

# Panel discussions

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# Drought Prediction and Science at Multiple Time-Scales

1. What work is being done by scientists to provide reliable seasonal, intraseasonal and inter-annual forecasts for **drought outlooks** that can influence decision-making?
2. What level of accuracy is reasonably attainable with **drought prediction** and how do scientists work with stakeholders to communicate forecast skill?
3. How will **climate change** affect the severity and spatial extent of drought?

# Drought Monitoring and Information Systems

1. How can we comprehensively **monitor** and characterize the magnitude, spatial extent, and duration of drought in a timely manner?
2. What work is being done to create comprehensive and integrated **drought monitoring systems**? What indicators (climate, water, soil, crop, and/or economic variables) are selected for monitoring each type of drought and why?
3. What are the requirements for successful **drought information/early warning systems**?

# Utilizing Drought Information for Policy and Decision Making

1. What are the most effective and inventive systems for **delivering and disseminating** drought information to support decision-making (government agencies, agribusiness, and other relevant water-use sectors)?
2. How can we move beyond reactive, post-impact emergency response drought policies and toward **drought risk reduction** (i.e. increased preparedness for drought episodes and mitigation against drought impacts)?