

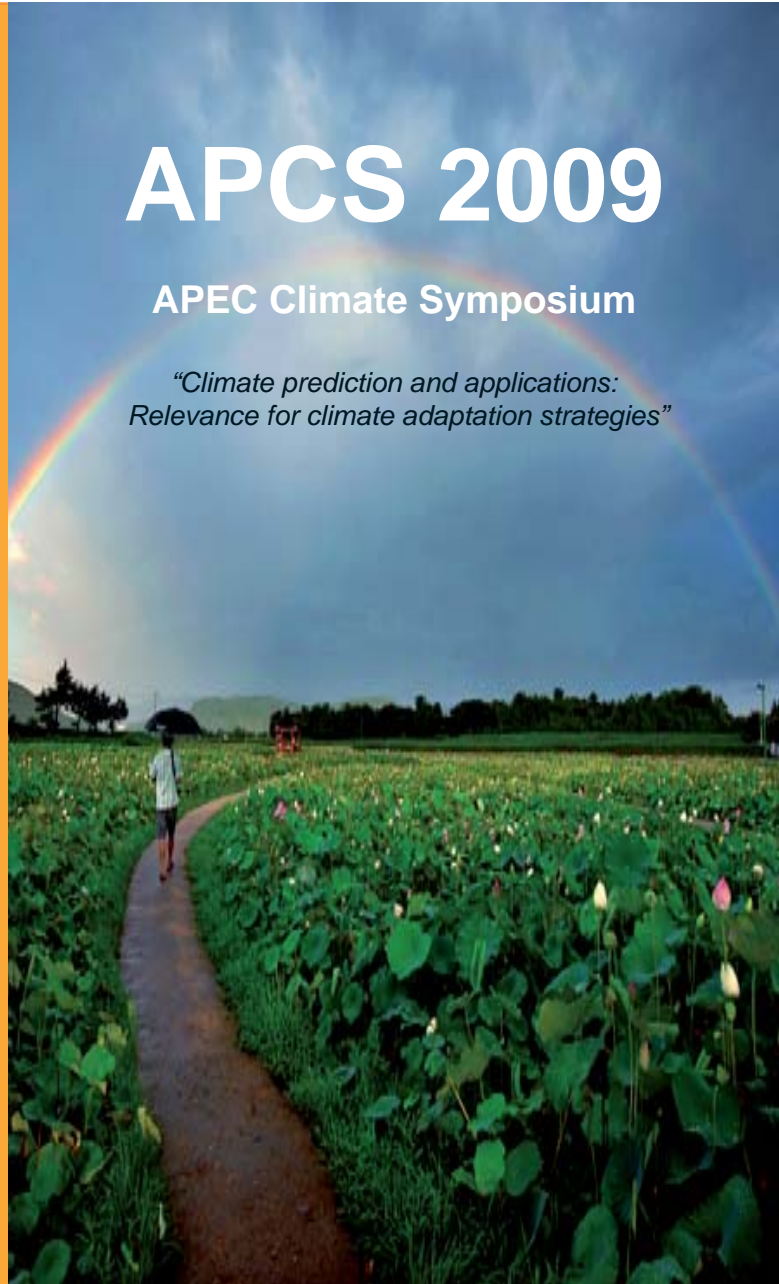
APCS 2009

APEC Climate Symposium

*"Climate prediction and applications:
Relevance for climate adaptation strategies"*



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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

SINGAPORE, 12-15 JULY, 2009

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Date

12-15, July, 2009

Venue

Quality Hotel Singapore (www.qualityhotel.com.sg)
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Local Host for APCS 2009

National Environment Agency (NEA), Singapore

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Theme

“Climate prediction and applications: Relevance for climate adaptation strategies”

The theme of APCS 2009 is “Climate prediction and applications: Relevance for climate adaptation strategies”, of which the emergency preparedness on extreme weather and climate events is an integral part. The theme is also consistent with APCC’s thrust in 2009 to build infrastructure that will extend climate applications toward adaptation to climate variability and climate change for APEC Member Economies. In addition, the conference is consistent with the theme of the WMO sponsored World Climate Conference -3 entitled “Climate prediction and information for decision-making” to be held in Geneva from 31 August – 4 September 2009, and will provide inputs from member nations in APEC region, particularly in southeast-Asian countries and ASEAN.

Program Structure

APCS 2009 will be held with the following major programs:

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Pre-Symposium(12th, July)		Working Group Committee Meeting
Day 1(13th, July)	Symposium (3 Separate sessions)	
Day 2(14th, July)	Symposium(1 Separate Session)	-Plenary Session -Field Excursion
Day 3(15th, July)	Science Advisory Committee Meeting + Tutorial Session (parallel session)	



Organizing Committee (Tentative)

- Quinton Devlin, Co-Chair of TFEP, Director, APEC Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
 - Michael H. Glantz, Director, CCB(Consortium for Capacity Building), University of Colorado, USA
 - In Sik Kang, Director, Climate Environment System Research Center, SNU, Korea
 - W. J. Lee, Executive Director, APCC, Korea(Vice Chair)
 - Foong Chee Leong, Director-General, Meteorological Services Division, NEA, Singapore (Chair)
 - Wilar G. Molina, Executive President, SENAMHI, Peru
- ☞ More members will join the Organizing Committee of APCS 2009 and the list of membership will be further updated in our 2nd Announcement.

Pre-Symposium: Working Group Meeting

The Working Group Meeting will be held separately on the day before the Symposium to review and update the future plan for collaboration toward regional adaptation to climate change. The agenda and reference material will be developed by the Working Group in coordination with APEC Climate Center and distributed to WG members at least two weeks before the Symposium by Email.

Main Event: 2-Day Symposium

The Symposium programs will be designed to facilitate the following purposes.

- To share latest knowledge and expertise on climate prediction mainly focused on seasonal scale, and also relevant applications.
- To facilitate regional cooperation in developing climate prediction science and technology.
- To derive effective ways to share the advanced climate information for the benefit of all members.
- Policy implication to WCC-3 and APEC high officials addressing the regional cooperation for adaptation for climate variability and change

Field Excursion

Participants will enjoy Field Excursion to MSD, generously sponsored by the local host, NEA.



Science Advisory Committee Meeting

The Science Advisory Committee Meeting will be held separately in parallel with the Tutorial Session. The SAC meeting will be a closed one, open for only the SAC Members. The agenda and reference material will be developed by the SAC and distributed to members at least two weeks before the Symposium by Email.

Tutorial Session

The tutorial session will focus on building applications for climate impact adaptation. This session is designed to build expertise in applying forecast data sets to regional issues through appropriate downscaling tools, thereby contributing to improved capacity building in APEC economies, which is one of APEC Climate Center's major missions from its inception. Attention will be also drawn to the potential use of sharing climate prediction information with various stakeholders including disaster management planners.

Host Country Information: Singapore

Accommodation – Quality Hotel

(Further information can be found at <http://www.qualityhotel.com.sg>)



Rooms are equipped with modern comforts for today's travelers such as individually controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, private bath with shower, color television, complimentary tea and coffee making facilities, refrigerator and International Direct Dial telephone.

Public Transportation

Traveling in Singapore is both easy and economical. There is an efficient public transportation network, which offers taxis, buses, and the modern Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) rail system. Our venue, Quality Hotel Singapore is set in a unique landscape mix of the metropolitan and local life. The central location of Quality Hotel Singapore ensures that everywhere on this small island is within quick, easy and convenient access. It is conveniently located within 15 minutes of Suntec City and the CBD, and accessible within 20 minutes to Singapore Expo and Changi International Airport. In addition to convenient public transport, the hotel provides complimentary shuttle services to Orchard Road and Novena MRT Station. Public buses plying by are 124, 125, 130, 139 & 145.



Airport

Singapore's modern Changi International Airport is vast, efficient, and organized. There are two terminals: Terminal 1 and the newer Terminal 2. The Changi Skytrain, which is a monorail, shuttles between both terminals. Located on the extreme eastern end of the island, the airport is about 20km from the city center. To add on to the airport's efficiency, "airbuses" are provided to make traveling to and from the airport much easier. The airbus will take the weary traveler straight into town without any hassles and at a reasonable rate too. Quality Hotel Singapore is located within 20 minutes from the Airport.

Tour Attractions

(Further information can be found at <http://www.visitsingapore.com>)



Merlion Park & City Skyline

Located across from Fullerton Square, the Merlion (half lion, half fish) is a national icon.



Chinese Gardens

Built in the style of the Imperial Sung Dynasty and mirroring the grandeur of the Beijing Summer Palace, the aesthetic Chinese Garden features majestic bridges, pagodas, a stoneboat, a teahouse and a Suzhou-style Bonsai Garden.



Night Safari

The world's first night zoo and an award-winning attraction which features more than 1,200 animals of over 100 exotic species.



Jurong BirdPark

Located in the western part of Singapore, Jurong BirdPark is home to more than 8,000 birds, from over 600 species.



Weather

Singapore's climate is warm and humid, with temperatures ranging from 23 C to 31 C. During July-September period, the average temperature is 28 C with average rainfall of 173mm.

Currency

The currency is the Singapore dollar (S\$). Singapore uses 1c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, and S\$1 coins. Notes are in denominations of S\$2, S\$5, S\$10, S\$50, S\$100, S\$500, and S\$1,000. Money changing services are available at Changi Airport and at most banks, hotels, and shopping complexes. Approximately S\$1 = USD0.66 as of February 3, 2009.

Local Time

Singapore is 8 hours ahead from GMT.

Clothing

Loose and light summer clothing is recommended.

Electricity

Singapore's voltage is 220-240AC, 50 Hertz. Most hotels can provide a transformer to convert it to 110-120 AC, 60 Hertz.

Language

English is widely understood and is the medium of instruction in schools. The 4 official languages of Singapore are Mandarin, Malay, Tamil and English.

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