



ECOSOC Special Event

“Achieving the MDGs and coping with the challenges of climate change”

2 May 2008, UN Headquarters, New York

Programme

10.00 am Opening of the meeting

Welcome by **H.E. Ambassador Léo Mérorès**, President of ECOSOC

Opening remarks **Mr. Sha Zukang**, Under- Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

10.15 am Learning to cope with Climate Change

Panelists:

Andrew Simms, Policy Director and Head of the Climate Change Programme, New Economics Foundation (NEF), London

Ogunlade Davidson, Co-Chair, Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Dean, Post-Graduate Studies, University of Sierra Leone

Q & A session

11.30 am Reducing the World’s Carbon Footprint

Panelists:

Ji Zou, Vice Dean, School of Environment and Natural Resources, Head, Department of Environmental Economics and Management, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

Leena Srivastava, Executive Director, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi

Mark B. Goldfus, Senior Vice President and Director, Public Policy of Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc., New York

Q & A session

Each panel will be followed by interactive discussion moderated by **Andrew C. Revkin**, Environmental journalist, The New York Times