




Hawai‘i Climate Exchange

Hawai‘i Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Commission

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- To introduce and review a climate focused knowledge exchange to addressing the climate crisis in Hawai‘i.
 - To highlight a path forward, preliminary partnerships and potential outcomes.
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Problem: There is a growing number of organizations taking on expanding mandates for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The mandates cover policy, planning and practice, but efforts to fill these mandates are weakly coordinated across community, NGO, county, university, state and federal entities.

In too many cases, climate focused efforts are siloed, may not be collaborating or even coordinating, to the detriment of all organizations.



Intention: To create an action focused climate knowledge exchange to facilitate efficient and synergistic engagement of the climate crisis including building new partnerships, collaborations and learning networks.



Need: There is a need for bilateral knowledge exchange between researchers, experts, leaders and users.

There is a need for increased coordination across federal, state, university, county and NGO communities on climate change policy, planning and practice.

Finally, there is a need for strengthened climate change partnerships that create change at local to large scales.



Approach: Establish a climate focused knowledge exchange to support:

- Connecting members of the climate change community to better coordinate strategies, approaches, planning and practice
- Supporting members on taking focused and coordinated action informed by the best science, including building on-the-ground collaborations
- Assist in major initiatives, especially those that require complex partnerships spanning various scales and layers of government.



Outcomes: Knowledge exchanges typically achieve:

- Enhanced capacity to effectively coordinate climate change planning, policy and practice
- More effective multi-directional exchange of credible knowledge
- Venue to identify needs among user groups, experts and researchers and solutions directed to meeting needs
- More collaborative approach to taking climate actions.



Questions?