Climate Central is partnering with the Association of Climate Change Officers to plan the 2015 Rising Seas Summit. This program is the premier national conference facilitating the exchange of best practices and cutting edge solutions related to sea level rise. A <u>call for abstracts</u> for the Summit has been announced (below) and <u>early bird registration</u> is now open.

Reference promotional code **Partners-Discount-CC** when prompted for a 20% discount on the published rates.





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Call for Abstracts Announced for the 2015 Rising Seas Summit Renowned Climate Scientist Michael Mann Announced as the 1st Speaker

Call for Abstracts

The Rising Seas Summit steering committee is seeking suggested speakers, subject matter and session types that will address key themes and issues related to sea level rise. Abstract submitters are encouraged to propose post-conference workshops, roundtable discussions, breakout panels, plenary sessions and individual (or keynote) speakers.

> Abstract Submission Deadline: July 7, 2015

> <u>Click here to submit an abstract</u> (preview the <u>survey questions</u>)

Themes upon which this year's Summit will focus include:

- > Governance structures and public-private partnerships
- > Engaging the c-suite
- > Lessons learned in recovering from flood events
- > Community organizing
- > Economic development
- > Public health implications of sea level rise
- > Addressing adaptation and resilience in different classes of infrastructure and the build environment
- > Policy challenges, opportunities and dialogues
- > Innovative technology solutions

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Early bird registration is open through July 31.

Early Bird Rates:

- > General: \$550
- > Academia/NGOs/Gov't: \$375
- > Student: \$225

Additional details published at: <u>www.RisingSeasSummit.org</u>



- > Private sector engagement
- > Financing implementation strategies and leveraging market-based approaches

All speaker recommendations should be recognized subject matter experts and possess strong public speaking skills. Contact information and bios will be required for all suggested presenters.

About the Rising Seas Summit

The 2015 Rising Seas Summit will bring professionals together to advance capacity in responding to sea level rise and highlight innovative strategies for adaptive planning. Last year's marquee event held during Climate Week New York was attended by nearly 300 professionals across sectors. As the recent findings related to the Antarctic ice shelves cast clearer light on rates of sea level rise, the coastal ecosystems and inland water systems are at even greater risk, and the recent catastrophic impacts from hurricanes and typhoons have made the need to plan for adaptation a clear and present necessity. These emerging and increasing environmental challenges require that stakeholders share knowledge and work together to reduce and mitigate environmental, economic and social degradation induced by climate change.

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