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Developing policies that will keep climate change in check has become a global priority, as increasing greenhouse gas emissions contribute to extreme weather patterns. If these emissions remain unabated, changes in global temperatures and the subsequent relocation of human settlements and economic activities will have huge economic and social impacts on the world's population. The 2010 annual Land Policy Conference provided a forum for international scholars and policy makers to discuss topics including the impacts of climate change on land use; how energy and climate change policies affect land resource allocation and land use planning; relationships among urban form, transportation, and CO2 emissions; market-based approaches to environmental conservation; and global ability to deal with climate change and land management.