

AGENDA

2018 AGU Fall Meeting Planning for Science to Action Activities

Goal: Helping communities thrive by increasing science engagement to improve daily life* and better confront concerns posed by extreme events, climate and land cover change, and natural hazards.

1. Session coordinating
 - a. 17 in Public Affairs, 1 Education, 1 GeoHealth!
 - b. invited speakers
 - c. submit to each others
 - d. submit "science to action" abstract in other session
 - e. questions, concerns
2. Updates on Workshop, Town Hall, Centennial Events
3. Joint advertising
 - a. website with links to all sessions: <http://thrivingearthexchange.org/fall-meeting-2018>
 - b. email text below
 - c. goal above (* = recent update), word cloud below
 - d. text for people new to AGU, text below
 - e. **ABSTRACTS DUE AUGUST 1**
4. Opportunities to promote Science to Action elsewhere
5. Other items?

ITEMS FOR REFERENCE

A. Word cloud from our collective sessions:



B. New attendee overview

Below is a short overview of what AGU and Science to Action is about for sharing with those who have never been to AGU before. (DRAFT – happy to revise)

AGU, the American Geophysical Union, is a professional society for geoscientists (atmospheric, oceans sciences, hydrology, earth, and space sciences). Every year they have a meeting in December. This year it's in Washington DC on Dec 10-14, 2018. Within this large meeting (24,000 attended last year), a group of us are planning a collection of sessions, workshops, networking events that are about how we connect science with action through partnering with communities and working with decision makers. Our goal is to help communities thrive by increasing science engagement to improve daily life and better confront concerns posed by extreme events, climate and land cover change, and natural hazards.

This meeting within a meeting allows one to connect with a community of people working on building bridges between science and society and also to participate in everything the big AGU gathering has to offer. If you've never been before, this year is the year! The meeting is in DC - a perfect place to connect science to decision making.

For those new to the whole process, there's a list of session <http://thrivingearthexchange.org/fall-meeting-2018>. Each session may be a little different, but generally, each session has a 2-hour block of 10-15 minute presentations and a poster session. You select one to apply for (follow the links from the website). Applying involves submitting an abstract, ~250 words on what you'd like to present. This has to be done by August 1st. Then, in the Fall, the details of what happens when is worked out. Simple (but hiccups do happen - if you have challenges, speaking from personal experience, the help desk is super helpful).

C. Example email advertisement for abstract submission

Below is a template to use for advertising. <Brackets should be filled in with your session specific information.> If you have a public affairs/education/geohealth session, you should include some variation of the special note below.

<something about how amazing your session will be>

Special note: This is a <public affairs or education or geohealth> session which means you can submit to this session AND another session.

<Title>

Session ID: <ID number>

<Abstract text>

<[https://agu.confex.com/agu/fm18/...](https://agu.confex.com/agu/fm18/) >

Submission deadline is August 1, 2018 11:59 pm EDT.

We are also excited to be a part of a series of Science to Action sessions. These sessions highlight scientists, science educators, decision makers and citizens working together to confront environmental and resource concerns like those posed by extreme events, climate and land cover change, and natural hazards. Check them out at: <http://thrivingearthexchange.org/fall-meeting-2018>. This series will provide for an engaging meeting!

Best regards,

<Your session conveners' names>