



AMS Presidential Forum to Address “Climate Science as Service to Society”

The opening keynote session at the American Meteorological Society’s 104th Annual Meeting in Baltimore will feature a discussion on how to overcome communication and societal barriers limiting the utilization of climate science.

[Boston, MA—January 17, 2024] The American Meteorological Society (AMS) will open its 104th Annual Meeting with a Presidential Forum on how to advance society’s acceptance and use of climate science. Distinguished atmospheric scientist Dr. Kerry Emanuel will moderate a “fireside chat” with [Monica Medina](#), President and CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society and former Deputy Assistant Secretary at the State Department, and [Bob Inglis](#), Executive Director of RepublicEn.org and former congressman from South Carolina. **The Forum, with opening remarks by AMS President Brad Colman, will take place Sunday, 28 January, from 4 to 5:15 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time at the Baltimore Convention Center and will be livestreamed [on the conference website](#).**

The majority of U.S. adults see climate change as a major threat to the country, yet among both politicians and the public, the issue fails to receive [priority attention](#). Climate science and scientists are often the subjects of misinformation and disinformation campaigns, as well as more personal attacks. New approaches may be needed to overcome these and other barriers that limit the reach and impact of climate science, and of science-based responses to environmental change.

“With climate and environmental change affecting society in dramatic and rapidly accelerating ways, climate science, and the professions that use it, are absolutely vital to surviving upheaval and building a future in which humans can thrive,” says Colman. “We are informing flood infrastructure planning, warning the public about changes in dangerous weather, studying how global climate change occurs, and a great deal more. In recognition of our meeting theme, [‘Living in a Changing Environment,’](#) I’m pleased to share the stage with two people who have important stories to tell about how we can help our science reach more people, overcome political barriers, and have greater impact.”

[Read more about the AMS 2024 Presidential Forum.](#)



About the AMS 104th Annual Meeting

The American Meteorological Society's Annual Meeting brings together thousands of weather, water, and climate scientists, professionals, and students from across the United States and the world. Taking place 28 January to 1 February, 2024, the AMS 104th Annual Meeting will explore the latest scientific and professional advances in areas from renewable energy to space weather, weather and climate extremes, environmental health, and more. In addition, cross-cutting interdisciplinary sessions will explore the theme of [Living in a Changing Environment](#), especially the role of the weather, water, and climate enterprise in helping improve society's response to climate and environmental change. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, with online/hybrid participation options. Free registration is available for certified members of the [press](#). Learn more at annual.ametsoc.org.

About the American Meteorological Society

The American Meteorological Society advances the atmospheric and related sciences, technologies, applications, and services for the benefit of society. Founded in 1919, AMS has a membership of around 12,000 professionals, students, and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes 12 atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic science journals—in print and online; sponsors more than 12 conferences annually; and offers numerous programs and services. Visit us at <https://www.ametsoc.org/>.

###