



National Research Conference on Climate Change[†]

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

March 5-6, 2010

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), and the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) are organizing a National Research Conference on Climate Change to be held at IITD on March 5 and 6, 2010.

This conference will cover major topics on scientific, technical, economic, and policy aspects of climate change relevant to India. Such a conference is the first in a series of annual conferences on this kind, with the possibility of targeted satellite conferences that are aimed at exploring particular themes in the climate arena (such as energy, disaster mitigation and adaptation, water, agriculture, etc.).

The main goals of this and future related conferences are to enhance capacity for climate research and action in the country by:

- a. Identifying existing institutions and activities that are engaged in climate-related work in India;
- b. Developing a common understanding of key issues;
- c. Identifying lacunae in science, policy, and action that need particular attention;
- d. Deepening and broadening institutional engagement, especially engaging smaller academic institutions and NGOs in local climate-related activities across all parts of the country;
- e. Strengthening a sense of ‘community’ among researchers;
- f. Initiating the development of an Indian Climate Research Network and an Indian Climate Action Network;
- g. Initiate a platform for a dialogue between researchers, NGOs, and policy-makers

We invite abstracts from faculty and other researchers, students, and practitioners in the areas relevant to the conference (see attached agenda). Selected abstracts will receive a slot for presentation or for the poster session. There will also be panel discussions involving invited speakers from a range of backgrounds.

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and should also contain author affiliation(s) and contact details. Please send the abstract to NCCC2010@gmail.com, indicating which session/ topic for which it should be considered. Please also indicate if financial support will be needed for attending the conference (limited funding is available for travel and local expenses).

Abstract submission deadline: February 5, 2010
Acceptance notification: February 10, 2010

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Tentative Programme

Day 0 (March 4)

16:00-18:00 Refresher/update sessions on climate science, mitigation strategies, adaptation, and policy

19:00-21:00 *Welcome Dinner*

Day 1 (March 5)

9:00-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:30 Welcome and objectives of conference

10:30-13:00 Parallel conference sessions (Climate science & impacts; Mitigation; Adaptation)

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-16:00 Parallel conference sessions (Climate science & impacts; Mitigation; Adaptation)

(Mitigation will focus on energy, habitat, transport, and forestry; adaptation will include water; agriculture; and disaster risk management)

16:00-16:30 *Tea Break*

16:30-18:00 Panel discussion: Development and Climate Change

19:00-21:00 *Conference Dinner*

Day 2 (March 6)

- 9:00-11:00 Parallel conference sessions on domestic and international policy issues (Financing; Equity and burden-sharing; Technology transfer; Linking local and global)
- 11:00-11:30 *Tea Break*
- 11:30-13:00 Panel discussion on cross-cutting themes
(Knowledge-policy interface; Capacity building; National vs. global imperatives; Role of academic institutions and NGOs)
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-16:00 Panel discussion on key national and international policy issues after Copenhagen
- 16:00-16:30 *Tea Break*
- 16:30-18:00 Conference wrap-up: Science, policy, and action research needs for meeting climate challenges and future steps
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