

2010 International Climate Change Adaptation Conference

Climate Adaptation Futures

Preparing for the unavoidable impacts of climate change

29 June – 1 July 2010, Gold Coast Convention Centre, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

This conference will be one of the first international forums to focus solely on climate impacts and adaptation. It will bring together scientists and decision makers from developed and developing countries to share research approaches, methods and results. It will explore the way forward in a world where impacts are increasingly observable and adaptation actions are increasingly required.

Keynote speakers include:

Professor Chris Field (Carnegie Institution for Science)
Dr Mark Howden (CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship)
Dr R.K. Pachauri (Chair, IPCC)
Professor Stephen Schneider (Stanford University)



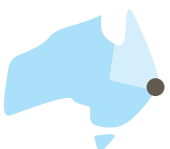
Climate change adaptation: *steps towards the future*

Climate change is one of the most important environmental, social and economic issues facing the world today. Despite growing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, some impacts such as more intense floods, droughts, bushfires, and rising sea levels are now inevitable.

We must therefore plan for and adapt to these changes, in order to minimise the negative impacts and enhance the benefits to natural systems, societies, and human activities and well-being. This represents a challenge for decision making at all levels, from individuals to governments, and in business and industry.

The Climate Adaptation Futures Conference will showcase leading impacts and adaptation research from around the world. It will explore the contribution of adaptation science to planning and policy making, and how robust adaptation decision making can proceed in the face of uncertainty about climate change and its impacts.

Located in South-East Queensland, the Gold Coast is Australia's sixth largest city, and one of Australia's fastest growing regions. Tourism is a dominant industry in this region, with visitors attracted to its famous beaches, and World Heritage listed national parks.



Call for abstracts

Abstracts are invited from researchers and practitioners for Conference sessions focussing on climate change adaptation in the following areas:



Further information about each of these sessions, and instructions on how to submit an abstract online is available on the Conference website www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010. The closing date for the submission of abstracts is **Monday 18 January, 2010**.

Conference steering committee

Jean Palutikof (Conference Convenor), NCCARF

Andrew Ash (Conference Co-convenor), CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship

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Chris Field, Carnegie Institution for Science

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Martin Parry, Co-Chair of the IPCC Working Group II for the Fourth Assessment

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Mark Stafford Smith, CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship

Will Steffen, Australian National University

Coleen Vogel, University of the Witwatersrand

Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, IPCC Vice Chair, Université catholique de Louvain

Marie Waschka, NCCARF

Conference registrations

Registrations for this conference will open on **Monday 31 August, 2009**. Fees are inclusive of daily catering, welcome function, conference dinner, and GST.

Full Registration – \$1100

Early Bird Registration (close 1 March, 2010) – \$850

Student/Concession Registration – \$500

Support to attend this conference is also available for a limited number of registrants from developing countries. Please visit www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010 or email nccarf-conf2010@yrd.com.au for further information.

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Who should attend?

- The international community of researchers in climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability seeking to present and discuss latest science developments.
- Representatives of government, business, industry and vulnerable communities seeking to interact with that science.