



French Ameri-Can Climate Talks Dallas – Climate Extremes : A Forum on Adaptation & Building Resilience in Texas

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- **When** : Thursday, September 17, 2015, 9:00am to 1:30pm

- **Where** : The Martha Proctor Mack Ballroom, SMU Campus, Dallas, TX 75205

- **Program** : <http://facts.france-science.org/program/#dallas>

- **Free registration** :
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-extremes-a-forum-on-adaptation-and-building-resilience-in-texas-tickets-17535550303>

- **Live Video Stream** : <http://www.smu.edu/live>

Building up to the **United Nations Climate Change Conference** to be hosted by France in December 2015 (COP 21 - Paris Climate 2015), the **French Ameri-Can Climate Talks (FACTS)** conference series is back for a second edition with 12 events across Canada and the United States involving renowned scientists, civil society representatives, NGOs, political figures, journalists and entrepreneurs. In preparation for the United Nations Conference, it seems important to consider the challenge of climate change not only in the context of a shared emissions burden but also as an opportunity to create employment, economic growth and innovative modes of production and consumption.

On September 17, 2015, the **French Ameri-Can Climate Talks (FACTS)** will be traveling to Dallas to discuss the **challenges and opportunities in climate adaptation for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region**.

Droughts, floods, extreme heat, bitter cold-weather extremes in Texas are now an established fact of daily life for all residents of the state. How are we to adapt to these climate extremes and their impact on water supply, infrastructure, public resources and vulnerable populations? What strategies can the public and private sectors engage in together to prepare for such seesawing climate extremes? What can we do as individuals to help address the underlying issues of climate extremes? Join us for this urgent and important discussion about climate extremes in Texas.

Organized by the **Office for Science and Technology at the Consulate General of France in Houston** and the **SMU Hunt Institute for Engineering & Humanity**, along with Community Partners, this half-day program features opening remarks by Interim SMU Provost Harold Stanley, Consul General of France Sujiro Seam, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, and two remarkable panels of experts whose expertise and work in the area of climate extremes have contributed significantly to understanding this vital public issue. A special luncheon and call for actionable next steps will conclude what promises to be a dynamic half-day program.

