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Eighth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social

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Robson Square
University of British Columbia
Canada



Dear Delegate,

Thank you for participating in Eighth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability! We are pleased you will be joining us in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia's Robson Square and hope you are looking forward to coming together with colleagues and members of the Sustainability community this January.

In preparation for the conference, we have put together some information that we hope will prove useful to you as you begin to prepare for the conference and your arrival in Vancouver. In this document, you will find information such as transportation information, a map of Robson Square, conference registration information, presentation information, and paper and journal information.

This packet is a starting point for your preparations, and we realize you may have some additional questions after reviewing the material here. For any questions that remain, please contact the conference secretariat at support@onsustainability.com.

We hope your planning goes well, and we look forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

Best regards,

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons is located in Downtown Vancouver – a short walk to Robson Square. It is approximately 20-25 minutes to travel from the Vancouver International Airport to the Four Seasons by taxi. We would recommend taking a taxi, however, if you are renting a car, please find directions below.

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE FOUR SEASONS TO ROBSON SQUARE

To Robson Square at the University of British Columbia

The Four Seasons Hotel is approximately a 3 to 4 minute walk to Robson Square.

1. Exit the Hotel and onto Howe St.
2. Head southwest on Howe St.
3. Turn right on Robson St.
4. Robson Square will be on the left

Taxis are another option to get to Robson Square. Here are some phone numbers to order taxis:

1. Vancouver Taxi- (604) 871-1111
2. Yellow Cab Vancouver Taxi Service- (604) 681-1111
3. Vancouver Taxis- (604) 272-1111
4. MacLure's Cabs- (604) 683-6666

These two companies also offer van cabs to order:

1. Sunshine Cabs, Ltd- (604) 987-3333
2. Aeroshuttle – 1-877-921-9021

From Robson Square to the Four Seasons Hotel

Here are the reverse directions to get back to the hotel

1. Head southeast on Robson St.
2. Turn left at Howe St.
3. Destination will be on the left.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION DESK LOCATION AND HOURS

The registration desk will be located directly in front of room C300/Theater, which is also the plenary room. The Sustainability Conference will be held from 10-12 January 2012. The registration desk will open at 7:45 on the morning of the first day, 10 January. The registration desk will remain open each day for the duration of the conference.

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

Equipment:

Each delegate will need to provide his/her own laptop for the conference.

Program:

When the draft program is available it can be found at:

<http://onsustainability.com/conference-2012/program/>

In addition to this, you will receive a program booklet at the conference with the final schedule for the plenary and parallel sessions.

Online Presentations:

Online Presentations can be viewed through our YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/group/>.

These presentations are made by both our virtual registrants and our in-person participants. Whether you are presenting at this conference, or are a virtual participant, we encourage all participants to present on the Ubiquitous Learning Conference YouTube Channel. Here are two suggestions:

1. Record a video of your presentation before or after the conference, or ask a colleague to record a video of your presentation at the conference, and then submit it to our YouTube channel.
2. Create a PowerPoint presentation with voice-over before or after the conference, or record the audio of the presentation at the conference, then link this to the PowerPoint presentation.

These presentation recordings will be published to YouTube with a link to your session description on the conference website, and (if your paper is accepted to the journal), a link to the abstract of your paper on the journal website.

For instructions on how to create and upload these presentations, visit the conference website at

<http://onsustainability.com/conference-2012/online-presentations/>

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Conference Dinner

The Refinery - 11 January 2012, 19:00 (7:00pm) - \$85.00

Dine with conference colleagues, staff, and plenaries at one of Vancouver's most sustainable and eco-conscious restaurants, The Refinery. This fully "green" restaurant was designed first and foremost with the environment in mind, using only sustainable building materials and supplies, LED lighting and energy efficient equipment. Aside from their cutting edge approach to construction, The Refinery has emerged as a new world eatery with an old world feel. Inspired by timeless classics the menu includes colorful and delicious selections from homemade ingredients using local and sustainable products. The Refinery is an environmentally-conscious member of the Ocean Wise Sustainable Seafood Program and Green Table. Dinner will feature a three course meal, beer and wine, soda, juice and coffee, with all gratuities included.

Conference Tour

Vancouver Aquarium Tour: Connecting with Conservation - 9 January 2012 - 10:00am - \$65.00

Join other delegates at the Vancouver Aquarium for an exclusive behind the scenes tour: Connecting with Conservation. There is so much more to the Vancouver Aquarium than what you see in the galleries. Gain a glimpse of the behind-the-scenes workings of the Aquarium and see what it takes to care for 70,000 amazing animals. Learn about the Aquarium's research and conservation efforts. Some other highlights include walking through Tropical Hallway, BC Treasures Hallway and Jelly Hallway. Delegates will go on a private one hour behind the scenes tour that spotlights conservation and then have as much time as they would like to explore the aquarium.

Reserve your spot now as space is limited!

Conference Reception

Four Season's – 9 January 2012 - 17:00 - 18:30

Common Ground Publishing and the Sustainability Conference will be hosting a Reception and Early Registration Check-in on 9 January at the Four Season's from 17:00 - 18:30. The Four Season's is located at 791 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6C2T4. Please join your colleagues for drinks, light hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to connect and converse.

PAPER AND JOURNAL INFORMATION

Submission Timeline:

Whether you participate in the conference as a virtual registrant or as an in-person delegate, you are invited to submit a paper for consideration in *The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability*. The final date for submitting your paper for consideration is 13 February 2012. This will guarantee that your paper is reviewed through our one way blind refereeing process.

More information on submitting your paper to *The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability* can be found at <http://onsustainability.com/journal/publish-your-paper/> . At this site you will find extensive information about the submission process, author guidelines, the editorial quality of our journal, and the publications process. This information will also be available in the conference program.