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June 3, 2015

I am an Associate Professor in the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning and Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes at Arizona State University. I am conducting a research study on the deliberation you will be participating in as a part of the World Wide Views on Climate and Energy (WWViewsCE) citizen's forum taking place in Tempe and Boston on June 6, 2015.

The goal of the research is two-fold: to assess the participants' views on climate and energy and the effect the deliberation has in formulating them. The project aims to advance our understanding of ways for citizens to become more directly involved in national science policy issues and will provide insight into designing ways for ordinary people to participate in technological practices and policies from local through national and international levels.

I am inviting your participation, which will involve spending June 6, 2015 participating in the deliberation event and completing the pre- and post-event surveys and optional post event interview. If you volunteer for the post event interview and are selected, a research team member will contact you at the conclusion of the event and approximately 2 weeks after the event for a 5-minute and a 10-minute interview respectively. You have the right not to answer any question, and to stop the interview at any time. The research team will observe the WWViewsCE event. They will be taking notes, but they will not be recording individual names.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. Participants will receive a stipend of \$100 at the end of the day. If you choose not to participate or to withdraw from the study at any time, there will be no penalty and you will receive your stipend for completing the forum. You must be 18 or older to participate in the research study.

Participants in the WWViewsCE event will have the opportunity to learn about and express their views on climate and energy, and policies regarding combating climate change at the national and international levels. There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts to your participation.

Your responses including the demographic data collected in the prescreening survey (application) will be anonymous. The pre- and post-surveys are linked by an anonymous seven-digit code so that we can make comparisons, but they will not be linked to your name. The results of this study may be used in reports, presentations, or publications but your name will not be known. Most results will only be shared in the aggregate form and any individual comments will remain anonymous. Filling out the surveys will be considered your consent for this aspect of the study

Some of the table discussions will be audio taped to allow the researchers to more fully explore the deliberations. Please let the facilitator at your table know if you do not want your participation to be recorded; you can change your mind after the event starts, just let the facilitator know. All recordings will be kept in a secure location and be used only by the researchers to further our understanding of the deliberations that take place. In addition, any notes taken by the research team will be secured and used only by the research team for research purposes with all personally identifiable information removed.

If you have any questions concerning the research study, please contact the research team at: Netra.chhetri@asu.edu or 480-727-0747. If you have any questions about your rights as a subject/participant in this research, or if you feel you have been placed at risk, you can contact the Chair of the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board, through the ASU Office of Research Integrity and Assurance at (480) 965-6788. Please let me know if you wish to be part of the study by signing below.

Thank you for your participation in the WWViewsCE citizen's forum.

Netra Chhetri, Associate Professor, Arizona State University

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

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