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ASU's Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes to participate in first global citizen dialogue on climate change

World Wide Views on Global Warming launched today at the Danish Parliament

March 23, 2009 (Tempe, AZ) – Partners of the first ever global citizen consultation met today at the Danish Parliament in Copenhagen to officially launch **World Wide Views on Global Warming** (WWViews). Organized by The Danish Board of Technology and The Danish Cultural Institute, WWViews will hold citizen deliberations on global warming on **September 26, 2009**, in **45 countries**. Arizona State University (ASU) will be the location for one of seven forums being conducted in the United States, and it will be organized by the Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes. Members from each location's community, selected by the host institution, will deliberate and vote on some of the key questions on climate change and that information will be provided to their country's delegates to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP15), to be held December 7-18, 2009, in Copenhagen.

Over a decade ago, most countries in the world joined an international treaty on global warming – the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The goal for the upcoming COP15 summit is to establish a binding global climate agreement, which will apply to the period after 2012. WWViews will give citizens all over the world an opportunity to define and communicate their positions on issues central to the negotiations at COP15. The main objective of WWViews is to give a broad sample of citizens from across the globe the opportunity to influence COP15 and thereby the future of global climate policy.

More about World Wide Views

WWViews is structured as a global alliance of individuals and institutions, including government agencies, NGOs and universities. During a single day (Sept. 26), two months prior to COP15, WWViews partners will host national deliberations. Each will include roughly 100 ordinary citizens, chosen to represent their

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region's demographic diversity, who will engage in a structured dialogue aimed at answering an identical set of questions. Roughly 6,000 participating citizens will address questions central to the negotiations at COP15. Participants will vote on questions, and propose and prioritize action recommendations, within three thematic areas: Climate Policy Goals, Burden Sharing, and Climate Policy Mechanisms (quota system, adaptation measures, technology transfer, etc.). Results from the deliberations around the world will be shared with policymakers and COP15 delegates.

The other locations in the United States participating in WWViews, in addition to ASU, are:

- California: Pomona College and The Loka Institute
- Colorado: Colorado School of Mines
- Georgia: Georgia Institute of Technology
- Massachusetts: Boston University, The Brookfield Institute, and Museum of Science in Boston
- North Carolina: North Carolina State University
- Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin-Madison

For more information on **World Wide Views on Global Warming**, visit its Web site at <http://www.wwviews.org/>. For more information about ASU's Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes, visit its Web site at www.cspo.org.

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