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### Registration Fee

Early-bird: USD 200 until 31 May 2015  
Regular: USD 250

### Key Dates

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# Regional Forum on Climate Change (RFCC)

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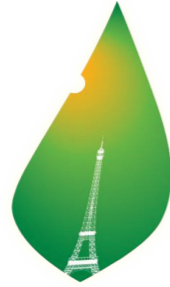


## OVERVIEW

Climate change is happening now and is having real consequences on people's lives. Rethinking our global development model, based on sound sustainability science principles, is an absolute necessity given that scientists are convinced that mankind has caused most of the warming that has occurred over the last 60 years.

This year, France will host the **United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 21)**, whose main purpose will be the conclusion of a new international climate agreement, applicable to all countries after 2020. However, as was evident in the Warsaw Conference (COP 19), arriving at consensual agreements is easier said than done. There is a need for a broader framework of dialogue among the vast array of stakeholders - scientists, civil societies, governments, private sector - to unearth shared understanding of relevant issues, which would then lay the foundation for more meaningful global level talks between countries.

The **Regional Forum on Climate Change (RFCC) - Low Carbon and Climate Resilient Societies: Bridging Science, Practice, and Policy** strives to enhance this channel of communication among the gamut of stakeholders, primarily among ASEAN countries.



### OBJECTIVES:

- Create a platform for engaging a variety of stakeholders from the ASEAN region on climate change related agenda in order to ease the translation of science into practice and policy.
- Allow negotiators, policy makers, and high-level advisers from ASEAN to benefit from the results of contemporary scientific research to carve climate change-related policies in the long term, as well as to offer ASEAN negotiators a venue to build positions of increased ambition prior to the COP 21.

### TARGET DELEGATES:

- Scientists and practitioners
- Civil societies
- NGOs / INGOs
- Public and private sectors
- ASEAN policy makers and scientific advisers

## PROGRAMME

The three-day Forum invites papers in both climate change mitigation and adaptation sectors. These papers shall present topics based on three broad categories:

- Contemporary scientific research on climate change related topics (Category A)
- On-the-ground evidence (case studies) of climate change mitigation and adaptation endeavors (Category B)
- Current and proposed national (or regional and international) policy initiatives (Category C)

Selected papers will be invited to make presentations in parallel sessions.



## SPECIAL CONTENTS

### A SCIENCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

In order to enhance long term scientific cooperation among the Forum partners, a Call for Proposals will be at the end of the Forum. It will fund scientific projects led by multinational teams (at least one researcher from AIT, one researcher from a French research unit, and one researcher from an ASEAN research unit) on topics linked to the thematic areas of the Forum.

### B ASEAN WORKING GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE (AWGCC)

ASEAN policy makers and scientific advisers will meet in closed sessions to discuss their positions, concerns, and prospects for COP21.

### C ASEAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM (ASP)

Selected scholars will be awarded a grant, through an open call, to visit AIT for 2 months to develop a relevant position paper, detailing the science, practice, and policy implications in ASEAN in the context of climate change. The target group will be young scientists/researchers/practitioners, supervised by experts at AIT and the other partners. They will present their work during the Forum plenary sessions as well as to the AWGCC to serve as a decision support tool for ASEAN policy makers in deciding upon their individual stands prior to COP 21.

### D COP21 MEDIA TRAINING

Ten (one from each ASEAN member state) young professionals and civil society candidates from the media community, ranging from bloggers to newspapers editors, will be selected to be trained to report on COP21 and climate change during the Forum. Training will be provided by French Regional Attachés for Audiovisual Cooperation. The best candidates will be selected to report on the COP21 in Paris in December 2014. CFI, the French operator for media cooperation, will finance their trip and provide training in Paris.

### E SIDE EVENTS AND EXHIBITION BOOTHS

The Forum will include a number of side events and exhibition booths hosted by leading national and international organizations, to address and promote relevant climate change agenda in a different setting.

## CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

Submitted abstracts are expected to fall under one of the following themes and sub-themes, in either climate change mitigation or adaptation (or both) disciplines. However, research work that addresses other relevant areas of climate change is also welcome. The RFCC recognizes that climate change will impact all sectors and encourages submissions from these diverse spectrum of sectors, which include but is not limited to: agriculture, biodiversity, business, communication, disasters, energy, ecosystems, education, forestry, health, industry, infrastructure, tourism, transportation, waste, and water.

### KEY CLIMATE SCIENCE

- Carbon cycle
- Climate prediction and modeling
- Climate change impact assessments in divergent sectors and ecosystems
- Greenhouse gases monitoring
- Carbon capture and storage

### CLIMATE AND DISASTERS

- Climate risk management
- Climate resilient cities
- Forecasting and monitoring tools
- Risk information platforms
- Corrective and compensatory risk management

### GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

- Climate change response policy
- Mainstreaming climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Behavior of citizens and low-carbon society (awareness, education, and communication)
- Community engagement
- Regional development and cooperation
- Multilateral environmental agreements

### CLIMATE FINANCING AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

- Corporate social and environmental responsibility
- Climate change economics
- Financing mechanisms
- Carbon management and trading
- Green technologies and eco-businesses

### CROSS-CUTTING STUDIES

- Water, energy, and food nexus (including climate change implications)
- Climate databases
- Geoinformatics for climate change
- Gender and climate change
- Knowledge and communication platforms
- Technology transfer
- Health and climate change
- Biodiversity and climate change

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DETAILS

The template for the extended abstracts could be downloaded at:

<http://www.rfcc2015.ait.asia/Abstracts>

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