

## REGISTRATION

To join the Third Nordic International Conference on Climate Change Adaptation, you must register into the on-line registration system which is now open. On the registration form you have the possibility to add conference dinner participation on Tuesday and you will also find a booking code for accommodation at Hotel Scandic Sydhavn.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Third Nordic International Conference on Climate Change Adaptation hereby invites papers for oral and poster presentations. The call for abstracts is now open and papers must be submitted on-line at [www.nordicadaptation2014.net](http://www.nordicadaptation2014.net).

**Deadline for submission of abstracts is April 15, 2014**

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## Third Nordic International Conference on Climate Change Adaptation

### Adapting to Change: From Research to Decision-making



**Copenhagen, Denmark  
25-27 August 2014**

### SCOPE

Welcome to the Third Nordic International Conference on Climate Change Adaptation. The conference is a follow-up to the highly successful conferences in Stockholm (2010) and Helsinki (2012) and aims to bring together scientists, practitioners and policy-makers with a particular interest in the Nordic region.

**Please note that early bird registration and abstract submission for the conference is now OPEN. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 March 2014.**



### WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

As highlighted in consecutive reports from the IPCC, there is overwhelming scientific evidence that anthropogenic climate

change is taking place and the chances are high that future climate is going to change even more than what has already been realized. Impacts of changes over recent decades are likewise visible throughout the Nordic region, manifested e.g. through observed changes in the hydrological cycle, reductions in sea ice cover, lengthening growing seasons and the occurrence and strength of heavy rain events. Adaptation to these changes is already high on the agenda in the Nordic and international societies. However, science is providing new information on changes and their consequences, which calls for a wider dialogue to enable adjustments of already initiated adaptation plans as well as providing the baseline knowledge for future initiatives.

The conference "Adapting to Change: From Research to Decision-making" like its two predecessors seeks to advance existing common ground between scientists, practitioners and decision-makers and establish new ways forward for informed adaptation.

The conference is targeted at scholars as well as private and public practitioners and decision-makers at strategic and operational levels and across a wide range of disciplines and sectors. This includes researchers and professionals within the fields of climate change, climate change impacts and adaptation, students, regional and local planners, business strategists and risk managers and policy-makers as well as representatives of NGO's and Nordic/international organizations. While some sessions will have a definite Nordic focus, the conference - just like the field of climate change adaptation is by no means restricted to the Nordic region. We cordially invite and strongly encourage international participants to join and share their experiences.

### TOPICS

#### IPCC AR5; SO WHAT NOW?

By April 2014, the IPCC will have released its three Working Group Reports, which contribute to its Fifth Assessment (AR5). A final contribution to the AR5, the IPCC Synthesis Report, will be approved here in Copenhagen later in 2014.

#### MAINSTREAMING

Mainstreaming implementation strategies may well be the key for adapting to a changing climate. Facilitating adaptation decision-making and implementation of social and technical adaptation options involves both the private and public sectors and will require bridging the gaps of different disciplines and areas.

#### LIMITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Adaptation strategies have limitations but will also provide new opportunities. Defining and implementing strategies aiming at optimizing adaptation to a changing climate in a flexible, sustainable and timely manner is highly relevant.

#### LOW PROBABILITY / HIGH IMPACT

There is general acknowledgement of the potential importance of climate change impacts on businesses and operations, in particular when it comes to low-probability, high-impact events like storms or floods. Yet incorporating this knowledge into today's adaptation plans are severely impeded by e.g. a limited understanding of the uncertainties and a poor understanding of how to translate climate information into value chains for different sectors.

### CONFERENCE VENUE

The Third Nordic International Conference on Climate Change Adaptation will be held at Hotel Scandic Sydhavn in Copenhagen. The venue is centrally located with respect to Copenhagen Airport, and Copenhagen Central Train Station is just 4 minutes away by rail.



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