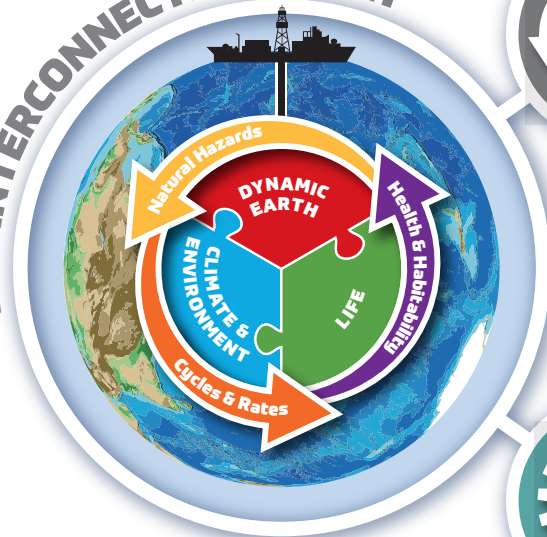


THE INTERCONNECTED EARTH



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Broad areas of scientific inquiry that focus on understanding the interconnected Earth system.

Strategic Objectives are multidisciplinary, cutting across the traditional themes of previous scientific ocean drilling efforts and are open-ended to encourage innovation and evolution of scientific ideas.

FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES

Long-term drilling endeavors that aim to inform issues of particular interest to society, typically combining goals from multiple Strategic Objectives.

Flagship Initiatives will require the community to develop strategies and technologies to implement multiple coordinated expeditions, taking advantage of the 25-year timeframe of the *Science Framework*.

ENABLING ELEMENTS

Key facets of scientific ocean drilling that facilitate our research activities, enhance our scientific outputs, and maximize their impact.

Enabling Elements include links with major allied programs, effective strategies to communicate results to the public, and the generation of new opportunities through novel technology and data approaches.