



13th Annual Bahamas Weather Conference
Wednesday, April 15 – Sunday, April 19, 2009
Conference Agenda

Wednesday, April 15

Upon arrival at Nassau International Airport please identify yourself at the Bahamas Weather Conference Welcome Desk for complimentary ground transportation to the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort.

All day: Transfers to the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort
Participants must register for the conference at the: Arawak Room
Please be sure to sign-in to receive your conference welcome packet, badge and conference documents

The Bahamas Weather Conference Press and Hospitality Rooms will be located for the duration of the conference in the: Lucayan Room & Arawak Room
Hours are 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16

- 6:45-7:55 a.m. Continental Breakfast: Ballroom Foyer
Presentations: ***Ballroom***
- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Welcome from the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism
- 9:00-9:15 a.m. 2008 Tropical Cyclone Impacts on the Bahamas – Dr. Arthur Rolle, Director, Bahamas Department of Meteorology
- 9:15-9:45 a.m. Overview of the 2008 Atlantic Hurricane Season – Bill Read, Director, National Hurricane Center
- 9:45-10:05 a.m. Storm Surge from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike – Dr. Wilson Shaffer, National Weather Service’s Meteorological Development Laboratory (invited)

- 10:05-10:20 a.m. Break
- 10:20-11:20 a.m. Panel on Forecast and Response to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike – Meteorologists in Charge of NWS Weather Forecast Offices and local Emergency Management Directors
Gene Hafele, Houston/Galveston MIC (invited)
Andy Patrick, Lake Charles MIC (invited)
Ken Graham, New Orleans/Baton Rouge MIC (invited)
Charlie Kelly, City of Galveston Emergency Management Coordinator
Jeff Kelley, Orange County Emergency Management Director
Dexter Accardo, St. Tammany Parish Emergency Management Director
- 11:20-11:50 a.m. Panel on Media Reporting During Hurricane Gustav and Ike – Moderator: Dr. Steve Lyons, The Weather Channel; Panelists:
Keith Monahan, Chief Meteorologist KIAH
Frank Billingsley, Chief Meteorologist KPRC
Chris Franklin, Chief Meteorologist WVUE
- 11:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Financial Crisis, Catastrophic Risk and the Property/Casualty Insurance Industry - Dr. Robert Hartwig, President and CEO of the Insurance Information Institute
- 12:20-12:30 p.m. Q & A on Insurance Issues moderated by Dr. Robert Hartwig, President and CEO of the Insurance Information Institute
- 12:30-1:00 p.m. Verification of the 2008 Klotzbach/Gray Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook and the Outlook for 2009 - Dr. Bill Gray, Professor Emeritus of Atmospheric Science, Colorado State University and Dr. Phil Klotzbach, Colorado State University
- 1:00-1:05 p.m. Comments on the Use of Seasonal Outlooks, Max Mayfield
- Lunch: Bimini Room Restaurant**
- 1:05-7:00 p.m. Satellite uplinks and interviews as scheduled

Friday, April 17

- 6:45-7:55 a.m. Continental Breakfast: *Ballroom Foyer*
Presentations: *Ballroom*
- 8:00-8:20 a.m. Should the Saffir/Simpson Hurricane Scale be Updated or Replaced? – Bill Read, Director, National Hurricane Center

- 8:20-8:40 a.m. Increasing Public Distribution of Official Government Hurricane Forecasts and Emergency Messages – Bryan Norcross, President and CEO of America’s Emergency Network and Advisor to NBC/The Weather Channel
- 8:40-9:00 a.m. The Progress of Hurricane Resistent Construction in the U.S. – Nanette Lockwood, PE, Solutia Inc.
- 9:00-9:20 a.m. Earth, Wind and Fire: Current Loss Prevention Research – Julie Rochman, President and CEO of the Institute of Business and Home Safety
- 9:20-9:40 a.m. Using ‘*Edu-tainment*’ to Change Hurricane Risk Behavior – Leslie Chapman-Henderson, President and CEO of the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)
- 9:40-10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion on Better Building – Moderator: Max Mayfield; Panelists: Nanette Lockwood, Julie Rochman, and Leslie Chapman-Henderson.
- 10:00-10:20 a.m. Break
- 10:20-10:40 a.m. Reducing Future Hurricane Loses? Maybe – Just Maybe – This is an Attainable Goal. Here’s How. – Dr. William H. Hooke, Director, American Meteorological Society Policy Program
- 10:40-11:00 a.m. Can The Hard of Hearing or Sight Impaired Hear or See a Storm Coming? -- YES They Can – Wendy Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Volunteer Florida
- 11:00-11:20 a.m. The Madden-Julian Oscillation and One to Two Week Atlantic Basin Hurricane Prediction – Dr. Klotzbach, Colorado State University
- 11:20-11:40 a.m. Hurricanes and Global Warming: What Can the Observations Tell Us? - Dr. Chris Landsea, National Hurricane Center
- 11:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Observed Tropical Cyclone Variability and Trends – Dr. Jim Kossin, Research Scientist, NOAA's National Climatic Data Center
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Discussion on Global Warming and Hurricanes – Moderator: Max Mayfield; Panelists: Dr. Chris Landsea, Dr. Jim Kossin, Dr. Steve Lyons (TWC) and Bill Read (NHC)
- 1:15 p.m. Director General’s luncheon hosted by Vernice Walkine, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism
- 2:00-7:00 p.m. Satellite uplinks and interviews as scheduled