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## CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution of the Morris K. Udall Foundation invites you to share your knowledge at the sixth national conference ECR2010 "*Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution - Evolving to Meet New Opportunities*", May 25-27, 2010 at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Arizona. Proposals from session organizers are currently being accepted for concurrent/breakout presentations, panel sessions, facilitated roundtable discussions and training workshops. **The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, October 23, 2009.**

The ECR2010 steering and program sub-committees are interested in receiving dynamic proposals that will provide unique, interactive idea exchanges and mutual learning opportunities about the field of conflict resolution among from representatives of non-governmental organizations; businesses; tribes; and local, state and federal agencies; as well as private citizens and other parties directly involved in specific ECR processes.

More specifically, proposals focusing on various ways to enhance the success of ECR processes, through better understanding of 1) policy challenges policy-makers, agency staff and ECR practitioners will face during the next decade and the role of ECR; 2) how to better engage multiple governments, parties and affected communities; and 3) new tools and technology and their applications to the field of ECR.

Up to 40 concurrent, 90-minute, sessions will be offered on both Wednesday, May 26, 2010 and Thursday, May 27, 2010. Panels are limited to one moderator and no more than three (3) presenters. Roundtables are limited to two (2) facilitators for interactive small group breakouts or other co-learning activities among participants. The U.S. Institute does not waive or reimburse ECR2010 conference presenters for travel, lodging, meal expenses or conference registration fees unless otherwise stated at the time of engagement.

Half-day training workshops will be offered on **Tuesday, May 25, 2010**. Training workshops provide an opportunity for participants to enhance their skills and learn new techniques and approaches to collaborative problem solving and environmental conflict resolution. All proposed training sessions should be interactive and practical. The program committee will select the proposals that create the most dynamic and engaging learning experience for participants. *(Note: Up to two trainers for each workshop will be paid a pre-determined flat rate to include labor, materials and supplies, conditioned on the session filling to a minimum number of pre-registered participants.)*

All presenters are expected to submit professional written materials electronically before the conference and provide any necessary handouts for participants onsite at their own cost.

Proposals are to be submitted by a single individual who is also responsible for providing detailed information about all co-presenters and/or co-facilitators at the time of submittal. The submitting individual is also responsible for coordinating communication among all presentation team members up to and during the conference.

The ECR2010 Steering Committee has established the following **three** conference subject tracks to guide the call for presentations, panels and roundtables:

### **TRACK 1: POLICY CHALLENGES OF THE NEXT DECADE AND THE ROLE OF ECR**

*Energy, water, climate change, and a range of environmental and natural resource issues are at the top of national, state and local policy agendas. Effective policy development and implementation necessitates collaborative problem-solving. The ECR2010 "Policy" Track will give policy-makers, agency staff, practitioners and others the opportunity to come together to learn, discuss, and strategize on how to meet these critical policy challenges. Dynamic panel sessions, interactive roundtable discussions, and informative and provocative presentations will address questions such as: What are the most significant environmental and natural resource policy challenges of the coming decade? How has the policy-making landscape changed at the federal, tribal, state, and local levels, and what opportunities does this offer? How can we support leaders in convening cross-sector collaborative policy initiatives? What innovations are rocking the policy arena? What constitutes a successful policy development process? What will successful energy, climate change, and water policies look like? The policy track is an opportunity to focus on the policy challenges of the next decade and the role of ECR.*

Possible session track topics/titles include but aren't limited to:

- Intergovernmental Policy Development: Successful Models to be Replicated
- ECR's Role in Meeting the Obama Administration's Call for Greater Place-Based Policies
- Policy Guidance on Civility in Collaborative Problem-Solving Processes
- FACA, NEPA, Regulatory Negotiations: Capitalizing on What Works, Avoiding What Doesn't
- Intergovernmental Collaboration on Policy Priorities – Who Does What, When and How?  
*Possible subject areas: Energy, Water, Climate Change, Transportation, etc.*
- Culturally Appropriate Policy Development and Implementation: A Check List
- Making the Case for ECR in Policy Development and Implementation
- Policy Dialogues Using ECR: Getting Ahead of the Next Challenge
- Fostering Dialogue and Collaboration at the Federal, Tribal, State, and Local Government Levels
- Best Practices for Policy Dialogues Using Emerging Technologies
- Conflicting Agency Missions and Mandates: What are the Policy Ramifications?
- The Role of Public Leaders in Convening Policy Dialogue and the Consensus- Building Process

### **TRACK 2: ENGAGING FEDERAL-TRIBAL-STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

*The ECR2010 "Multi-governments" Track will engage the variety of governments (Federal, Tribal, State, and Local) in facilitated conversations about the inherent challenges and tensions that exist when working together. It is intended to showcase effective strategies that capitalize on the synergies that emerge in inter-governmental collaboration. The diversity and rich cultural variation within and across governments create opportunities for innovative solutions.*

Possible session track topics/titles include but aren't limited to:

- We have a place at the table too: Engaging the "Public"
- The role of the media and new technologies in processes
- Becoming Intergovernmental Allies and Collaborators: It is more than 12-steps
- My Jurisdiction Trumps Yours...Where Do We Go From Here?
- Collaborative Leadership: How does it really work (or not)?
- "We (the parties) got an agreement! ...Now What?" - The role of third party neutrals as parties implement agreements
- Innovative Institutional Arrangements
- Collaborative Governance/Sharing Governance
- Power of Convening/The Role of Elected Officials
- Multi-government Collaborations: What Can We Learn from Successful and Not So Successful Cases? How can we avoid future problems?

### TRACK 3: NEW TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY AND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE FIELD OF ECR

*Technology is transforming the practice of environmental conflict resolution, as new tools change the way people communicate with each other, as well as the way people understand, analyze, and make decisions about environmental management. The application of social networking tools to public participation, computer-based decision support tools, and new approaches to systems modeling, all present pioneering opportunities for changing the way ECR practitioners, government agencies, and advocacy groups of all kinds engage their constituencies. The ECR2010 "Tools and Technology" Track will seek to provide an overview of these new tools, and how they are being applied in varied program contexts. The track will also highlight the evolving legal and policy framework for utilizing these tools and the unique and experimental ways these tools are being applied in a wide array ECR processes and contexts.*

*In addition to panel sessions, roundtable discussions, and formal presentations, the conference program will include an exciting, interactive Technology Fair as well as training sessions that offer participants both an introductory overview of the new tools, and a framework for understanding the legal framework and challenges for using these new tools within the federal system.*

Possible session track topics/titles include, but aren't limited to:

- Harnessing new social networking tools for public participation and ECR
- Best Practices for Applying Technology to ECR: Report from the Tech and ECR Coordinating Committee
- Technology and its role in operationalizing the Open Government Initiative
- The policy and legal challenges of using new computer-based technologies
- New frontiers in content analysis – new tools for eliciting and analyzing public comment
- Collaborative approaches to ecosystems modeling
- Forging new partnerships between ECR practitioners and technologists

### PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Training workshops provide an opportunity for participants to brush up on their skills and learn new techniques and approaches to collaborative problem solving and environmental conflict resolution. All proposed training sessions should be interactive and practical. Training workshops must be self-supporting; participants must pre-register and pay an additional fee to attend. Workshops that do not meet a minimum enrollment by **April 13, 2010** will be subject to cancellation without compensation to the trainer. Workshops that are in high demand may be selected for repeat sessions.

Possible training workshop topics include, but are not limited to:

- Policies, Technology and ECR
- Managing Environmental Conflict
- Government to Government Communication
- Multi-party Negotiations
- Multi-government Topics
- ECR Technology 101
- Public Participation for Decision Makers
- Collaboration in NEPA
- Introduction to ECR

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The ECR2010 Program Track-Sub Committees will review all session proposals and make final selections with input from the Steering Committee. Proposals will be evaluated on:

- Overall Quality of Proposal
- Content (Well defined topic and focused objectives that fit within the three conference tracks)
- Relevance to the opportunities and challenges facing the field of ECR
- Innovative and creative original content
- Presenter Qualifications/Previous Speaking Experience\*\*
- Relevance to Defined Target Audience of the Track
- Planned audience participation/interaction
- Balance across topics within each Track. (e.g., substantive areas such as climate change)

\*\*Presenters will be limited to participate on no more than two (2) conference sessions. At the time of the review process, presenters named on more than two proposals may be asked to identify presenter alternates.

## CONFERENCE MATERIALS/PROCEEDINGS

All session presenters will be required to submit professional written materials electronically (at a date to be announced) prior to the conference to be made available to conference attendees for download before or after the event. Conference organizers will not reproduce or distribute conference proceedings in any other format.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The Call for Presentation Proposals deadline is **Friday, October 23, 2009**. Proposals submitted after that date cannot be assured of consideration. The conference Program Committee will review and select, panel and roundtable sessions by November 30, 2009. Selected presenters will be notified no later than December 18, 2009.

## OPTIONS FOR SESSION SUBMISSIONS

**Online** - Online submissions are strongly encouraged at [www.ecr.gov](http://www.ecr.gov)

**Via Email, Fax or Mail** - Hard copy proposals submitted by email (in Word or PDF format), fax or regular mail must follow the exact same format and criteria as those submitted online. Incomplete submissions, or submissions not following the requested format, will not be considered.

Option 1: Submit via email at [ECR2010@ecr.gov](mailto:ECR2010@ecr.gov) in Word or PDF format.

Option 2: Fax your presentation to (520) 901-8527

Option 3: Submit via regular mail to: U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution  
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