

## Enhancing Decision Making: A Roundtable Workshop on Improving the Understanding of the Economic, Environmental, and Operational Implications of Climate Change

### PROGRAM AGENDA

September 26, 2011 ♦ Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development

#### Welcome and Introduction 8:15 am – 8:30 am

- Introduction to ACCO, ICLEI and USGCRP and goals/objectives for the workshop

#### Plenary Session 1: Update on U.S. Climate Initiatives 8:30 am – 10:00 am

- **Ann Bartuska** – Vice Chair, Adaptation Science, U.S. Global Change Research Program
- **David Cleaves** – Climate Advisor, U.S. Forest Service (co-chair, Interagency Adaptation Science Workgroup)
- **Daniella Hirschfeld** – Program Officer, Climate Adaptation, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
- **Brita Pagels** – Senior Regional Officer, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability USA
- **Melissa Stults** – Sustainability Analyst, Summit Energy

#### Networking Break 10:00 am – 10:15 am

#### Plenary Session 2: Case Studies on Airport Climate Resiliency and Great Lakes Region 10:15 am – 11:30 am

- **Christine Baglin** – Principal, AEA-Project Performance Corporation
- **Aaron Durnbaugh** – DOE Deputy Commissioner, Natural Resources and Water Quality, City of Chicago
- **Heather Stirratt** – Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, National Ocean Service, NOAA

#### Roundtable 1: Informed Organizational Decision Making 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

- **Facilitators:**
  - **David Cleaves** – Climate Advisor, U.S. Forest Service (co-chair, Interagency Adaptation Science Workgroup)
  - **Michael Davidson** – Midwest Regional Director, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability USA
  - **Arleen O'Donnell** – Vice President, AEA-Eastern Research Group
  - **Brita Pagels** – Senior Regional Officer, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability USA
  - **Melissa Stults** – Sustainability Analyst, Summit Energy
- **Focus Points:**
  - What are the **drivers** for climate, adaptation and/or resilience strategy implementation?
  - What available **information, tools, or resources** are useful to decision makers? What resources do decision makers need today and going forward?
  - What **opportunities and challenges** exist for an integrated adaptation and mitigation approach to building resiliency and long-term sustainability?

#### Lunch with Special Guest Speaker Karen Weigert (Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Chicago) 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

#### Roundtable 2: Science/Data Sources 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- **Facilitators:**
  - **Christine Baglin** – Principal, AEA-Project Performance Corporation
  - **Ann Bartuska** – Vice Chair, Adaptation Science, U.S. Global Change Research Program
  - **Michael Cote** – Program Manager, Association of Climate Change Officers
  - **Brian Helmuth** – Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina
  - **Emily Wasley** – Adaptation Science Program Associate, National Coordination Office, U.S. Global Change Research Program
- **Focus Points:**
  - **What types of scientific data are needed** for decision making? How reliable, accessible, and/or deficient are these sources? How are you leveraging and synthesizing existing science/data sources to enhance understanding of climate risks?
  - **What barriers exist to integrating science/data sources** into operational strategies?

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**Roundtable 3: Public-Private Partnerships**

**2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

- **Facilitators:**
  - **Ann Bartuska** – Vice Chair, Adaptation Science, U.S. Global Change Research Program
  - **Michael Davidson** – Midwest Regional Director, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability USA
  - **Daniel Kreeger** – Executive Director, Association of Climate Change Officers
  - **Brita Pagels** – Senior Regional Officer, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability USA
  - **Melissa Stults** – Sustainability Analyst, Summit Energy
- **Focus Points:**
  - **What are the key ingredients for successful partnerships?** What are some examples of successful P3 projects/programs?
  - **Identification of barriers and opportunities** related to public-private partnerships
  - **Financing** strategies and mechanisms

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**Networking Break**

**3:30 pm – 3:45 pm**

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**Roundtable 4: Case Studies Discussion**

**3:45 pm – 4:45 pm**

- **Facilitators:**
  - **Christine Baglin** – Principal, AEA-Project Performance Corporation
  - **David Cleaves** – Climate Advisor, U.S. Forest Service (co-chair, Interagency Adaptation Science Workgroup)
  - **Michael Cote** – Program Manager, Association of Climate Change Officers
  - **Daniel Kreeger** – Executive Director, Association of Climate Change Officers
  - **Emily Wasley** – Adaptation Science Program Associate, National Coordination Office, U.S. Global Change Research Program
- **Focus Points:**
  - **Case studies: Lessons learned in decision making, science, partnerships:**
  - **Translation** from case study to implementation
  - **Identify** common traits, discover Best Practices

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**Roundtable Wrap-up & Conclusion**

**4:45 pm – 5:15 pm**