Atkinson Center Topical Lunch

Title – Scaling Up Applied Climate Science to Support Adaptation and Mitigation

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Pressure is increasing to implement mitigation and adaptation measures to manage climate risk. State and local officials across the United States need to consider how to incorporate climate risk into areas such as bond rating, infrastructure planning, flood management, and reducing catastrophic wildfire risk. As part of this topical lunch, I will overview current sources of information and the potential role of a civil society “climate assessment consortium” to supplement Federal assessments. The presentation will preview conclusions from a draft report by the Independent Advisory Committee on Applied Climate Assessment that is completing the work of a Federal Advisory Committee discontinued by the Trump administration. I am interested in learning more about the Cornell research community’s work in this area and feedback related to forming a climate assessment consortium.