

Discussion on Adapting to Climate Change



Esri president Jack Dangermond has opened a discussion, known as the Spatial Roundtable, about the value of geographic information system (GIS) technology and GeoDesign in responding to the effects of climate change. The conversation started concurrently with the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP17) in Durban, South Africa, from 28th November to 9th December 2011 and will run until the end of January 2012.

Esri's hosted Spatial Roundtable provides an engaging online venue for environmental professionals who wish to weigh in on their visions for geospatial technologies' role in addressing the challenges of climate change adaptation.

Dangermond began the climate-change adaptation conversation by asking, "How can GeoDesign best be applied to climate adaptation in the next fifteen years?" A number of thought leaders have already joined the conversation: Dr. Wim Bastiaanssen, scientist and cofounder of eLEAF; Dr. Elena Bennett from McGill University; Dr. Nguyen Huu Ninh, environmental researcher and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and Andrea Feunekes, founding partner and co-CEO of Remsoft, Inc.

Professionals are invited to join in the conversation. The climate change topic discussion will be active through January 31, 2012, and will remain accessible for review in the Spatial Roundtable archive through 2013.