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Anthropologists to Discuss Human Implications of Climate Change at COP 23

Members of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) will join nations of the world at the UN Climate Change Conference November 6-17, to advance the aims and ambitions of the Paris Agreement and achieve progress on its implementation guidelines. The conference, officially referred to as COP 23, will take place in Bonn, Germany, hosted by the secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and presided over by Fiji.

The AAA delegation will deliver a statement on anthropologists' positions, concerns and hopes for the implementation of the Paris Agreement as well as establish relationships with constituents and NGOs on jointly-held concerns such as sustainable development, REDD and REDD+, non-economic damage and loss, potential damage to heritage sites, indigenous peoples and human rights.

"Anthropologists all over the world are working to help us understand the implications of climate change and develop concrete solutions to one of the most pressing issues of our time," said Shirley J. Fiske, PhD, Chair of the AAA Global Climate Change Task Force.

Climate change creates global threats that affect all aspects of human life, including our health, homes, livelihoods, and cultures, as well as our physical environment. Threats of this magnitude affect our stability—our sense of cultural identity, our well-being, and our security. As a discipline clearly devoted to the human condition over time and space, anthropology offers important insights that can help create workable solutions to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Members of the delegation include:

- Shirley J. Fiske, PhD, Chair of the AAA Global Climate Change Task Force
- Susan Crate, PhD, George Mason University
- Julie Raymond, Doctoral Fellow, Idaho State University
- Naveeda Khan, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins University

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