Adaptation Futures 2023: Global Conference on Climate Change Adaptation in Montreal

Montreal, September 26, 2023 - Ouranos, in partnership with the Government of Canada, the Government of Quebec, the City of Montreal, and the World Adaptation Scientific Program (WASP), one of the four components of the World Climate Program, invites media representatives to attend the 7th edition of Adaptation Futures, a major world conference taking place from October 2 to 6, 2023, at the Palais des congrès in Montréal, Canada. In response to the growing and unmistakable effects of climate change, over 1,500 experts and government representatives from the international, Canadian, and Quebecois climate adaptation communities are set to convene for the five-day conference. Their goal is to provide an updated assessment of the current landscape of adaptation challenges and opportunities. During the conference, announcements and commitments are expected.

Media representatives are invited to attend all conference sessions, parallel activities, field visits, and workshops, which will address topics such as finance, energy, education, nature-based solutions, equity and justice, agri-food, as well as local and traditional knowledge. To view the full program of 180 scientific sessions, click here.

To confirm your participation (virtually or in person), please fill out the media accreditation form: https://adaptationfutures.com/en/media-en/

Accredited media will have full access to the entire conference as well as parallel events. A working and briefing room will be available to media representatives, with the possibility of organizing meetings, interviews, and briefings according to their specific needs.

Spokespersons will be available for interviews before and during the conference. For interview requests, please contact Alexander Walsh: 514-601-2073, <u>awalsh@copticom.ca</u>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

WHAT: 7th edition of Adaptation Futures, a global summit featuring over 1,500 experts from the climate change adaptation community sharing their knowledge on adaptation challenges and solutions.

WHEN: From Monday, October 2 to Friday, October 6, 2023

- Media access from October 3 to 6: 8:00 AM
- Opening plenary: Tuesday, October 3 from 8:30 to 10:30 AM

WHERE: Palais des congrès de Montréal, 1001 Pl. Jean-Paul-Riopelle, Montreal, QC H2Z 1H5.

WHO: Alain Bourque, Executive Director of Ouranos; Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada; Benoit Charette, Minister of Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks of the Government of Quebec; Valérie Plante, Mayor of the City of

Montreal; experts and representatives from the Government of Canada, the Government of Quebec, and the City of Montreal; representatives of Indigenous communities at regional, national, and international levels; global scientists and experts in climate adaptation.

Adaptation Futures 2023 Partner Organizers

The partner organizers of the AF2023 conference are Ouranos, in partnership with the Government of Canada, the Government of Quebec, the City of Montreal, the World Adaptation Science Program (WASP), one of the four components of the Global Climate Program, Adaptation Fund, Desjardins, the International Development Research Centre, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, WSP, the Union of Quebec Municipalities, Intact, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, LOJIQ, Tourisme Montreal, Hydro-Quebec, the Port of Montreal, the International Institute for Sustainable Development, the Union of Agricultural Producers, McGill University, the Canada Climate Institute, the Urban Climate Change Research Network, ArcticNet, MDDPI, Finance Montreal, and ONEKA.

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About Adaptation Futures

The Adaptation Futures conference series is the premier international conference dedicated entirely to climate change adaptation, bringing together researchers, decision-makers, practitioners, industry representatives, and communicators to present their adaptation work, learn from others, and build networks. The conference offers a unique opportunity to share expertise, skills, and experiences within an active adaptation network. This conference is the flagship event of WASP, one of the four components of the Global Climate Program. <u>https://adaptationfutures.com/en/</u>

About Ouranos

Established in 2001, Ouranos was born from the shared vision of the Government of Quebec, Hydro-Quebec, and Environment Canada, with financial support from Valorisation-Recherche-Quebec. Comprising a network of around 450 scientists and professionals from various disciplines, the consortium focuses on climate science and vulnerabilities, impacts, and adaptation. It aims to acquire and develop knowledge about climate change and its impacts as well as socioeconomic and environmental vulnerabilities, in order to inform decision-makers about climate change trends and advise them on identifying, evaluating, promoting, and implementing local and regional adaptation strategies. <u>https://www.ouranos.ca/en</u>

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