

The Clim-ATIC project and the Lapland Regional Environment Centre have arranged a Climate Change Adaptation Seminar in Rovaniemi on the 4th of February 2009.

Clim-ATIC is a three-year international project part-funded by the Northern Periphery Programme. It began in March 2008. It involves community stakeholders working in partnership with public and academic institutions from five regions of northern Europe to explore the potential for different community sectors to develop adaptation capacity, and deliver real adaptations that provide local economic and social advantages. The knowledge gained will be made available through a variety of regional and international dissemination events such as this one and, in the long term, through the establishment of a formal training, education and advice service.

Clim-ATIC project partners and experts from Finland will give presentations about project and related activities. The Seminar is free and will be conducted in English.

Date : 4th of February 2009

Venue: Hotel Santa Claus (www.hotelsantaclaus.fi)

09:30 Registration and coffee

10:00 Introduction to the seminar

Development Manager Miikka Halonen, Lapland Regional Environment Centre

10:15 Clim-ATIC project

Project leader Clive Bowman, UHI – Perth College, Scotland

10:45 Climate Change Adaptation Research Programme ISTO

Coordinator Reija Ruuhela, Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture

11:15 Climate Change Scenarios in Northern Finland

Meteorologist Leena Neitiniemi-Upola, Finnish Meteorological Institute

11:45 University of Arctic and its Thematic Networks

Vice-President, head of Administration Outi Snellman UArctic secretariat and Coordinator Kirsi Latola, Thule Insitutute, University of Oulu

12:00 Lunch/press conference

13:00 Floods and climate change

Chief Hydrologist Bertel Vehviläinen, Finnish Environment Institute

13:30 How to combine climate scenarios with socio-economic scenarios?

Researcher Carlo Aall, Western Norway Research Institute

14:00 Community climate adaptation opportunities and strategies in city of Rovaniemi

Project planner Jari Järviluoma, University of Lapland

14:30 Coffee

15:00 Climate change and sea-level rise

Professor John Moore, Arctic Centre

15:30 Expert panel "How to adapt to climate change?"

Led by lecturer of social sciences Leena Suopajärvi, University of Lapland

16:30 End of seminar

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