

New Insights on How Businesses Prepare for Climate Change

First annual State of Corporate Adaptation report to be released at the National Adaptation Forum on May 13, 2015 in St Louis, MO.

Climate change has brought millions of dollars in damages to businesses over the past years, yet little is known about how businesses are preparing and planning for the physical impacts of climate change going forward.

Four Twenty Seven, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index (ND-GAIN) and with support from Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), will release the first annual report on the *State of Corporate Adaptation*, at the National Adaptation Forum in St Louis, MO.

The report features key findings on how businesses are addressing the need to adapt complex business operations to a changing climate, using responses from a survey administered to dozens of businesses.

The report examines how companies approach, assess, manage and plan for the risks posed by various climate impacts. Highlights of the analysis include:

- Which climate hazards are companies most concerned about?
- What kind of business impacts do companies expect – business disruptions or costs increases?
- Have companies already implemented adaptation measures, and, if so, what do they look like?
- How are roles and responsibilities assigned for climate risk management and adaptation planning inside the company?
- What opportunities could climate change create for businesses?

Join us at the **National Adaptation Forum on Wednesday, May 13 at 8 am** at the EcoAdapt press conference to hear key findings and participate in a Q&A session with the report authors.

Copies of the report will also be available at the Notre-Dame Global Adaptation Index booth and on the Four Twenty Seven website: <http://www.427mt.com>.

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*The **Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index** is a practical solution to the world's climate problem. We promote adaptation by identifying the places most vulnerable to extreme weather and changing climate and identifying real-world solutions that can prevent these changes from becoming disasters. Our flagship asset is the free and open-source Country Index, the world's leading index showing which countries are prepared to handle global changes brought about by overcrowding, resource-constraints and climate disruption. Our mission is to enhance the world's understanding of the importance of adaptation and inform private and public investments in vulnerable communities. ND-GAIN is part of the Climate Change Adaptation Program of the University of Notre Dame's **Environmental Change Initiative (ND-ECI)**, a Strategic Research Initiative focused on "science serving society," and draws resources from across the campus.*

***Four Twenty Seven** is an award-winning climate risk consulting firm dedicated to providing innovative tools and services to organizations seeking to understand climate impacts, assess risks to their operations or their stakeholders, and increase their resilience by developing and implementing climate adaptation measures. Our supply chain application, developed in partnership with Climate Earth, is the first enterprise-quality application enabling large corporations to quickly map and quantify global supply chain risks due to climate change. It was awarded the 2014 Environmental Business Journal Award for Technology Merit in Climate Change Risk Management.*

Four Twenty Seven was founded in 2012 and is headquartered in the San Francisco Bay Area. The name Four Twenty Seven is a reference to California's 2020 emissions target, 427 million metric tonnes of carbon.