



Press Release

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## APEC Climate Symposium Hosted by UHM International Pacific Research Center

As part of the 2011 APEC activities in Honolulu, the APEC Climate Center is holding its Annual Symposium at the Keoni Auditorium, East-West Center, from October 17 through 20. Local host for the symposium is the International Pacific Research Center (IPRC), the climate center at the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Over 50 climate scientists from around the Pacific Rim, including scientists from the IPRC and the UHM Department of Meteorology, will present their current knowledge on such concerns as natural climate swings, the climate change we can expect over this century due to global warming, the accuracy of short-term and long-term climate predictions; the impact of climate change on agriculture, water resource management, and climate and energy.



The Opening Ceremony will take place from 9:00 to 9:20 am, October 17, with remarks by Hawaii Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz, Director of the APEC Climate Center Dr. Chin-Seung Chung, Dean of UHM's School of Ocean & Earth Science & Technology Brian Taylor, and IPRC Director Kevin Hamilton.

Keynote speeches are as follows: Rosina Bierbaum (Dean of University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment) *Adaptation to Climate Change: A Rich and Timely Agenda*; Jagadish Shukla (GMU, IGES/USA) *Prospects for Continental Scale Decadal Prediction*; In-Sik Kang (SNU/Korea) *Attempts of Cloud Microphysics in a GCM*; Bin Wang (IPRC/UHM/USA) *The Pulse of the Western North Pacific Subtropical High*; Neil Plummer (BOM/Australia) *Engaging Decision-makers in Climate Predictions for Agriculture, Water Resource Management and Energy*.

The media and the public are welcome to attend the first 3 days. The program is available at <http://iprc.soest.hawaii.edu/meetings/workshops.php>. If any media wish to set up interviews with presenters at the symposium, please contact:

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The International Pacific Research Center (IPRC) at the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, is a climate research center founded to gain greater understanding of the climate system and the nature and causes of climate variation in the Asia-Pacific region and how global climate changes may affect the region. Established under the "U.S.-Japan Common Agenda for Cooperation in Global Perspective" in October 1997, the IPRC is a collaborative effort between agencies in Japan and the United States.

