Climate Resilience Summit

Call for Presentations

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Purpose

The 2018 Climate Resilience Summit in Seattle, WA will identify strategies and catalyze action for a cross-sectoral, inclusive movement to advance climate resilience in the Pacific Northwest.

An Overview

The movement to build our climate resilience has powerful implications for the future of our region – from how we deal with the increasing threats of climate disruption to how we, as a community, not only recover but prepare to thrive in the face of climate change.

Sustainable Seattle will convene the third in a series of conferences under the banner of our Pacific Northwest Resilience Challenge this coming January – the 2018 Climate Resilience Summit. We invite you to join us as we examine the unique challenges, as well as opportunities, of preparing for and responding to the impacts of climate change.

Climate resilience is often defined as the ability for communities, businesses, institutions, and ecosystems to bounce back from extreme events and withstand the long-term impacts of climate change. In contrast, we think of climate resilience as bouncing forward to tackle the root causes of the climate crisis while creating more equitable, just, and thriving communities. This conference will focus on issues of equity and how we can best support communities on the front lines of climate disruption. We invite you to join us and to submit a proposal for a presentation, workshop or panel you would like to bring to Seattle's 2018 Climate Resilience Summit.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 PM on October 10, 2018. Please see details below.
**Presentation Topics**

We seek presenters and workshop or panel facilitators to share leading-edge ideas, inspire enlightening discussions, and convey the importance of racial, social, and economic equity as we build strategies and systems for mitigation and adaptation to prepare for climate change. Major themes have been selected by the 2018 Resilience Summit Planning Committee* based on recommendations from past events and their current relevance to building climate resilience.

The 2018 Climate Resilience Summit Planning Committee* will review submissions and select the best fit for summit speakers and presentation themes.

For 2018, the conference themes include:

1. **Urban Planning / Housing / Gentrification**: What role does the region play in managing the gentrification of urban centers? How is the planning for vital services responding to the dispersal of poverty from the urban core? How can we build vibrant communities?
2. **Human Health**: As the world warms, how is it impacting human health across income groups? Who is disproportionately affected and how? What strategic and innovative interventions are being deployed to help protect our health?
3. **Food Systems**: How is our food system impacted by climate change? What are the implications of these impacts? Do these impacts vary in different communities?
4. **Energy and Water Systems**: What major changes will climate change force upon our water and energy supply? How do these changes impact air or water quality? What changes can we anticipate from municipalities, businesses, and individuals?
5. **Investment and Financial Systems**: How have our current financial systems reinforced our dependence on fossil fuels? How can we provide insurance against climate impacts? What opportunities are there for small businesses to lead in climate resilience?
6. **Transportation**: How does Seattle compare with other major cities in carbon emissions from its transportation sector? How is the regional transportation plan responding to the gentrification of city centers and the dispersal of urban poverty into the suburbs?

**General Information**

1. **Please submit any questions about this RFP by email, no later than September 15, 2017 to:**

   Nancy Huizar, Program Manager
   nancy@sustainableseattle.org

2. All qualified persons (including academics, business representatives, community organizers, public agency staff, etc) are encouraged to submit proposals. Sustainable Seattle does not discriminate against individuals because of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, familial status, or national origin.

3. Conference sessions and workshops are available as follows. Applicants may submit proposals for any or all the session types requested, as a package, or separately.

   - **Concurrent breakout session**: one hour (1.0) in length with intended audience of 45 conference attendees (interactive sessions highly recommended; may be presented by an individual or group)
General session keynote address: one hour and fifteen minutes (1.25 hours) in length with intended audience of 250 conference attendees.

Written proposals are due by email no later than 5:00PM on October 10, 2018.

Proposals should be submitted to nancy@sustainableseattle.org using the subject line: “Proposal for 2018 Climate Resilience Conference.”

What we want from you

Your input and your time is highly valued. Your presentation proposal will be carefully considered by our 2018 Resilience Summit Planning Committee.* Please provide the following information in your submission:

1. A presentation summary (500 words) that highlights:
   - Why this topic is essential knowledge for climate resilience
   - Top three takeaways
   - Your plan for eliciting audience participation and discussion
   - Your organization’s pathways for equity
   - What makes your treatment of this topic unique
   - How you gained your expertise on this subject
   - How you plan to engage the audience

2. Presentation Outline (DVD, PPT or Web Link)

3. 100-Word biography of the lead presenter or facilitator

4. Names, phone number, and email address for two references who can speak to your experience, knowledge and skills in your areas of expertise

The most competitive proposals will be presentations or discussions that:
   - Closely align with our 2018 program themes
   - Clearly address and focus on issues of equity in climate resilience
   - Speak to programs or initiatives that have been successfully implemented
   - Clearly describe how your involvement in the presentation topic made a significant impact (testimonials encouraged)

Individuals whose presentation proposals are accepted will be expected to:

   - Coordinate with Sustainable Seattle staff regarding any special equipment needs
   - Promote your presentation and the conference on your organization’s website and via social media

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL BY OCTOBER 10TH TO: Nancy@sustainableseattle.org with the subject line “Proposal for 2018 Climate Resilience Conference Presentation.”
PRESENTER BENEFITS

- Complementary registration for lead presenters/facilitators (additional registrations at a discount; limited scholarships also available)
- Promotion of your presentation/workshop/panel to prospective conference attendees
- Exposure to extensive network of business, government, academic, and non-profit resilience leaders and organizers

KEY CONFERENCE DEADLINES

- **October 10th** - Proposals due no later than 5:00PM
- **October 31st** - Conference presentations finalized & selected presenters notified
- **November 13th** - Online registration for 2018 Climate Resilience Summit opens
- **November 30th** - Conference session titles and descriptions finalized; full presentations and associated handouts due to Nancy Huizar, Program Manager at Sustainable Seattle

* 2018 Climate Resilience Summit Planning Committee*

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