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Carbon Dioxide Symposium to Highlight Science, Impacts, Economics of Greenhouse Gas Buildup

In celebration of 50 years of continuous carbon dioxide (CO_2) measurements – the bedrock of worldwide research into human-caused climate change – NOAA and other sponsors have organized an international carbon dioxide symposium in Kona, Hawaii, that will bring together key segments of society involved in addressing carbon dioxide emissions in the future.

Not far from NOAA's Mauna Loa Observatory, where the first continuous CO_2 data were collected, science, business, and policy leaders will address such topics as the impacts of increased atmospheric carbon dioxide on land and ocean ecosystems, energy alternatives to fossil fuels, economic impacts of climate change, and regional efforts to control greenhouse gas emissions.

WHAT: CO₂-50 Years: Recording the Past, Informing the Future

A Symposium on the Global Carbon Dioxide Record -Journalists are invited to attend and report on the symposium.

-Speakers and session leaders will be available for interviews.

WHERE: Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort

78-128 Ehukai St. Kona, Hawaii (1-808-930-4900)

WHEN: Symposium: Nov. 28–30

Field trip to Mauna Loa Observatory: Saturday, Dec. 1

WHO: Leaders in business and science, government agency representatives,

legislators, congressional staff

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On the Web:

Carbon dioxide symposium: http://www.co2conference.org

NOAA Mauna Loa Observatory: http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/obop/mlo