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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

***Climate Change Conference:***

***Innovations in Public-Private Partnerships***

***With Global Economic Uncertainty***

***Sheraton Hotel, Hanoi  
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Of all countries in East Asia, Vietnam is projected to experience the most severe effects from rising sea levels due to climate change – the coastline and river deltas could see dramatic flooding, population displacement and GDP threatened. In this difficult time for the global economy, can climate change be tackled with new technology and innovation?

With support from the Ford Foundation, the U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council Education Forum in cooperation with the Vietnam Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), as well as the Vietnam Network of Civil Society Organizations for Climate Change (VCSCC), Indochina Carbon and the Vietnam Forum of Environmental Journalists, will hold a two-day conference to promote dialogue on visionary leadership and business and civil society solutions to address climate change. The conference is focused on actions private corporations and NGOs can take to reduce the effects of climate change, as well as policy incentives through carbon credits and tax policies and the integral role of the Vietnamese government in promoting such measures.

Keynote speakers invited for this conference include:

- Vice Minister Tran Hong Ha - Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)
- Mr. Peter Goldmark – Director of the Climate and Air Program for Environmental Defense Fund, former Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, former President of the Rockefeller Foundation and former Chairman & CEO of the International Herald Tribune.
- Dr. Nguyen Huu Ninh – Chairman of the Centre for Environment Research Education and Development (CERED), Senior Contributing Member to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and their 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

The U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council Education Forum and its educational affiliate have worked on economic and political normalization between the two countries since 1989 and since 1997 has helped to provide technical assistance to Vietnam on issues relating to the U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement, WTO Accession, and international global integration. For further information, please visit our website at: <http://www.usvtc.org> or please contact Mr. Robert Schiffer, USVTC – EF Chief Executive Officer ([schifferr1@hotmail.com](mailto:schifferr1@hotmail.com)) or Ms. Thuy Nguyen, Program Associate ([thuy.nguyen@usvtc.org](mailto:thuy.nguyen@usvtc.org))

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