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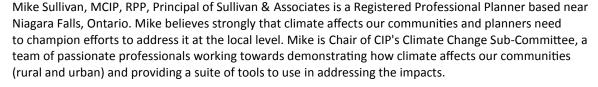


## Planning for Climate Change: an oxymoron?

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:00 am Central CDT (GMT -5:00)

## **PRESENTERS**







Gary Willson is Principal GW Associates Planning Consultants. A community based environmental planner he focusses on stakeholder engagement as a critical element in the development of environmental management, land use design guidelines and public policy. His association with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and organizations regarding a variety of land use and environmental topics has helped him develop a keen interest in the attributes people value in their environments, particularly given their increasing need to address the implications of climate change. An active member with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and registered member with the Alberta Professional Planners Institute, he has been involved with CIP's Climate Change Committee for the past two years.



Henry David (Hank) Venema is the Director of Planning, Prairie Climate Centre with the International Institute for Sustainable Development. He is a professional engineer with a diverse natural resource background spanning water resources, agriculture, energy, climate change mitigation and adaptation, rural development, ecosystem management, environmental economics and environmental finance. Dr. Venema has collaborated with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the Global Water Systems Project, the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Dr. Venema's PhD research concerns landscape-based systems models for integrated rural development and climate change mitigation and adaptation.



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