

Informal Thematic Debate of the General Assembly
‘Climate Change as a Global Challenge’
Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations

Tuesday 31st July

10 – 10.30 am

Opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly
Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Panel 1 – Climate Change: the Science, the Impact and the Adaptation Imperative

10 .30 – 1 pm

Moderator: **Kemal Dervis** (Administrator, UNDP)

John Holdren (Harvard University)

Sir Nicholas Stern (London School of Economics)

Herve le Treut (Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique, CNRS)

Kenrick R. Leslie (Executive Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Center)

Sunita Narain (Director, Centre for Science and Environment, India)

Respondent: **Neroni Slade** (Samoa)

Panel 2 - Mitigation Strategies in the context of Sustainable Development

3 - 6 pm

Moderator: **Mohamed El-Ashry** (UN Foundation)

Robert Socolow (Princeton University)

Anthony Olusegun Adegbulugbe (Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria)

Hasan M. Qabazard (Director of Research Division, OPEC)

Michael Liebreich (CEO, New Energy Finance)

Bjorn Stigson (President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development)

Yvo de Boer (Executive Secretary, UNFCCC)

Respondents: **Masayuki Sasanouchi** (Environmental Affairs, Toyota) and **Paul Bledsoe** (Director, US National Commission on Energy Policy)

Concluding address

6 – 6.15 pm **Jeff Sachs** (Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University)

August 1: 10-1pm and 3-6pm

Informal meeting of the Plenary. Member States are invited to make statements about their ‘National strategies and international commitments to address climate change’.

Special Envoys

Former President Ricardo Lagos (Secretary-General’s Climate Change Envoy)

Han Seung-soo (Secretary-General’s Climate Change Envoy)

Special Guests

Sha Zukang (USG Dept. Economic and Social Affairs)

Jacques Diouf (Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization)

Jake Siewert (Vice President, Environment and Public Strategy, Alcoa)

Hans Verolme (Director, Climate Change Program, World Wildlife Fund)

Jim Rogers (Chairman and CEO, Duke Energy)

Kate Hampton (Head of Policy, Climate Change Capital)

Graeme Sweeney (Executive Vice President, Renewables, Hydrogen, CO2 & Power, Shell International Renewables B.V.)

Martin Khor (Editor, South – North Development Monitor)

Tariq Banuri (Director, Stockholm Environment Institute, Asia)

Yehia Bouabdellaoui (Director, Hassan II Institute of Agronomy, Morocco)