



**SUMMIT ON AMERICA'S CLIMATE CHOICES:**

**Developing the Framework for a National Response to Climate Change**

March 30 – March 31, 2009

The National Academy of Sciences Building Auditorium  
2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20006

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**March 30, 2009**

- 8:30 AM WELCOME AND GOALS  
**Albert Carnesale**, Chancellor Emeritus, UCLA (Chair, Committee on America's Climate Choices)
- 8:45 AM SESSION 1: KEYNOTE PERSPECTIVES ON CLIMATE CHANGE
- **Ralph Cicerone**, President, National Academy of Sciences
  - **John Holdren**, OSTP Director Designate (Invited)
  - **James J. Mulva**, Chairman and CEO, ConocoPhillips
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:45 AM SESSION 2: WHY IS THIS STUDY NEEDED? PERSPECTIVES FROM STUDY SPONSORS
- **Congressman Alan Mollohan** (D-WV, Invited)
  - **Jane Lubchenco**, NOAA Administrator Designate (Invited)
- 11:15 AM SESSION 3: WHAT INFORMATION DOES CONGRESS NEED? VIEWS FROM THE HILL
- 12:15 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM SESSION 4: THE CLIMATE CHALLENGE  
Moderator: **Charles Holliday**, Chairman of the Board, DuPont (Member, Committee on America's Climate Choices)
- Certainty and Uncertainty in Climate Science—Framing a Basis for Decisions:  
**Susan Solomon**, NOAA (Member, Committee on America's Climate Choices)
  - Impacts—The Avoidable and the Unavoidable: **Stephen Schneider**, Stanford University
  - Panel discussion: Acting on the certain and the uncertain
    - **Fred Krupp**, Environmental Defense Fund
    - **Henry Jacoby**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
    - Additional Panelist to be announced
- 3:30 PM Break
- 4:00 PM SESSION 5: THE AMERICA'S CLIMATE CHOICES STUDY: ARE WE ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS?
- Overview of tasks from the Committee and four Panels
    - Committee on America's Climate Choices: **Albert Carnesale**
    - Panel on Limiting the Magnitude of Future Climate Change: **Robert Fri**, Resources for the Future

- Panel on Adapting to the Impacts of Climate Change: **Katharine Jacobs**, Arizona Water Institute
- Panel on Advancing the Science of Climate Change: **Pamela Matson**, Stanford University
- Panel on Informing Effective Decisions and Actions Related to Climate Change: **Peter Raven**, Missouri Botanical Garden
- Panel Chairs respond to questions from the audience. *Question/comment cards will be collected throughout this session.*

5:30 PM Informal Discussion with ACC Members in the Great Hall  
*Refreshments provided.*

## **Tuesday, March 31**

8:30 AM SESSION 6: KEYNOTE PERSPECTIVES ON AMERICA'S CLIMATE POLICY

Introductions: **Albert Carnesale**

- TBA

9:45 AM Break

10:15 AM SESSION 7: WHAT SPECIAL CHALLENGES AWAIT US?

Moderator: **William Chameides**, Dean, Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, Duke University (Committee on America's Climate Choices Vice-Chair)

- Integrating a National Response into a Global Framework: **Honorable Eileen Claussen**, Pew Center on Global Climate Change
- Vulnerable Ecosystems: **Carter Roberts**, World Wildlife Fund
- Vulnerable Populations & Human Health: **Howard Frumkin**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Threats to National Security: **James Woolsey**, VantagePoint Venture Partners

12:15 PM Lunch

1:30 PM SESSION 8: WHAT TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

Moderator: **Thomas Wilbanks**, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Member, Committee on America's Climate Choices)

- Technology Levers: **Robert Socolow**, Princeton University (Member, Committee on America's Climate Choices)
- Regional Impacts & National Assessments: **Jerry Melillo**, Marine Biological Laboratory
- Climate Science: **Heidi Cullen**, Climate Central
- Panel Discussion

3:30 PM Break

4:00 PM SESSION 9: ARE WE ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS? (TAKE 2)

Moderator: **William Chameides**

- Committee and Panel Chairs and Vice-Chairs take comments and questions from the audience: **Albert Carnesale, Robert Fri, Marilyn Brown, Katharine Jacobs, Thomas Wilbanks, Pamela Matson, Thomas Dietz, Peter Raven, Diana Liverman**

5:15 PM CLOSING REMARKS  
**William Chameides**