UA Arid Lands Town Hall

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

Agenda

11:30 am Buffet Opens

12:00 pm Program Begins
   a. Andrew Comrie: Welcome and Charge
   b. Randy Burd: What we hope to achieve and what will come next (OGI Support; follow-on meetings)
   c. Barbara Hutchinson: Arid Lands research at the University of Arizona
   d. Istvan Molnar: Arid Lands Resource Science PhD Program
   e. Greg Barron-Gafford: Presentation on water and energy of arid lands
   f. 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
   a. Introductions (all)
   b. Nominal Group Procedure
      a. In first 5 minutes (silent), everyone writes down 5-10 major/grand challenges confronting arid lands (globally)
      b. Going around the table, individuals give their ONE top challenge (no discussion, except for clarification). Facilitator records challenges.
      c. 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
   a. Facilitator/group spokesperson for each break out reports back to the whole group
   b. Discussion

2:30 pm Next Steps/Direction led by Chuck Hutchinson
   a. Ash Scheder Black: New technology innovations
   b. Date of next arid lands meeting to be hosted by OGI
      a. In the interim, pursue research of common interest
   c. 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