



# STUDENT SUMMIT FOR SUSTAINABILITY 2011

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
World Student Community for Sustainable Development (WSCSD)

*March 1 - 6 2011*

*Bogotá, Colombia*

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**Theme: Climate Change in Latin America**

*Local impacts of climate change and innovative  
community solutions: a Colombian Case Study*

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*Conference Abstract*

<p><b>Overview</b></p>	<p>The World Student Community for Sustainable Development (WSCSD) is an international organization of students and progressive sustainability organizations in universities around the world that work together to address issues pertaining to sustainability, and take action locally and internationally. Currently WSCSD has student communities and individual members in 58 countries in Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.</p> <p>Every year the World Student Community for Sustainable Development (WSCSD) organizes an international Student Summit for Sustainability (S3) that provides a rich platform for interaction between students from various academic institutions, disciplines and levels of study. Also, students get the opportunity to network with key public policy makers and administrators, business leaders, leading researchers and other outstanding achievers, who strive through their actions to propagate the knowledge and practice of sustainable development, locally and globally.</p> <p>The 10th Student Summit for Sustainability (S3 2011) will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 in Bogotá - Colombia. The summit focuses on innovative solutions to climate change. It will highlight issues of energy and development, adaptation and mitigation of climate change in developing countries, with a focus on Latin America and Colombia. The focus topics will be supplemented by practical sessions on education, training and awareness, and the development of partnerships for sustainability.</p> <p>In order to understand the local consequences and challenges of climate change in Latin America, and to find windows of opportunity for collective action, participants will go into dialogue with a range of stakeholders, from locals to government officials, from scientists and businessmen to UN officials. A case study in Soacha, on the outskirts of Bogotá, will serve as practical learning space.</p> <p>The conference will enable students from around the world to better understand the realities of climate change in developing countries. At the same time we will enhance the activity of students from Latin America in the field of sustainable development, and strengthen their role in an international student network that is currently creating innovative answers to the environmental, social and economic challenges we are facing.</p>
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Contribute to capacity building of students around the world by exchanging information, working on case studies, sharing expertise and international experiences on innovative solutions to climate change.</li> <li>● Encountering new approaches and perspectives, by creating new ideas on sustainability issues and strengthening student collaboration between developed and developing countries.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Topics</b></p>	<p>The Student Summit for Sustainability 2011 will focus on innovative solutions to climate change. The conference will highlight issues of energy and development, adaptation and mitigation of climate change with a focus on developing countries. The focus topics</p>

	<p>will be supplemented by practical sessions on education, training and awareness, and the development of partnerships for sustainability.</p> <div data-bbox="678 451 1161 798" data-label="Diagram"> </div> <p><b>Energy and development:</b> How can we apply renewable energy technologies to solve local needs? What are some good practices on efficient use of energy resources in developing countries?</p> <p><b>Adaptation:</b> What best practices and measures for climate change adaptation can be implemented in Latin America? Examples of small-scale best practices such as drought-resistant agriculture, water harvesting strategies, weatherproof housing, and early warning systems will be highlighted in the Summit.</p> <p><b>Mitigation:</b> How do we ensure clean development among developing countries? How can students contribute to developing CO2 Neutral economies?</p> <p><b>Education, Training and Public Awareness:</b> How do we engage, inspire and move ourselves and other people into action on climate change, starting from the bottom? How should we teach the next generation about climate change?</p>
<p><b>Activities</b></p>	<p>The Summit will include one week of presentations, conferences, round-table discussions, parallel events and exhibits. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in community visits and local tours to learn about the culture and the host country. The activities allow for sustainability learning while visiting the fascinating landscapes and natural environments of Colombia.</p>
<p><b>Papers and Posters</b></p>	<p>We invite papers and posters by PhD, masters and undergraduate students from all over the world. These could be original, research-based articles, opinions or fieldwork observations succinctly addressing appropriate solutions or approaches to addressing climate change in developing countries.</p>

	<p><b>Submission of papers</b> To be considered for paper or poster presentation, interested participants must submit abstracts that are related to the themes of the summit <b>before January 22, 2011.</b></p> <p>An evaluation committee will appraise the abstracts, and notify authors by <b>January 30, 2011.</b></p> <p>Successful authors will have to submit full papers or posters by <b>February 22, 2011.</b></p> <p>Please send abstract, paper or poster electronically (in .pdf or .doc), before the stated deadlines to <a href="mailto:s3colombia@wscsd.org">s3colombia@wscsd.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Format</b> Abstracts should be a maximum of 500 words, contain keywords (max. 5 words), and clearly mention the title and authors with contact information and affiliation. Paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type and size of text: Arial 12</li> <li>• Page size: A4</li> <li>• Margins: 3 cm on each side</li> <li>• Alignment: justified to the left only</li> <li>• Numbered pages</li> <li>• Figure and table legends</li> <li>• References: at the end of the article in alphabetical order</li> </ul> <p>Poster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred dimensions are 70 cm x 50cm.</li> <li>• The title, name of the authors and name of the institution must be printed on the upper part of the poster.</li> <li>• The smallest font on the poster should be no less than 20 points. Remember that the poster should be legible from a distance of 1 meter.</li> </ul>						
<p><b>Inscription</b></p>	<p><b>Participation fee</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="537 1480 1406 1621"> <tr> <td>Students from Developed Countries</td> <td>USD 400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Students from Developing Countries</td> <td>USD 300</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Participation fee covers entrance at summit events, hotel accommodation in Bogotá in shared rooms (5 nights), alimentation and cultural activities. The participation fee does not include travel to Colombia.</p> <p>All participants are expected to arrange for their own return air travel to Columbia. The summit's secretariat will assist by providing reference letter for fundraising.</p> <p>Limited sponsorship opportunities may be offered to selected SC representatives and</p>	Students from Developed Countries	USD 400	Students from Developing Countries	USD 300		
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	<p>presenters depending on the availability of funds.</p>
<p><b>Sponsors</b></p>	<p>The S3 2011 Organizing Committee is seeking the support of local, national, and international organizations and businesses to help cover the costs associated with the summit.</p> <p>This summit will provide excellent opportunities for your organization/company to tap into a widespread network of talented students and young professionals, to profile your corporate sustainability efforts and results, and to go into dialogue with students, academicians, local authorities and government in an informal and learning-friendly environment.</p> <p>This support will enable us build capacities of students around the world and local leaders to better understand the realities of climate change and strengthen their role as change makers creating innovative answers to the environmental, social and economic challenges of our times</p>
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The establishment of a virtual education and learning platform for sustainable development, targeting Latin American youth and focusing on knowledge exchange, best practices and capacity building of civil society organizations in the field of climate change. We will use the collective intelligence of participants as well as stakeholder opinions to contribute to this online platform.</li> <li>• Construction of mutual agreements for action resulting in post-conference collaborative student-driven projects between developed and developing countries.</li> </ul>
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