

## **Atkinson Center Topical Lunch**

**Title:** Cornell Engagement at the Climate Change COP: Lessons Learned and Future Directions

**Date:** Monday, March 27, 2017 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Rice 300

**Hosts:** Dr. Allison Chatrchyan and Dr. Johannes Lehmann, with Special Guest, Dr. Stacy VanDeveer, UMASS Boston

### **Abstract**

What was accomplished at COP 21 and COP 22? What is the future of the Paris Accord with the new Administration? What have been the successes, and challenges, of Cornell involvement at the COP, and how can we build stronger partnerships with countries, INGOs and NGOs, given the UN rules for engagement?

Cornell University is an official observer to the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP), which is organized by the United Nations and held for two weeks every year in November-December time frame. We will provide an overview of Cornell involvement at COP 21 and COP 22, and what an observer organization like Cornell can achieve at the Climate Change COP every year. We will allow time for expert input on the future of the Paris Agreement with the new Administration, and the need for university researchers to stay engaged. What issues should be highlighted at Cornell exhibits and side events, and what are the opportunities for Cornell student involvement at the COP?