



Fact Sheet

About the conference

"Climate 2009" is a conference concerned with climate change held exclusively on the internet. The experiences from last year's web-conference "Climate 2008" have shown that climate-friendly online research conferences generate a great deal of interest. The organisers recorded more than one million page impressions and participants from 162 countries.

Aims of the conference

The conference introduces participants to the latest findings of scientific research on climate change and showcases projects and initiatives being undertaken in both industrialised and developing countries. "Climate 2009" focuses on the economic, social and political aspects of climate change; it aims at stimulating the discussion about challenges and chances related to this topic and will encourage networking among participants in order to catalyse new projects.

Participants of "Climate 2009"

Participating in the conference is free of charge. "Climate 2009" is of special interest to researchers and academics, companies, social institutions, NGOs and associations, government organisations as well as schools and the interested public.

Opening of the conference

The climate conference will be held from 2nd to 6th November 2009. "Climate 2009" will be opened with guests and renowned experts from the scientific, business and political community and will take place in Hamburg's chamber of commerce.

Course of the conference

Papers can be submitted until 30 April 2009. All submissions to "Climate 2009" will be subject to a strict vetting procedure to ensure their thematic relevance, scope and degree of replication elsewhere. After the start of the conference on 2nd November, papers can be viewed, directly commented and discussed in public. Photos and graphs illustrate the papers. Moreover, "Climate 2009" offers several exciting features, such as podcasts, in which scientists present their papers. Special discussion fora



and chat rooms will provide direct interaction with the participating scientists. Video-clips from the patrons and chair of the conference will also be uploaded.

Conference languages

The conference will be held in English and in German.

Conference chair

The Research and Transfer Centre "Applications of Life Sciences" of the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences was established in August 2007 and is headed by Professor Walter Leal. As a research and development institute, the centre offers local, national and international project-related approaches to solving problems primarily in the field of Life Sciences (including biotechnology, medical engineering, pharmacology and environmental protection technology) as well as superordinate topics such as energy, climate protection and sustainability.

Partners of "Climate 2009"

Among the patrons of the conference is the secretary general of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), Dr. Michel Jarraud. Renowned partners of "Climate 2009" are the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the German Association for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Further partners are constantly added. Daimler and KlimaINVEST are premium partners of the conference.

Climate-neutral conference

As in 2008, the conference is labelled "climate-neutral". CO₂ emissions produced by personal computers during the online climate conference will be compensated by our conference partner KlimaINVEST. To guarantee a climate-neutral conference week, a wind energy park in Turkey is being financed according to the acknowledged WWF Gold Standard. Apart from this, the web-conference's server is powered by 100 percent ecologically produced energy (hydropower). Our partner is web-host company Strato AG.

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