

Future Forest Ecosystem Scientific Council

Interdisciplinary Climate Change Adaptation Research for Forest and Rangeland Ecosystems

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING WORKSHOP

**April 29th, 2009
9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Best Western Richmond Inn
604 273 7878**

Workshop Purpose

The overall intention of the workshop is to support researchers, policy makers and field practitioners to collaboratively develop interdisciplinary research projects that will address ministry challenges related to adapting forest and range management practices and policies for a rapidly changing climate. It is expected that this workshop will:

1. Expand interdisciplinary involvement in research by increasing the opportunity for scientists and resource management practitioners and policy makers to build successful teams for developing and carrying out critical adaptation research.
2. Support the process of building networks around climate change interests both within the research community and between the academic community and policy makers and field practitioners/local communities.
3. Provide an orientation to the FFESC's interdisciplinary climate change adaptation research program and create a better understanding of the applications and review processes.

Workshop Schedule

The workshop will start at approximately 9:00 to accommodate participants travelling from Vancouver Island on the ferry.

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Goals

This session will provide you with:

- An overview of the FFESC's Climate Change Adaptation research program including its scope, relationship to the Ministry of Forests and Range FFEI initiative, and the respective roles of UBC, UNBC and the Ministry.
- An orientation to the application process including eligibility, parameters of research, timelines etc.
- An understanding of the applications review process (including evaluation criteria, peer review etc.)
- An introduction to concepts and issues related to interdisciplinary research teams and collaborating with resource managers and communities.
- An overview of climate change research related to forest and rangeland management that is currently underway in the province.
- An opportunity to learn about climate change adaption challenges that resource managers are concerned about and to discuss research topics and opportunities relevant to those challenges.
- An opportunity to meet, network and share ideas with other researchers who are interested in being involved on an interdisciplinary climate change research project.

Workshop Materials

Information package will be available at the workshop.

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AGENDA

8:30-9:00 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 – 9:30 **Getting Started**

- Welcome and workshop context: Tom Niemann
- Introductions: brief introduction with name, affiliation, project interests
- Purpose of the day and review agenda

9:30 – 9:50 **Overview:** Evelyn Hamilton

- FFEI, FFESC, and Climate Change Adaptation Research Program

9:50 – 10:10 **Research Gap Analysis:** Sybille Haeussler

10:10 – 10:30 **EOI Results:** Cindy Prescott

- Evaluation process
- Emerging themes

Break

10:45 – 12:15 **Building Interdisciplinary and Client-Centred Projects:** discussion groups

- Benefits and challenges
- Planning and implementation ‘wise’ practices

Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 **Exploring Adaptation Issues:** discussion groups

- Examples of management issues
- Framing the question and exploring approaches

Break

3:20 – 4:20 **Application and Proposal Review Processes:** Cindy Prescott

- Overview
- Evaluation criteria and process
- Questions and suggestions

4:20 – 4:30 **Summary and Closure**