

2010 ARC Webinar Program

- January 19** Vulnerability and Risk Assessment 1: Local Climate Impacts Profile (LCLIP) - a quick approach to assessing local vulnerability
- February 16** Vulnerability and Risk Assessment 2: Risk Assessment Approaches to Adaptation Planning
- March 23** ** POSTPONED **
- April 20** Emergency Management and Response Planning (Rescheduled from November 17, 2009)
- May 18** Interpreting, Using and Communicating Climate Projection Information (Rescheduled from March 23, 2010)
- June 15** Building Design for Adaptation and Mitigation: Green Buildings and Beyond
- September 28** Adaptation in Electricity Generation and Distribution in Canada
- October 19** Support for Local Adaptation: what are the Provinces and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities doing; what more is needed?
- November 16** The State of Adaptation Planning in Canadian Communities/Mainstreaming Adaptation into Planning Processes

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A Clean Air Partnership facilitated Canadian network of decision makers that fosters strategic thinking about climate change impacts and supports local governments protecting their communities.



An Alliance for Resilient Cities

The Alliance for Resilient Cities (ARC), launched in 2007, is a Canadian network of organizations preparing and responding to climate change. The impacts of climate change affect a wide range of local services and infrastructure: energy distribution, water supply, roads, stormwater management, public transportation, public health, economic development and emergency services.

Across Canada, communities are already experiencing the impacts of extreme weather events:

- ◆ 2003: Hurricane Juan hit Halifax, downing 75,000 trees in Point Pleasant Park, cutting power to 70% of the population, and damaging ships and rail lines
- ◆ 2005: a record storm in Toronto washes out a section of road and underground infrastructure; it was the most expensive weather disaster in Ontario's history with insurance claims exceeding \$400M
- ◆ 2009: hot weather and drought created high or extreme fire hazard levels in 85% of British Columbia.



Toronto, August 19, 2005.
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It is urgent that local governments anticipate and understand the vulnerabilities of citizens, economies and infrastructure, in order to protect their communities. We at ARC believe that sharing expertise and experience is the most practical approach to adapting to climate change.

The ARC Webinar Series

The ARC series of "webinars" - online seminars - is the networking and learning hub of the Alliance. ARC webinars provide decision makers looking for expert knowledge about climate change impacts and adaptation access to current research and practical applications, without leaving the office - keeping costs and greenhouse gas emissions low.

ARC webinars focus on the impacts of climate change on infrastructure, resources and citizens, and how Canadian and other communities are responding. The online discussion fosters an exchange of ideas and resources.



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Benefits of ARC Membership

Membership in ARC is targeted at local governments, provincial and federal government ministries and departments, and related non-governmental organizations. Benefits of membership include:

- ◆ participation in a network of people working to reduce the impacts of climate change
- ◆ reserved seating at the ARC webinar series
- ◆ updates on adaptation research and action from Canadian and international sources
- ◆ access to ARC's members-only resources and archives.