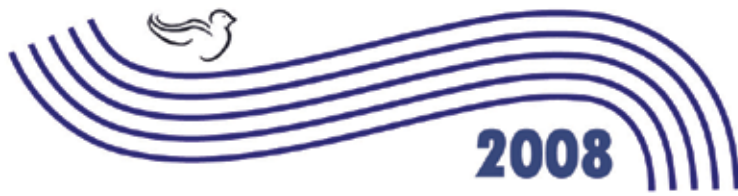


# Coastal Cities Summit



## November 17-20, 2008

### Coastal Cities Summit: Values and Vulnerabilities

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**T**oday, about 2.8 billion people (more than 40% of the total global population) live in coastal cities. This has significant implications for the coastal environment, inhabitants and ecosystem stability.

These trends provide challenges to the intrinsic values coastal environments offer as well as the values held by the communities located in these areas.

Coastal ecosystems are among the most productive on earth. It has been estimated, for example, that more than 90% of the planet's living and nonliving resources are found within a few hundred kilometers of the coast. These valuable natural assets are seriously threatened by coastal development pressures, coastal sprawl and coastal pollution.

Preserving the natural values we associate with coastal regions will be a

significant challenge on a planet whose population is projected to reach eight billion or more people.

Compounding these challenges are the prospects of the vulnerabilities these regions face. Among these are climate change, sea level rise, new maritime security needs associated with increase transportation by sea, and the ever present danger of extreme events such as tropical storms and tsunamis.

Accordingly, it is timely to address these topics in depth as we bring together public officials, nongovernmental organization, citizens and natural and social scientists to consider the values and vulnerabilities of coastal regions around the globe. The Coastal Cities Summit, organized by the International Ocean Institute-USA, will occur in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA November 17-20, 2008.



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## Call for Papers / Presentations

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The International Ocean Institute-USA (IOI), the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, and the Patel Center for Global Solutions are pleased to announce this preliminary Call for Papers for the Coastal Cities Summit to be held Nov. 17-20, 2008 in St. Petersburg, FL.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 15, 2008:** Deadline for Abstract Submission
- **July 1, 2008:** Authors will be informed on selection by e-mail
- **October 15, 2008:** Deadline for Final Submissions

### Background

Approximately 2.8 billion people — more than 40% of the world's total population — currently live in coastal cities. In 1995 alone, an estimated 50 million people migrated to the coastal zones of the United States. Combined with increasing birth rate and life expectancy, as well as future climate change, the escalating strain on public resources means that coastal city managers face unprecedented challenges. The IOI Coastal Cities Summit aims to bring together coastal city leaders, managers and academics to discuss environmental, social, economic and public policy challenges and viable solutions.

Abstracts are invited for individual paper proposals, panel proposals and round table proposals that address either I) Coastal City Challenges, II) Coastal City Practices, or III) Coastal City Solutions in one of the following broad thematic areas:

- Climate change
- Risk and Vulnerability
- Sustainable Development

#### **I) Coastal City Challenges**

Individual paper, panel, and roundtable proposals should address one of the following challenges to coastal cities in addressing climate change, risk and vulnerability or sustainable development issues:

- **Environmental Challenges** (such as natural disasters, man-made disasters, global climate change impacts)
- **Social Challenges** (such as population growth, vulnerable communities, societal fragmentations)
- **Economic Challenges** (such as public budgets, private expenditures, income-generating sources)
- **Public Policy Challenges** (such as maritime and port security, public infrastructure, provision of water and sanitation, resource management, social policy)

#### **II) Coastal City Practices – Case Studies**

Individual paper, panel and roundtable proposals of case studies should describe and assess the policy responses of coastal cities leaders and communities to the complex issues of climate change, risk and vulnerability or sustainable development. The committee also invites proposals that highlight how coastal city leaders have addressed the economic challenges underlying the complex relations between communities and ecosystems.

#### **III) Coastal City Solutions**

Individual papers, panels and roundtable proposals should identify solutions that coastal cities leaders and communities may consider

in their attempts to address climate change, risk and vulnerability or sustainable development issues. The committee encourages proposals that specifically address innovative financial solutions to coastal city problems.

### Proposal Guidelines

Completed research papers, case studies, panels and round table discussion papers will be considered. The fee for abstract submission has been waived in order to encourage participation.

**Deadline for Proposals: May 15, 2008.**

Please use the following guidelines in preparing your proposals:

- **Panel Proposals** for completed research and case studies
  - Submit a 1,000-word abstract (includes the panel topic and a 100-word description of each speaker's presentation) and the contact information (name, affiliation, address, phone and email) for both the proposer and for each presenter.
- **Individual proposals** for completed research and case studies
  - Submit a 250-word abstract and contact information (name, affiliation, address, phone, and email).
- **Round table discussion proposal**
  - Submit a 1,000-word summary of the topic area to be presented and contact information (name, affiliation, address, phone and email) for each round table participant.

All proposers will receive notification of the status of their proposals by e-mail by July 1, 2008.

Deadline for final submission of completed research and case study papers accepted for presentation at the Summit is October 15, 2008. Final submissions will typically be 5,000 words in length (excluding abstract and references).

### Limit on Number of Papers

No one author can present more than one paper. In instances where an author has collaborated with multiple researchers, a lead presenter must register and present for the team. Non-presenting co-authors are encouraged to attend and provide commentary, but only one author will make the formal presentation.

### Working Language and Format

The working language of the conference is English. The presenter may, however, present in another language if he or she provides sequential English translation by a competent English speaker. In preparing your papers, please use the Harvard referencing style. In-text citations should be in the "Author (date)" format with a bibliographical list included at the end of the paper.

### For More Information

Please visit the conference website ([www.coastalcities.org](http://www.coastalcities.org)) after January 1, 2008 for complete instructions on how to submit abstracts and final submissions. If you have further questions, please contact Conference Secretariat, Mara Hendrix, at [mara@ioiusa.usf.edu](mailto:mara@ioiusa.usf.edu) or by phone at +1-727-873-4745.