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## **SILC Opening and Design Event**

Location: NE corner 2nd Floor, SEEC Building, (CU-Boulder east campus)

Please join us for the kick-off and design event for SILC - the newly created Sustainability Innovation Lab at Colorado - on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, students from the Environmental Design senior studio design seminar will be working with professionals from the Boulder community to create a design the SILC space. This event will be the first step in this student-driven design activity.

Please feel free to attend any or all of the sessions listed below.

The SILC kick-off will begin at 4pm.

# **Agenda**

### 3-4 pm: Introduction to Future Earth

Joshua Tewksbury, Future Earth's US Global Hub Director, will discuss current initiatives within Future Earth and talk about how to get involved in this exciting initiative. Future Earth is a major international research platform providing the knowledge and support to accelerate our transformations to a sustainable world.

## 4-5 pm: An introduction to SILC and its tenants.

The motivation behind SILC and an introduction to the programming and initiatives that will be part of this new center. We'll also talk about how to get involved. Presentations from CU-Boulder administrators and faculty and SILC partners.

The event will highlight new SILC initiatives including an undergraduate fellows program, new opportunities for public and private sector collaboration, and a partnership with a new technology start up accelerator focused on market solutions for the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

### 5-6 pm: Designing SILC

Group discussion and brainstorming on how to design a truly unique space on the CU campus.

#### 6 pm -: Informal Gathering at Fate Brewing Company (1600 38th St., Boulder)

Following the events in SILC, all are invited to informally reconvene for further conversations at nearby Fate Brewing.

The Sustainability Innovation Lab at Colorado (SILC) is a space at CU-Boulder to co-design and develop the knowledge, capacity and technology to create a more sustainable world. SILC provides both programming and a unique university co-working environment to bring together the private and not-for-profit sectors to solve problems in sustainability. SILC is founded on the premise that the most persistent and challenging global problems can be solved through new partnerships linking education, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Any questions, please contact Ben Webster (ben.webster@colorado.edu) or Jason Neff (neffjc@colorado.edu)