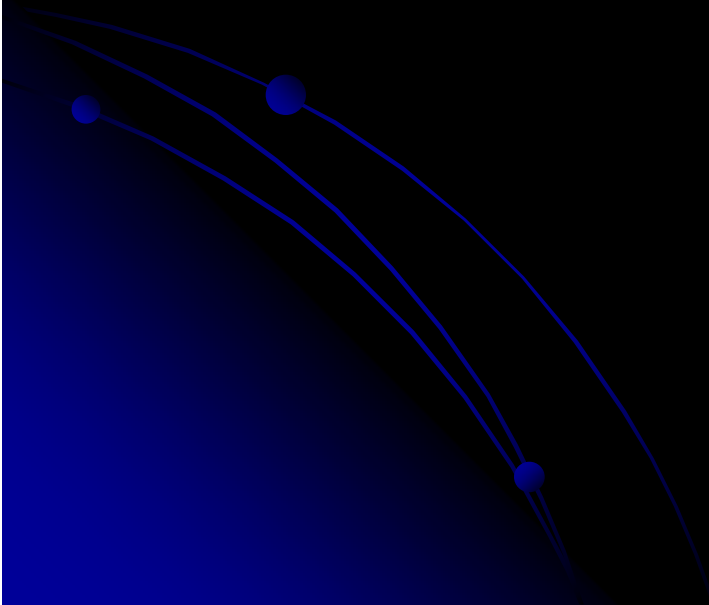


# MEETING SUMMARY

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## COMMONALITIES:

1. PANELS ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO CORPORATE GEWEX TOPICS IN A POSITIVE WAY.
2. EXCELLENT FOR GETTING AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM ALTHOUGH THE JOINT SESSIONS WERE FRUSTRATING. THE MEETING ALSO HELPED TO IDENTIFY WHERE THERE ARE MISPERCEPTIONS ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DIFFERENT PROJECTS (NEXT TIME – HAVE BREAKOUTS IN THE SAME BUILDING AND MORE TIME FOR OVERVIEWS).

## DIFFERENCES:

1. PANELS FUNCTION DIFFERENTLY, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THEIR HERITAGE AND THE CONTEXT WITHIN WHICH THEY FUNCTION.
2. DISCUSSIONS ON THE POSSIBLE MERGER OF GHP AND CEOP MAY HAVE SHIFTED THE FOCUS AWAY FROM SCIENCE A BIT BUT THEY PROVIDED SOME ENERGY THAT WILL HOPEFULLY LEAD TO IMPROVED SYNERGY BETWEEN THE CSES AND CEOP.

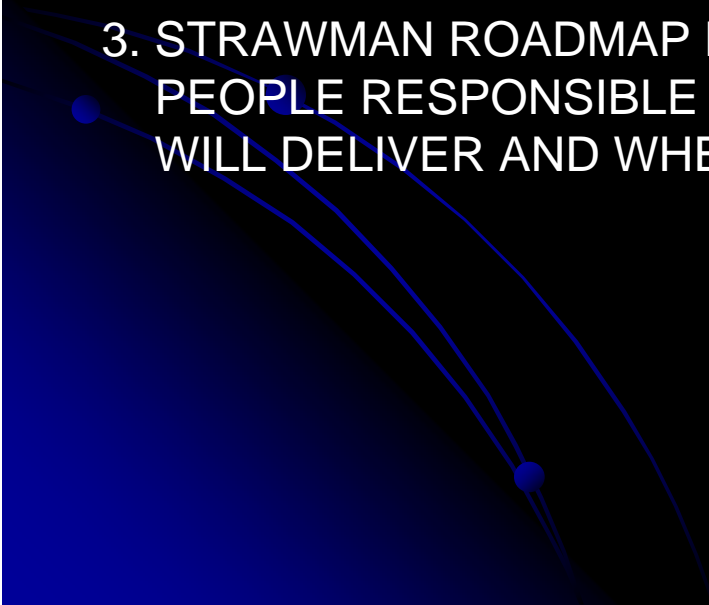
# OBSERVATIONS ABOUT FUTURE ISSUES

1. CSES AS BROAD SCIENCE PLATFORMS – SHOULD WE HAVE A PLAN FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT?
2. THE HERITAGE OF DATA SETS FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS STILL HAS NOT BEEN FULLY ADDRESSED.
3. THE GRP ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR GWEC PRODUCTS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO IPCC.
4. WE NEED SUCCESS STORIES FOR HOW NWP CENTERS HAVE BENEFITTED FROM GCSS AND OTHER GEWEX RESEARCH.
5. NEED TO THINK CLEARLY ABOUT JOINT CLIVAR/GEWEX STUDIES (HOW WE ENGAGE; HOW WE COORDINATE; HOW WE APPLY RESULTS AGAINST OUR OBJECTIVES)
6. RELATIVE EMPHASIS BETWEEN PREDICTION CAPABILITIES AND PREDICTABILITY STUDIES WAS CLARIFIED BUT NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED.
7. CROSS-CUTS ARE DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT – WE NEED TO RETHINK THIS ISSUE.

# ISSUES WITH THE JSC

1. JSC REVIEW: PROGRESSING ON THE BASIS OF WRITTEN DOCUMENTS. THE PARTICIPATION OF REVIEW PANEL MEMBERS IN THIS MEETING WILL BENEFIT THE REVIEW BY GIVING THE REVIEWERS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCOPE OF THE WORK TAKING PLACE IN GEWEX. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU CORRECT ANY MISINFORMATION AND WRONG PERCEPTIONS THAT MAY BE IN THE MODEL
2. MONSOON COORDINATION: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HELD AND A DECISION WILL BE FINALIZED BY THE SSG MEETING.
3. METRICS: WE DIDN'T FOCUS ON THIS TOPIC – WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE METRICS WE SHOULD USE FOR A) ROADMAP, AND B) GEWEX OVERALL.

# THE ROADMAP

1. THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING IN WHAT AT TIMES MAY HAVE SEEMED LIKE A VERY BUREAUCRATIC ISSUE.
  2. THE COMFORT LEVEL WITH THE CURRENT STATEMENT OF GEWEX OBJECTIVES IS NOT HIGH IN THE AREA OF PREDICTABILITY AND PREDICTION SYSTEMS. TO REFLECT THIS CONCERN WE WILL RECOMMEND TO THE JSC THAT OBJECTIVES #3 AND #4 BE COLLAPSED INTO A STATEMENT THE SAME AS OR SIMILAR TO THE ONE PROPOSED HERE:
  3. STRAWMAN ROADMAP DELIVERABLES WERE TORN TO SHREDS AND THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING THEM HAVE STATED WHAT THEY WILL DELIVER AND WHEN THEY WILL DELIVER IT.
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WE NEED TO CLEARLY ADDRESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCERNS RAISED BY THE JSC AND WCRP.

ISSUE:

1. GEWEX OVERSIGHT OF CEOP (CEOP PHASE II APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE).
2. GEWEX LEVEL OF ACTIVITY ON PREDICTABILITY AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LAND SURFACE.
3. DEVELOPMENT OF STRONGER COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH CLIVAR (AND SPARC AND CLIC) AND WITH THORPEX AND WGNE ON MONSOONS
4. THE SPECIFICATION OF CRITERIA FOR MEASURING SUCCESS.
5. STRATEGIES FOR RAISING THE VISIBILITY OF GEWEX (AND WCRP) AND ENSURING THAT AGENCIES WILL REALIZE THE VALUE OF THESE ACTIVITIES (AND ENSURE THEY ARE ADEQUATELY FUNDED).
6. PROVIDE INPUTS TO THE JSC REVIEW OF GEWEX.




## ACTION ITEMS FROM SSG-18 DAKAR, SENEGAL:

### A. GEWEX:

- A.2. Establish a small working group to assess feasibility of a data project that would address issues and needs raised by iLEAPS and GWSP at the SSG meeting. – **UPDATE HERE**  
(**ACTION:** Yann Kerr to lead. Other participants: Pavel Kabat, Charles Vorosmarty, Eric Wood, Bill Rossow and Rick Lawford)
- A.3. Finalize the draft GEWEX roadmap and develop an implementation plan based on inputs from the pan-GEWEX meeting. - **COMPLETE HERE**  
(**ACTION:** Rick Lawford)
- A. 10 Panels will review the comments of GEWEX SSG members made during the executive session at the SSG meeting and act on them appropriately.  
(**ACTION:** John Roads, Bill Rossow, Jan Polcher, Toshio Koike)  
- **UPDATE**
- A.12. If determined that it would be useful, GEWEX will prepare a letter for the Director of WCRP to sign regarding support for the EGPM mission.  
(**ACTION:** IS ANY NEEDED?)  
**STATUS?? – PUT IN LARGER CONTEXT OF CEOS GPM?**  
(THE REST HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED)

# BASED ON THIS PAN-GEWEX MEETING WE NEED THESE NEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

## 1. DEVELOPMENT OF MEANINGFUL CROSS-CUTS

- PRECIPITATION 
- WEBS
- DIURNAL CYCLE 
- CLIMATE DATA SETS 
- OTHERS ??

2. STRATEGY FOR HOW WE ADDRESS THE AEROSOL/CLOUD AND AEROSOL/MONSOON ISSUES WITH OUR SISTER PROJECTS; e.g., CLIVAR, SPARC, iLEAPS

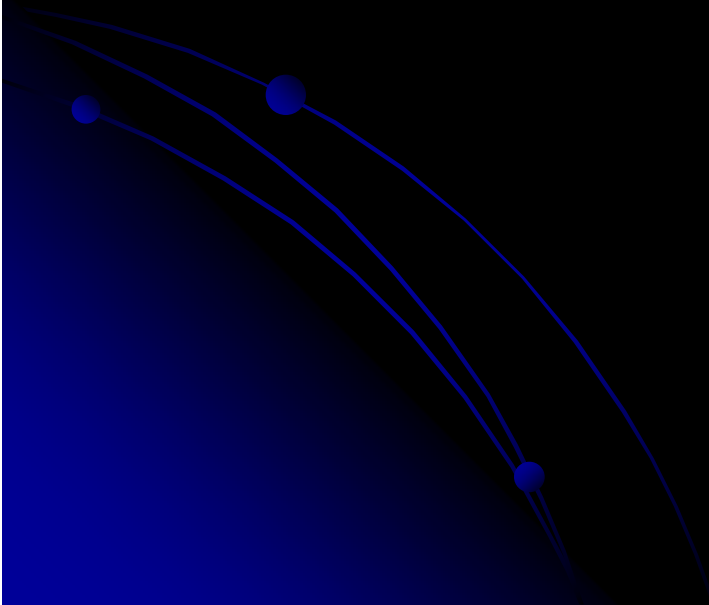
3. PAN-GEWEX STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH EXTREMES (WCRP CROSS-CUT)

4. REVISED CEOP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ACCOUNTING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS, ACTIVITIES AND PARTNERSHIP OF CSES.
5. COLLABORATIVE PROJECT BETWEEN GLASS, GCSS, GABLS.
6. WRITE A LETTER TO ??? EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR NPOESS DESCOPE AND PROPOSE ALTERNATIVES FOR PROVIDING DISPLACED CLIMATE DATA SETS.
7. WRITE A LETTER OF CONCERN ABOUT THE SLIPPAGE IN THE GPM SCHEDULE TO JAXA AND NASA.
8. DEVELOP 1 OR 2 SUCCESS STORIES OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GMPP/GCSS TO FORECAST SYSTEMS.
9. PLAN FOR WORKING WITH CLIVAR AND CLIC ON THE GLOBAL WATER CYCLE.
10. LAUNCH HYDROLOGY COMMITTEES IN GHP/CEOP:
  - HAP (REPORT TO THE SSG WITH PLAN AND POPULATED WG)
  - HYDROLOGY BASIN WORKING GROUP (BY WHEN?)

11. MAHASRI SHOULD BRING THEIR NEW PLAN TO GEWEX SSG AND ASK FOR APPROVAL.

12. NEESPI SHOULD BRING ITS PROPOSAL TO BECOME A CSE TO THE NEXT SSG

13. A STRATEGY IS NEEDED TO DEAL WITH GAPS IN THE ROADMAP.



## RESIDUAL ACTIONS

1. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE CONVERTED TO PDF FILES AND PUT ON THE GEWEX WEB SITE. IF ANYONE HAS A CONCERN ABOUT ANY PRESENTATION OR PART OF IT, PLEASE LET DAWN KNOW. (REMINDER – IT IS PART OF OUR OPEN PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT PANEL DELIBERATIONS ARE DOCUMENTED AND INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE).
  2. PANEL CHAIRS ARE ASKED TO DEVELOP A MEETING SUMMARY FOR AN OVERALL REPORT FOR WCRP. IGPO WILL DO THE SAME FOR THE PLENARY SESSIONS.
  3. SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE AGREED TO WRITE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THOSE INPUTS AT [GEWEX@GEWEX.ORG](mailto:GEWEX@GEWEX.ORG).
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