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**CLIMATE SCIENTIST & NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, STEVEN SCHNEIDER, SPEAKS MARCH 27 AT
REGIONAL INNOVATION FORUM IN PORTLAND**

Portland, Ore. – March 18, 2009 – Dr. Stephen Schneider, a 2007 Nobel Peace Prize winner, renowned climatologist and professor from Stanford University, will be speaking about our impact on the climate and what we can do to reduce that impact at the Regional Innovation Forum.

Schneider is internationally recognized for his research, policy analysis and outreach in climate change. He focuses on climate change science, integrated assessment of ecological and economic impacts of human-induced climate change, and identifying viable climate policies and technological solutions. He has also consulted with federal agencies and White House staff during the Nixon, Carter, Reagan, G.H.W. Bush, Clinton and G.W. Bush administrations.

Schneider's keynote presentation will take place Friday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m., following the conclusion of the Forum's first day. Admission to the keynote is \$35, and attendees need to register before the event to guarantee entry: <http://www.blueoceanevents.org/bo/registration.asp>.

The Forum is a two-day event, taking place March 27-28 at The Portland Expo Center. This conference is designed to further the conversation with major stakeholders on the topics of climate change, smart cars and smart grid, regional energy planning, the inspired futures campaign/youth leadership development, and social innovation.

Community members who wish to participate in the Forum, or attend Schneider's keynote, need to **register** prior to the event here: <http://www.blueoceanevents.org/bo/registration.asp>.

Attendees of the Forum and Schneider's keynote are also encouraged to visit the **Energy Trust Better Living Show**, which also takes place in the Expo Center March 27-29. Admission to the show is free, allowing Forum attendees to stop in before or after the Forum to take a look at sustainable home, garden, fashion and lifestyle products.

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