University Lecture
Designing A Pan-University Commitment to Sustainability

- 16 December 2011 (Friday)
- 4:00 pm (Tea Reception); 4:30 - 5:30 pm (Lecture)

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Venue: Connie Fan Multi-media Conference Room
4/F Cheng Yick-chi Building
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Abstract:
Arizona State University (ASU) has a university-wide commitment to sustainability education, transdisciplinary research, outreach and business operations. All academic and support units are expected to participate in achieving sustainability goals and are guided by the university’s Global Institute of Sustainability. Achieving these goals at scale in a large public university (2011 enrollment of >72,000 students) is challenging, but is facilitated by highly visible support from ASU’s President. Some key programs/highlights include:

- a comprehensive School of Sustainability that offers bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees in sustainability
- US$50M annual portfolio of external funding for "user-inspired" research on sustainability issues
- unique internal network of and program for 240 "sustainability scientists and scholars"
- a university "Carbon Action Plan" to reach zero CO₂ emissions by the year 2020
- 10MW of solar energy production capacity with plans to generate 30+ % of all energy needs from solar installations

All are Welcome!

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