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Climate Adaptation Summit Coming to Washington, DC

Goal is to Coordinate Planning Efforts Across Regions, Economic Sectors

What: National Climate Adaptation Summit

When: May 25 to 27

Where: Inter-American Development Bank, 1330 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Access: Invitation only. Limited media access by pre-arrangement.

Web Viewing: Portions of the summit will be webcast. For further details about the Summit and instructions for viewing the webcast, see: <http://www.joss.ucar.edu/events/2010/ncas/index.html>

Background: Planning for climate adaptation is taking place at many scales and across many sectors in the United States. Local, state, regional, and federal users and providers of climate-related information in the U.S. are preparing to ensure adequate access to reliable and affordable water, food, energy, transportation, and health resources and services for their communities in the face of a changing climate. Last spring, President Obama's Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, Dr. John P. Holdren, called upon the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (www.ucar.edu) to work with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (www.ostp.gov) to host a summit to improve planning and communications among this range of ongoing efforts.

The summit will bring together about 150 invited users and providers of climate adaptation information from diverse climatological regions and economic sectors to provide insight into

- what is needed for effective climate adaptation and vulnerability assessments
- how the nation should be organized in the public (federal and local) and private sectors.

The summit is not intended to debate what climate change will and won't look like. Rather, using the best available information about projected climate change and impacts, the meeting participants will be asked to examine needs, knowledge, and appropriate roles to help this national planning effort in the near-term and long-term. The insights from this meeting will be incorporated into Federal climate adaptation programs and research planning.

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