

## **Climate Change: Global Risks, Challenges and Decisions Copenhagen, 10-12 March 2009**

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### **Background**

The organisers of the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP15) to be held in Copenhagen at the end of 2009, have asked a consortium of major research universities called IARU (International Alliance of Research Universities) to organise a scientific conference to provide a picture of the big issues that the scientific community feels that policy makers should be aware of. Organisers anticipate that the conference will attract several thousand participants, and that each session should attract about 80-100 people.

### **Biodiversity-related sessions**

There will be two sessions related to biodiversity at this conference, both under Theme 4 "Preparing for the Impacts: Adapting to the Inevitable", scheduled **11 March 2009**:

H Mooney (Chair SC-DIVERSITAS) will chair a session on "The Impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity and the Delivery of Ecosystem Services",.

Mark Stafford-Smith (Vice-Chair SC-IGBP) and Paul Leadley (coChair bioDISCOVERY of DIVERSITAS) will co-chair a session on "Biodiversity: Enhancement of Resilience or Facilitating Transformation"

A summary of the session's inputs and discussion will be provided to the COP-15 in Copenhagen in late 2009. The main aim of the Copenhagen science congress is to provide a synthesis of existing and emerging scientific knowledge necessary in order to make intelligent societal decisions concerning application of mitigation and adaptation strategies in response to climate change; papers should contribute to this aim.

### **Abstract submission**

Abstracts for posters for both sessions, and for oral papers only for the Stafford-Smith/Leadley session should be submitted by **1 Sept 2008** online, on the web site of the conference: [www.climatecongress.ku.dk](http://www.climatecongress.ku.dk).