

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY  
2024 CLIMATE POLICY COLLOQUIUM PILOT  
December 15-19, 2024  
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We will likely have two virtual sessions (dates TBD) before the in-person events. We plan to record these and make them available for those who cannot attend. Several additional optional virtual sessions will likely follow the in-person events.

Virtual Session 1 (TBD): Welcome, self-introductions, and the legislative exercise  
Virtual Session 2 (TBD): An overview of climate policy

**In-Person Agenda**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

6:00 pm-8:30 pm Registration and Welcome (reception for all participants)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

7:30 am-7:50 am Breakfast

8:00 am-10:00 am *Policy Fundamentals I*

- Introduction to the U.S. Federal Policy Process
- An Overview of Science and Policy
- Politics, Policy, and Procedure: The drivers of legislation

10:00 am-12:00 pm *Policy Fundamentals II*

- The Federal Budget Process 101
- U.S. Federal Investment in research and development

12:00 pm-12:45 pm Working Lunch (Legislative exercise—initial group meeting and strategy session)

1:00 pm-5:30 pm Focus on the United States Congress (visit Capitol Hill)

Meet with people working in the United States Senate and House of Representatives

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:30 am-7:50 am Breakfast

8:00 am-12:15 pm *The Executive Branch*

- The White House and climate policy
  - The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
  - The Executive Office of the President
  - Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)
  - The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
  - Executive Orders

12:15 pm-12:45 pm Lunch

3:30 pm-5:00 pm The Transition to the New Administration

- The work of the transition team
- Pathways to involvement
- The outlook for climate policy

5:30 pm-8:30 pm Reception and Climate Policy Colloquium Keynote Address

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

7:30 am-7:55 am Breakfast

8:00 am-12:00 pm A deep dive into U.S. climate change legislation (mitigation, adaptation, geoengineering, and the knowledge base)

- Part 1: The current policy landscape
  - The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
  - The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
  - CHIPS and Science Act
- Part 2: Structural challenges
  - Regulatory obstacles (e.g., permitting)
  - Vested interests and political constraints
  - Science communication
  - Misinformation and disinformation
  - ???
- Part 3: Opportunities, challenges, and creative solutions
- Part 4: Remaining policy needs

**PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

-Part 5: Politics, policy, and procedure

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm-5:00 pm U.S. Federal agencies and climate policy

- Research agencies (e.g., NSF, NASA, Department of Energy)
- Mission agencies (e.g., NOAA and USGS)
- Regulatory agencies (e.g., EPA)
- Diplomacy (e.g., Dept of State and USAID)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Group Legislative Exercise (*1st degree amendments*)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:30 am-7:50 am Breakfast

8:00 am-10:00 am Group Legislative Exercise

- Session 2: Second degree amendments
- Session 3: final preparation/strategy

10:00 am-12:00 pm *Group Legislative Exercise–Mock Committee Markup of Climate Legislation (session 4)*

12:00 pm-12:45 pm Lunch

12:45 pm-1:30 pm *Group Legislative Exercise (session 5)--Debate, Votes, and Debrief*

1:30 pm-1:55 pm *In-person wrap-up and next steps (virtual Colloquium, engagement opportunities, and topical working groups)*

1:55 pm-2:00 pm *Concluding Remarks*

2:00 pm *Adjourn*

Note: **we will likely have 2-3 virtual colloquium sessions following the in-person events** (these will be recorded when possible for those who cannot attend)

Additional topics may include:

International climate policy

- UNFCCC

- Paris Agreement

- COP 29

State and local climate policy

Public communication

Climate change as a scientific and public issue

Roles of: academia, NGOs, the private sector, and the public sector