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Call for Presentations

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U.S. CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP: CLIMATE SCIENCE IN SUPPORT OF DECISIONMAKING NOVEMBER 14-16, 2005

Crystal Gateway Marriott
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

The U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) will hold a workshop on **Climate Science in Support of Decisionmaking** on November 14-16, 2005, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The workshop will explore uses of observations, modeling, studies of climate and related environmental processes, and derived tools to inform decisionmaking. It will serve as a forum to address progress and future plans for CCSP's three decision-support approaches:

- Prepare scientific syntheses and assessments on key climate science issues
- Develop and illustrate adaptive management and planning capabilities
- Develop and evaluate information and methods to support climate change policymaking



The CCSP Workshop Program Committee invites presentations by users of climate science, as well as by members of the research community, on topics related to the major themes of the workshop. The remainder of this Call provides basic information about who should submit an abstract, the types of presentations encouraged, how to submit an abstract, the review process, and key dates. Additional information on the Program's decision-support approaches may be found in Chapter 11 of the *CCSP Strategic Plan* (<http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/stratplan2003/final/ccspstratplan2003-chap11.htm>). Current information about the workshop itself is available at <http://www.climatescience.gov/workshop2005/default.htm>.

Who Should Submit an Abstract for a Presentation?

Examples of those who should consider submitting a proposal include climate researchers; experts in related technical fields (e.g., engineering); managers of resources affected by climate variability and change; regional, state, and local government officials; policy analysts; and other stakeholders. The workshop seeks to encourage dialog between producers of scientific information on climate variability and change and those who could use this information in decisionmaking. Presentations from non-scientist users of climate information are encouraged.

On What Subjects are Presentations Invited?

Presentations are sought that explore the application of information developed through science and technology research on climate variability and change to support decisionmaking in the following broad areas:

- **Water**, including drought, water supply and water quality, and the uses of water in agriculture, ecosystems, recreation, and other sectors
- **Ecosystems**, including carbon sequestration, fire and other disturbances, invasive species, managed ecosystems (e.g., agriculture, forestry), and public health
- **Coastal Issues**, including sea-level rise, infrastructure, storms, and marine resources
- **Energy**, including climate information that supports energy management and seasonal forecasting, infrastructure, and energy planning such as biomass and renewables
- **Air Quality**, including human health effects such as air quality and temperature issues.

Presentations related to the above areas should address one or more of the following topics:

- The type of information that decisionmakers and other stakeholders need to inform decisionmaking
- Evaluation of the current state of observations, modeling, or other research and its appropriateness for use in decisionmaking at different scales
- Example applications of scientific information to support decisionmaking; participant experiences



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

Use the abstract submission form at www.climatescience.gov/workshop2005/papers/SubmitAbstract.php to provide information on your proposed presentation. You will need all of the following:

- Presentation title
- E-mail of contact presenter
- For each author: first name, last name, affiliation (the author expected to make the presentation listed first)
- Abstract
- Theme (i.e., water, ecosystems, coastal issues, energy, or air quality).

Once you have entered the information, click "Submit." An e-mail confirmation will be sent to the contact author. You will be forwarded to a Web page confirming your submission, displaying the information received and providing an ID number. Review your submission for accuracy.

Should you wish to make a correction or revision, send an e-mail to abstracts@climatescience.gov specifying the abstract identification number and the changes you wish to make. If you encounter problems with the on-line form, send the required abstract information (as listed above) in **digital** format to:

Workshop Abstracts
U.S. Climate Change Science Program
1717 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20006
Voice: +1.202.223.6262
Fax: +1.202.223.3065
E-mail: abstracts@climatescience.gov

The deadline for receiving abstracts is **July 30, 2005**.

Your submitted abstract will be reviewed and acceptance/rejection notices sent by **September 1, 2005**.

Note that, by submitting an abstract, you are **NOT** automatically registered for the workshop. You must visit <http://www.climatescience.gov/workshop2005/registration-rates.htm> to register. If your abstract is accepted, the person expected to make the presentation should register as an "Invited Speaker." Registration fees are waived for invited speakers.

- Methods for communicating scientific information, including incorporation of information about levels of confidence and uncertainty in decisionmaking
- Methods and metrics for evaluating outcomes
- Opportunities for improved application of currently available information and priorities for future CCSP research.

How Much Time is Expected to Be Allocated to Each Presentation?

In order to facilitate dialog and interactions among participants, each presentation will be approximately 10 minutes long, and will be followed by approximately 10 minutes for questions and responses. For some panel discussions, additional time will be allocated for general discussion.

How Long Should My Abstract Be, What Should it Contain, and When is it Due?

Abstracts are limited to 400 words or less. The abstract should include a brief description of your role in the decision-support process (i.e., whether you are "user" or "producer" of information on climate variability/change). Depending on your role, you should indicate how your presentation will address the broad areas and topics listed above.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is July 30, 2005.

How do I Submit an Abstract?

The Program Committee requests that those interested in presenting submit an abstract describing their presentation using the web-based submission process at www.climatescience.gov/workshop2005/papers/index.php?authorsInstructions=1.

How will Abstracts Be Reviewed, and When will Notification of Decisions Be Made?

The Program Committee will review all submitted abstracts. Decisions about which presentations to include will be made on the basis of several criteria, including quality, relevance to CCSP and workshop objectives, and diversity in presenters (private sector, academia, etc.) as well as material (topics, scale of efforts, etc.). The Program Committee may contact you for additional information—for example, in cases where there are duplicate proposals that address essentially the same issues. All individuals who submit an abstract will be informed whether their proposed presentation has been accepted by **September 1, 2005**.

Am I Automatically Registered for the Workshop if I Submit a Proposed Presentation Abstract?

No, the process for submitting abstracts is separate from the process for registering for the workshop. You must register for the workshop by following the instructions at <http://www.climatescience.gov/workshop2005/registration-rates.htm>.

Workshop Objectives and Presentation Questions?

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