



MEETING MINUTES, 10 APRIL 2007, 2:45 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. RESOURCE IMPACTS TASK GROUP SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER REDUCTION

Attendees

Susan Conard (Chair)

Ann Russell

Jan Thorman

Ron Huntzinger

Victor Cole

Bob Adamcik

Emily Wallace (Secretariat)

I. Call to Order

II. Summary of Discussion

A. Finalize Mission Statement

The group began by reviewing the mission statement and changing the white paper due date to January 2008. The Secretariat was tasked with finalizing the statement and including a more robust definition of “livestock”. The mission statement will be presented to the Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction at the May meeting.

B. Discuss the Resources-Related Bullets in the Grand Challenges Implementation Plans

Group members reviewed the bullets culled from the Grand Challenges Implementation Plans that mentioned resource impacts. Through this discussion, members identified the following possible focus areas for the white paper.

Ann Russell suggested the white paper have a section on better understanding the underpinnings of ecosystem services and resilience. Andrew Gude requested a list of climate variables predicted to change due to global warming and asked how those could impact natural resources and the scope of natural disasters. Jan Thorman suggested the group leave out Technological disasters because of the myriad issues it would raise. Emily Wallace noted the recurring theme of appropriate/effective land use management in the Grand Challenges Implementation plans and suggested that could be an area of concentration. The group echoed that thought and felt that would lead nicely into a broader discussion about Grand Challenge #6. Ann Russell suggested we look for places to recommend a greater integration of the social and ecological sciences. Overall, the group agreed to stress the importance of Earth observations for land and water.

Members will review the Grand Challenges and Implementation Plans to offer any additional suggestions prior to the next meeting.

II. Future Meetings

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2278 at the Department of the Interior. This immediately follows the SDR meeting that morning from 10:00 a.m. – noon in Room 5213 of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (located at 725 17th Street, NW). Members who are interested in attending that meeting should contact the Secretariat to provide their

building entry information. Dr. Bill Brennan (Climate Change Science Program) will brief the SDR about CCSP and areas where their work intersects with disaster reduction.

IV. Agenda Items and Other Communications with the Subcommittee

Please send proposed agenda items and any other items intended for distribution to the full Resource Impacts Task Group to the Secretariat, or to the RITG Chair.

V. Contact Information RITG Leadership

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VI. Summary of Actions

Action	Lead	By When
Review the Grand Challenges and the Grand Challenges Implementation Plans and cite gaps or areas to build upon in the RITG white paper	Secretariat	April 27
RSVP and provide building access information to the Secretariat to attend the May 3 rd SDR meeting	Members	May 1
Suggest individuals to participate in the Task Group from APHIS, FWS and USGS	Members	Ongoing and prior to the next meeting on May 3 rd