

Public Health Strategies for Climate Change in Maryland

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Objectives

- Discuss the use of climate models and forecasts in the development of a public health strategy for climate change in Maryland;
- Identify the needs of stakeholders and ways of addressing them as climate scientists and public health communities work with local jurisdictions to formulate community specific, culturally competent adaptation strategies;
- Consider ways to improve coordination of public health- and climate change-related activities in Maryland.

1:00 – 1:05	Welcome	Amir Sapkota, Ph.D.
1:05 – 1:20	Overview of the Proposal and ongoing activities related to Climate Change at DHMH	Clifford Mitchell, MS, MD, MPH
1:20 – 2:00	Discussion led by local public health jurisdictions on the current and planned climate adaptation actions	
2:00 – 2:15	NOAA's National Climate Assessment – Scenarios for Climate Assessment and Adaptation	Paul Schramm, MS, MPH
2:15 – 2:30	Overview of the Forecasting Capabilities in UMD	Xin-Zhong Liang, Ph.D.
2:30 – 3:00	Discussion	

Discussion Questions

- 1) In what capacity does the climate change outlook for Maryland differ from other states and US as a whole?
- 2) What type of climate forecast (specific elements, spatial and temporal scale) is needed to devise better adaptation strategies for Marylanders?