



Media Advisory

What: 7th International Conference on Environmental Future

When: April 16 - 20, 2018

Where: University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center, East-West Center

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Hundreds of environmental leaders from around the globe will convene at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa from April 16 – 20 to discuss current and future issues surrounding island environments.

The 7th International Conference on Environmental Future (7ICEF) will bring together islanders, researchers, managers, and non-governmental organizations to focus on the connection between humans and island environments, and seek to answer questions such as: How have islands aided our understanding of human-environment interactions? What are the latest directions in island biological and cultural conservation? Where should island conservation efforts be focused? What conservation lessons do islands have for the rest of the world?

Each day, illustrious speakers from schools and departments throughout the University of Hawai'i will join international experts to focus on the topics critical to island communities and ecosystems, such as climate change, invasive species, growth and development, and resource management. These discussions will then be compiled into a series of written documents intended to address these daunting challenges now and in the future.

The 7ICEF is a partnership of the Foundation for Environmental Conservation, Newcastle University Institute for Sustainability, East-West Center, and entities throughout the University of Hawai'i including the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology, Sea Grant College Program, Center for Pacific Island Studies, Pacific Science Association, Pacific Islands Climate Science Center, and the Water Resources Research Center.

Media is invited and encouraged to attend

Selected sessions are open to registered participants only.

Two events are free and open to the public, and all interested parties are encouraged to attend:

- Wednesday, April 17, *Film Night*, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, UH Mānoa Art Auditorium
- Friday, April 19, *Friday Panel*, 1:30-3:00; East-West Center's Keoni Auditorium

In addition, the public can access various live-streamed events on the 7ICEF Twitter and Facebook pages: (https://twitter.com/7th_ICEF) (<https://www.facebook.com/7ICEF/>).

One-day registration for \$110 is available. Visit <https://www.eastwestcommunity.org/7icef> for more information and to register.

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