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### ENVIRONMENTALIST BILL MCKIBBEN LEADS CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

***Free and open to public, September 20 at the Academy of Natural Sciences***

PHILADELPHIA—Renowned environmentalist and author Bill McKibben will be the keynote speaker at a free public conference on climate change and its social and economic impacts Monday, Sept. 20, at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

[McKibben](#), founder of the international climate campaign [350.org](#), is the featured speaker for “Global Warming 2010: Creating Jobs and Saving the Planet,” presented by the Academy’s Center for Environmental Policy, [Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future \(PennFuture\)](#), [American Cities Foundation](#) and [350philly!](#) The discussion will cover the who, what, when, where and why of climate change and the opportunities it provides to expand the economy, create green jobs, and preserve the planet. Global warming initiatives will be discussed, along with pending state and federal legislation. The conference also will include a panel discussion with Leslie Fields, national environmental justice and community partnerships director for the Sierra Club; Andrew Lavine, lead organizer of 350philly!; Michael Alan Livermore, executive director of the Institute for Policy Integrity at New York University School of Law; and Jerome Sanders, managing director of BITH Energy and Engineering Services.

The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the talk at 6:30 p.m. Auditorium seating is limited. To register, visit <http://billmckibbenclimate.eventbrite.com/>.

McKibben writes frequently about global warming and alternative energy and advocates for more localized economies. He has been described by the Boston Globe as “probably the nation’s leading environmentalist” and by Time magazine as “the world’s best green journalist.”

The Academy’s Center for Environmental Policy sponsors programs to enhance public awareness, decision-making, and public action on environmental issues. Founded in 1812, the Academy is the oldest natural history museum in the Americas.

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*The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.*

**HOURS:** Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **ADMISSION:** \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies!

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