

Press release**Federal Environment Minister Roettgen patron of worldwide online climate conference****Germany's Environment minister patron of global online climate conference CLIMATE 2010 / Climate change and sustainable water management key themes / Last call for papers**

Dr Norbert Roettgen, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany, is the patron of the upcoming online climate conference CLIMATE 2010. "First steps towards a global agreement were made last year in Copenhagen – 2010 it's time for progress" says Roettgen. With reference to the Copenhagen agreement, the first round of the formal climate change negotiations is scheduled for April 2010 in Bonn, Germany. As the online climate conference CLIMATE 2010 provides an additional way to support the global dialogue on the progress of tackling climate change, Federal Minister Roettgen agreed to take patronage of this year's innovative climate-neutral virtual conference.

Hamburg University of Applied Sciences organizes for the third time after 2008 and 2009 the worldwide scientific online climate conference CLIMATE 2010 – guaranteed climate-friendly as no travels are needed to participate and the website is powered by green energy. From 1-7 November 2010, researchers, companies, authorities, students and the interested public can discuss the impacts of climate change at

<http://www.climate2010.net>

"We are very happy that Dr Roettgen took over patronage this year" says Professor Walter Leal, CLIMATE 2010's chairman. Especially the least developed and developing countries will suffer most from future climate impacts and face great challenges when raising their adaptive capacity. Leal points out that "therefore, it is of paramount importance especially for less developed countries to gain access to climate information."

The key theme of the virtual conference is "**Climate change and the Sustainable Management of Water Resources**". Renowned partners are the UN Environment Program (UNEP), the Interdisciplinary Panel of Climate Change (IPCC), UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and further world bodies. Media partners such as the German WELT Group, the broadcaster NRD Info as well as Comment:Visions support the event.

All submissions will be subject to peer review. Besides online publication throughout the conference week from 1-7 November 2010, the best English papers will be considered for publication in the "International Journal of Climate Change Studies and Management" and/or the book publication "Climate Change and the Sustainable Management of Water Resources" as part of the Climate Change Management Series (Springer). Further, there is an opportunity to promote own climate-related projects and publications.

The conference organizers encourage the submission of abstracts until 15 April 2010.

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### **CLIMATE 2010 in a nutshell**

- <http://www.klima2010.net>
- 1 to 7 November 2010
- Organizer: Research and Transfer Center „Applications of Life Sciences“, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Life Sciences
- Conference chairman: Professor Walter Leal
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 April 2010 (extended!)
- Deadline for submission of full papers: 31 May 2010
- Online publication: from 1 November 2010 onwards

### **Further Information**

#### *The organizers*

The Research and Transfer Centre Applications of Life Sciences (abbreviation: FTZ-ALS) of the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (HAW Hamburg) was established in August 2007. Headed by Professor Walter Leal, the centre offers local, national and international project-related approaches to solving problems primarily in the field of Life Sciences (incl. biotechnology, medical engineering, pharmacology and environmental protection technology) as well as superordinate topics such as energy, climate protection and sustainability.

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