



NEW ZEALAND
CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE



Climate Change Adaptation

“Managing the Unavoidable”

New Zealand Climate Change Centre Conference 2009

20–21 May 2009, Te Papa, Wellington, New Zealand

Nau mai, haere mai koutou ngā matāwaka ki tēnei o ngā wānanga whakaharahara!

Demand for science-based advice to assist planning for climate change adaptation is growing. The New Zealand Climate Change Centre (NZCCC) invites you to a conference on climate change adaptation at Te Papa, Wellington, New Zealand, 20–21 May 2009.

This two-day conference will include presentations by leading climate change and adaptation researchers, case-study based panel discussions, and input from end-users on their needs for information and tools. The conference will aim to stimulate collaborative research by facilitating communication between scientists, engineers, planners, councils, businesses, and organisations dealing with climate change issues.

Climate change scenarios will be presented to provide context for discussions about the potential impacts and required adaptation measures that New Zealand will have to adopt in coming decades.

Themes

- **Land-based primary industries** (farming, agriculture, horticulture, forestry)
- **Energy and industry** (including mining and manufacturing)
- **Māori**
- **Health**
- **Local government** (including transport and infrastructure)
- **Conservation and natural systems** (including biodiversity and biosecurity)

The conference will include keynote speeches, presentations, and panel discussions from leading international and New Zealand experts.

Audience

This conference will appeal to a wide range of participants, reflecting the multi-disciplinary nature of climate change and the need to improve communication in this field in New Zealand. Participants will include:

- Scientists (natural and social) and economists
- Policy advisors, planners and engineers from central and local government, and consultancies
- Locally elected representatives and politicians
- Industry, farmer and grower groups, infrastructure providers
- Māori groups
- Public interest groups
- University students

Registration

We will distribute a second announcement in early 2009 detailing how to register. In the meantime please commit the 20–21 May 2009 in your diary now to the NZCCC Conference 2009 - it is shaping up to be a great event!

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Co-convenors of the NZCCC Climate Change Adaptation Conference 2009

The New Zealand Climate Change Centre

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