

The Climate Game Change - innovations and solutions for climate change adaptation

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 United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)
 Bangkok, Thailand

PROGRAMME

22 January 2009 (Thursday)	
07:30-08:25	Registration
08:30-09:30	Opening session and keynote speech <i>(Conference Room 2)</i>
	<p>Welcome addresses and introductory remarks:</p> <p><i>Dr. Anders Nordström, Director General, Sida</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Lars-Erik Liljelund, Special Adviser on Climate Change to the Prime Minister of Sweden</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of ESCAP and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations</i></p>
	<p>Keynote speech:</p> <p><i>Ms. Angela Cropper, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations</i></p>
09:30-10:00	Coffee/tea
10:00-11:00	Executive Panel 1: Pioneers of the New Market <i>(Conference Room 2)</i>
	<p><i>New innovative market mechanisms are emerging as the finance sector and governments are mobilizing to meet the climate challenge. Is this the beginning of a new paradigm? How can investor communities provide incentives for companies to reduce their carbon footprint? How can we increase financing for clean growth and adaptation in the region? How can we ensure a market-based climate change regime?</i></p>

	<p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Veronica Pedrosa, Presenter/Anchor, Al Jazeera English</i></p>
	<p>Panelists: <i>Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, Climate Change Ambassador, Republic of Korea</i></p> <p><i>Mr. James Gifford, Executive Director, Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Teresa Au, Head of Corporate Sustainability, Asia Pacific Region, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Octavio Peralta, Secretary General, Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia & the Pacific (ADFIAP)</i></p>
	Open discussion
11:00-12:00	Executive Panel 2: Business Opportunities for Climate Action (CR2)
	<p><i>New, innovative green businesses are an important part in the solution to survive climate change. Asian companies are already looking at climate related challenges with new eyes. What are major companies in the region doing to address climate change? Does climate change bring new business opportunities? What are the major risks? Where should the public and private interface be?</i></p>
	<p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Veronica Pedrosa, Presenter/Anchor, Al Jazeera English</i></p>
	<p>Panelists: <i>Mr. Rohan Parikh, Head – Green initiatives, Infosys Technologies Ltd., India</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Ravi Fernando, Director Corporate Branding and Strategic CSR, MAS Holdings, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Richard Welford, Chairman , CSR Asia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Michael Bjärhov, Director of Government & Industry Relations Asia Pacific, Ericsson, Malaysia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Sasja Beslik, Head of Socially Responsible Investments, Banco, Sweden</i></p>
	Open discussion
12:00-12:30	Launch of the Private Sector Adaptation Study
	<p><i>Mr. Kirk Herbertson, Associate, World Resources Institute</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Richard Welford, Chairman , CSR Asia</i></p>
12:30-14:00	Buffet Lunch (organic food) (Delegates' dining room)

14:00-15:30	Parallel breakout sessions
Breakout A	Creating cities for the future <i>(Meeting room H)</i>
	<i>Cities account for 75% of all energy use and 80% of all greenhouse gases emissions. Most Asian cities are situated along rivers or sea shores and are vulnerable to extreme climate events. Making cities cleaner, more energy efficient and resilient to climate change will be key to future growth and development. How can the public and private sectors work together for cleaner cities? How can water scarcity be addressed? What kind of mechanisms will need to be put in place? How can carbon financing be used?</i>
	<p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Adnan Aliani, Economic Affairs Officer and Head, Sustainable Urban Development Unit, ESCAP</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Ms. Sunita Narain, Director, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), India</i></p> <p><i>Prof. Hans Lundberg, International Director, Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL), Sweden</i></p> <p><i>Prof. Ijaz Hossain, Professor Chemical Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Bangladesh</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Ranjith Perera, Assistant Professor, Urban Environmental Management, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand</i></p>
	Open discussion
Breakout B	Ensuring food security <i>(Meeting room F)</i>
	<i>Over the last century, technological advances have enabled dramatic increases in crop yields. This trend is now at risk of being reversed, as climate change may significantly affect food supply and food security, particularly in developing countries. Improved water management and innovations for more efficient agriculture will be needed to ensure adequate and sustainable food production. What are the present trends in Asia? What are the major challenges that need to be addressed? How can the public and private sectors work together to ensure sustainable food production and food security for all?</i>
	<p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Christer Holtsberg, Minister, Director of Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia (SENSA), Sida</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Dr. Ursula Schäfer-Preuss, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Anthony Banbury, Regional Director for Asia, World Food Programme (WFP)</i></p> <p><i>Prof. Johan Rockström, Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)</i></p>

	<p><i>Mr. Sumeth Laomoraporn, Managing Director, Charoen Pokphand (CP) Intertrade Co Ltd, Thailand</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Purushottam Mudbhary, Chief of Policy Assistance Branch, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</i></p>
	Open discussion
Breakout C	Managing risks from climate change and disaster (Conference Room 2)
	<p><i>Climate change is expected to increase the severity and frequency of weather-related natural hazards such as storms, high rainfalls, floods, droughts and heat-waves. Degradation of ecosystems further increases vulnerability. The threats posed to companies and the wider society by climate change will necessitate a new thinking as regards risk management. What are the commercial risks that need to be addressed, and what options are employed by the private sector? How has the insurance sector started addressing climate change? What can companies do to help mitigate the effects of disaster? What do governments need to do?</i></p>
	<p>Moderator: <i>Dr. Johan Schaar, Director, Climate Change and Development Commission (CCDC)</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Dr. Atiq Rahman, Executive Director, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Jerry Velazquez, Senior Regional Coordinator, Asia and the Pacific, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Meine van Noordwijk, Regional Coordinator South East Asia, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Council Chair, Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)</i></p>
	Open discussion
15:30-16:00	Coffee/tea
16:00-16:30	Way Forward (Conference Room 2)
	<p>Outcomes and recommendations by moderators</p> <p>Concluding remarks: <i>Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of ESCAP and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Anders Nordström, Director General, Sida</i></p>
16:30-18:30	Cocktail Reception in the UNCC garden