

South Central Climate Resilience Forum 2024

Call for Presentations



From heat waves to snowpocalypse, communities across the South-Central U.S. experience challenges related to climate variability and change, including but not limited to sea level rise, extreme heat and cold, wildfire, drought, and floods. These events exacerbate the existing stressors that communities face and are already having lasting and significant impacts on communities throughout the region. Increasing resilience strengthens the ability of our communities and states to prepare for, withstand, recover from, and adapt to whatever climate shocks and stresses the future holds.

ABOUT THE FORUM

The inaugural South Central Climate Resilience Forum will take place April 2-4, 2024, at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas in Dallas, TX. It will foster meaningful dialogue and action on equitable climate resilience and adaptation. The Forum will bring together representatives from non-profit organizations, all levels of government, community groups, the private sector, and academia from Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. The goals of the event are to improve understanding of the climate-related challenges facing the region and increase awareness of work being done to enhance the resilience of the region. The program will include presentations, symposiums, and workshops on resources, research, tools, knowledge, and experiences relating to climate resilience and will provide opportunities for information exchange and network-building. Join us to share your work and build a more connected and more resilient region.

The initial planning for the Forum is being supported by the NOAA CAP/RISA Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program, Adaptation International, the City of Dallas, the USGS South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the City

of Austin, the USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub, and the NOAA Southern Regional Climate Center.

FOCUS AREAS

The Planning Committee invites submissions for 15-minute presentations or 90-minute symposiums or workshops. Please note that individual (15-minute) presentations will be grouped together by the Planning Committee into sessions. Submissions for 90-minute symposiums can include a panel discussion or a presentation-style format, each with 4-6 speakers or presentations relevant to the symposium topic. Submissions are encouraged to address one or more of the topics listed below, but this list is designed to inspire, not constrain. Creative and relevant submissions can address any aspect of climate resilience.

1. The Latest in State/Regional Climate Science and Trends

The state of the art in climate science, modeling, and data analysis including historical and/or projected trends for one or more climate-related hazards (e.g, extreme rainfall, drought, saltwater intrusion, sea level rise, severe storms, wildfires, etc.), extreme event attribution, climate data tools, and other related climate science topics.

2. Resilience and Adaptation Actions and Solutions

- a. **Sectors:** Agriculture; Air Quality; Ecology and Habitat; Emergency Management; Energy; Grey and Green Infrastructure; Human Health; Insurance; Mitigation Policy; Planning; Sustainable Food Production; Transportation; and Water Quality and Availability.
- b. **Cross-Sector Tools and Approaches:** Coalition Building; Community Engagement; Effective Communication; Funding and Finance; Inclusive Planning and Development; Interactive Tools; Practitioner-Scientist Partnerships; Public Policies; and/or Advocacy that Supports Action.
- c. **Special Topics:** Climate Displacement, Migration, and/or Gentrification; Climate Justice and Equity; Communities of Color; Costliest Hazard(s); Gulf Coast Adaptation; Economic Resilience; National Climate Assessment; Recovery and Resilience to Extreme Weather or Climate (e.g., drought, hurricanes, floods); Resilience Hubs; Small or Rural Community Resilience.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

The submission form is ***open now and will close at 11:59pm CT on December 1, 2023.*** Submissions should: identify speaker(s) and affiliations and describe the topic area of your presentation, symposium, or workshop (250 words or fewer). For all submissions, but particularly symposiums and workshops, include how the session will be interactive or encourage audience participation. See the presentation submission form for more details: <https://forms.gle/hRrKz3PLihQHQUu17>.

TIMELINE

- October 12, 2023 – Open Call for Presentations
- December 1, 2023 – Close Call for Presentations
- December 1, 2023 – Early bird registration opens
- December 4, 2023 – Planning Committee begins reviewing submissions
- Mid January 2024 – Abstract acceptance notifications
- January 31, 2024 – Early bird registration closes
- Early February 2024 – Forum agenda posted online
- April 2-4, 2024 – Forum

REVIEW CRITERIA

The Planning Committee is looking to highlight a diverse set of perspectives and topic areas.

The Committee will review submissions with the criteria below in mind:

- **Clarity and Topical Relevance** – The submission clearly articulates the topic area(s) and relevance to enhancing climate resilience in the region.
- **Practice and Practical Value** – Submissions that highlight or relate to real world examples, existing projects, or learning from experience are preferred.
- **Equity and Diversity** – The Committee will seek to include submissions from a diversity of speakers, perspectives, and organizational affiliations, including frontline communities.
- **Active Learning** – Preference will be given to submissions that include audience participation, engagement, and collaborative exploration of the relevant topics.

MORE INFO ABOUT THE SOUTH CENTRAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE FORUM

The South Central Climate Resilience Forum is patterned after other regional adaptation forums that have taken place. The regional adaptation forums grew out of the National Adaptation Forum (www.nationaladaptationforum.org) which began in 2013. The April 2024 Forum will be the inaugural event for the south-central U.S. Visit www.sccrf.org for more details.

Questions about your submission? Contact us at sccrfinfo@gmail.com.