



UA Arid Lands Town Hall

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 - Rincon Room, Student Union

Agenda

- 11:30 am Buffet Opens
- 12:00 pm Program Begins
- Andrew Comrie: Welcome and Charge
 - Randy Burd: What we hope to achieve and what will come next (OGI Support; follow-on meetings)
 - Barbara Hutchinson: Arid Lands research at the University of Arizona
 - Istvan Molnar: Arid Lands Resource Science PhD Program
 - Greg Barron-Gafford: Presentation on water and energy of arid lands
 - Chuck Hutchinson: IALC Support; what we will do right now
- 12:45 pm Break
- 1:00 pm Breakout Group Discussions: Identify Grand Challenges
Breakout Rooms: Rincon, Madera, Picacho and Sabino
- Introductions (all)
 - Nominal Group Procedure
 - In first 5 minutes (silent), everyone writes down 5-10 major/grand challenges confronting arid lands (globally)
 - Going around the table, individuals give their ONE top challenge (no discussion, except for clarification). Facilitator records challenges.
 - Process continues until all group member's lists are exhausted (overlap is fine, or challenges can be merged (group's choice))
- 1:45 pm Break
- 2:00 pm Group Reconvenes in the San Pedro Room
- Facilitator/group spokesperson for each break out reports back to the whole group
 - Discussion
- 2:30 pm Next Steps/Direction led by Chuck Hutchinson
- Ash Scheder Black: New technology innovations
 - Date of next arid lands meeting to be hosted by OGI
 - In the interim, pursue research of common interest
 - Contact IALC to learn about (i) what opportunities IALC may offer, and (ii) what is happening at other IALC institutions.
- 2:45 pm Event Concludes