Lost in Translation: Linking Climate Science to Local Communities

Prioritizing Research & Communication Needs at the Local Scale in Maryland & the Chesapeake Bay

Monday, April 23, 2012

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Marriott Inn & Conference Center • Room 1105 • University of Maryland University College 3501 University Drive E Hyattsville, MD 20783; (301) 985-7385

AGENDA

Key Objectives:

- An exchange on experiences, efforts, ideas, and best practices focused on climate change research and community adaptation
- Identify roles that researchers have in climate change adaptation
- Update on Maryland's Climate Change Needs Assessment
- Discuss community engagement and research challenges
- Collaborate on effective climate change communication strategies

8:30	Breakfast and Networking (Icebreaker)
9:00	Welcome and Meeting Overview Vicky Carrasco, Coastal Communities Specialist, University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension University Welcomes Dr. Dr. Patrick G. O'Shea, Vice President of Research, University of Maryland Dr. Cheng-i Wei, Dean & Director, Agricultural Experiment Station & University of Maryland Extension, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
9:15	Big Pictures Moderator: Sadie Drescher, Watershed Planner, Center for Watershed Protection 1. Science now and in the future - Dr. Tony Busalacchi, Director, Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center (ESSIC) 2. What we need to know: Climate change in Maryland and The Bay - Dr. Don Boesch, President, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) 3. What the network of professionals in MD looks like - Zoë Johnson, Program Manager, Office for Sustainable Future, Maryland Department of Natural Resource (MD DNR)
10:00	Panel 1: Communities and MD Climate Change Needs Assessment Moderator: Dan Nees, Senior Research Associate, UMD Environmental Finance Center Panelists: Vicky Carrasco (Sea Grant/UMD), Jeff Allenby (Coastal Communities Planner, MD DNR and UMD Center for Environmental Science), Maia Davis (Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)), Ken Hranicky (Department of Planning, City of Baltimore), and John McCoy (Columbia Association)
11:00	Roundtable Groups Discussion – Community Needs
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1:00	Group Report Outs
1:30	Panel 2: Climate Change Science and Communication Moderator: Dr. Victoria Coles, Research Associate Professor, University of Maryland for Environmental Science Horn Point Laboratory (UMCES) Panelists: Dr. Michael Paolisso (Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Maryland College Park), Dr. Victoria Chanse (Assistant Professor, University of Maryland College Park), and Dr. Poornima Madhavan (Assistant Professor, Old Dominion University)
2:45	Break
3:00	Group Discussion: Past, Present and Future (Future application and translation) Marcus Griswold (Program Coordinator, DNR/UMCES), Kevin Sellner (Director, Chesapeake Research Consortium) and Audience Participants - Overview of the day -Role of science and what organizations are doing to help communication -Bridging gap between communities and researchers -Action items
3:45	Summary, Next Steps and Forum II

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