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# **Asilomar Conference on Climate Intervention Technologies**

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Dear Colleague--

The attachment is a letter to those in the field of geoengineering who might be interested in participating in the 2010 Asilomar conference planned for March 22 (evening) through March 26 (morning). It is being released at this time for planning purposes, pending the official announcement of the conference about a month from now by the Climate Response Fund, which is handling the financing of the meeting with support from government and philanthropic entities not having a specific perspective on the conference outcome or on the conduct of the conference.

The purpose of the conference is to work toward a set of guidelines for undertaking research (particularly field research) on various geoengineering technologies. Note that it is not a meeting where there will be presentations of various technologies, though their character and nature are likely to come up, but its intent is to focus on considering the types of research that will be needed to evaluate them and guidelines for minimizing environmental risks from such research.

The conference is being organized by a Scientific Organizing Committee (SOC), the names of whom are listed in the letter. Attendance is by invitation of the SOC and the intent is to ensure international participation and that a wide range of perspectives are represented, with a total attendance that is amenable to discussion and participation. The agenda is being worked on by the SOC with the intent of encouraging a wide ranging discussion of the issues--we hope to have it available by about January 1.

There is no registration fee for attending the conference, but the cost of staying at the Asilomar Conference Center (lodging, meals, and other costs) are expected to come to roughly \$600-\$800 (depending on type of accommodation) for the four nights. Depending on the final success of fund-raising for the meeting and the funding needed to cover key participants and speakers, the SOC may have some funds to help cover this part of the expense for those likely to be able to contribute most to the discussion, but this cannot be assured at this time.

If you are interested in attending, please follow the instructions in the letter asking you to send in information needed for SOC consideration.

Please note that the conference will be conducted under the Chatham House rule (so no quoting of participants without their specific agreement)—and there will be a news (or chat or blog, etc.) embargo during the meeting so that the discussion can be open and exploratory. Under these conditions, those in the media (news, documentary, etc.) are also welcome to attend the full conference, or they may choose to wait for the press briefing to be held at the close of the meeting on March 26.

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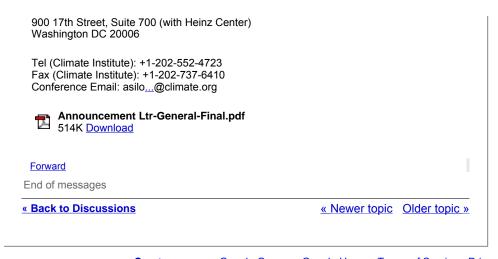
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