

NOAA Science On a Sphere Users Collaborative Network Workshop 2008

Goals/Objectives of the Workshop

1. Inform the **future direction** for the spherical display system program
 - Inform NOAA on future investments in the spherical display system program
 - Identify and discuss major issues and best practices for applying spherical display systems in informal science education settings
 - Prioritize technical improvements for Science On a Sphere[®] system
 - Investigate options for docent training and quality control
 - Provide feedback on the evolution of the virtual library
2. Determine the best format for **content**
 - Provide feedback and guidance to newly funded content creation groups
 - Establish guidelines for the production of SOS content
 - Investigate potential future sources of content
3. **Understand the impact** spherical display systems have on learning earth system science in informal science education settings
 - Prepare for implementation of plans for assessment and evaluation at the program level
 - Share best practices for evaluation of exhibits featuring spherical display systems at the institutional level
 - Determine baseline information on use of sphere, audience demographics , and indirect outcomes
4. Continue to grow a **cohesive and collaborative network** that is actively sharing information and content
 - Assure that network members are aware of each other's efforts and working together when possible
 - View and learn about two existing installations in Hawai'i
 - Determine the best structure for the network as it continues to grow and develop
 - Determine a timeline and plan for future meetings