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Aneesh Chopra, the U.S. Chief Technology Officer, delivered the conference's keynote address on November 4 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Chopra was picked for the new position in April by President Barack Obama, to promote technological innovation to help address the country's most urgent needs.

Read the press release here.

Aneesh Chopra's keynote address was recorded and is available here: CNS Nanoequity Conference 2009 Media Files

Other news from the Emerging Technologies/Emerging Economies conference:

Senator Ron Wyden talks technology and climate change
Emerging technologies hold the promise of solving some of the world's most critical problems. Nanotechnology, along with information technology, biotechnology and other new technologies, has great potential for addressing such challenges as energy and environmental degradation, providing clean water, increasing the availability of sustainable food resources, and combating pandemic diseases. Moreover, increased international collaboration on technological innovation will both help to advance our understanding in these areas, and lessen inequality between the global North and South.

Emerging Technologies/Emerging Economies is a joint effort between the University of California, Santa Barbara's Center for Nanotechnology in Society (CNS), which is funded by the National Science Foundation, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (which will host the conference in Washington, D.C.). The conference will convene leaders from NGOs, government, the private sector, science and technology, and academia, to discuss new pathways for technology-based solutions to problems in four inter-related areas: energy/environment, water, food security, and health.

Participants will come from the United States, Europe, and Japan; three of the largest emerging economies (China, India, and Brazil); and other developing countries.
The goal of the conference is to aid in the exchange of ideas and experiences between the development stakeholders mentioned above. We hope to initiate a dialogue between the research community and on-the-ground actors working to find solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges. The goal is to bridge the gap between the developed and developing worlds, by promoting a two-way exchange of ideas about the ways in which innovation in emerging technologies might better contribute to equitable development outcomes in the four conference areas. Specific results will include an edited volume and published papers, as well as a series of policy statements aimed at government officials in participating countries. The conference will also afford an opportunity for networking among the diverse groups of participants, including a limited number of graduate students, whose participation will provide them with an opportunity to interact with the leaders in their fields.

*Emerging Technologies/Emerging Economies* builds on three years of research at UC Santa Barbara’s [Center for Nanotechnology in Society](https://cns.ucsb.edu).

**This conference is by invitation only.** For more information, please email Rachel Parker: rarker@cns.ucsb.edu or Rich Appelbaum: rich@cns.ucsb.edu.

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