Integrating Climate Change into National Sustainable Development Strategies

Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development
Expert Group Meeting
New York, 12 – 13 November 2007

**Programme**

12 November 2007

9:30 – 10:45: Session One: Setting the Stage

Welcome and Opening

9:30-9:45 Welcome and introductory remarks
Mr. Peter Mak, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development
Department of Economic and Social Affairs

9:45-10:15 National Sustainable Development Strategies - Framework for Integrating Climate Change and Sustainable Development at the National Level
Ms. Kathleen Abdalla, Chief of the National Information, Monitoring and Outreach Branch

10:15-10:45 Climate Change and Sustainable Development: Nexus and Key Linkages
Ms. Le-Yin Zhang, Development Policy Unit, University College London

10:45-11:00 Tea/coffee

11:00 – 1:00: Session Two: Vulnerability and Adaptation: Water, Agriculture and Food Security

Impacts of climate change on agriculture
Mr. William Cline, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development and Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington D.C.

Climate change and national decision-making
Mr. Robert J. Lempert, Senior Scientist, RAND Corporation

Integrating Adaptation into National Planning: National Experiences

- Brazil
  Mr. Roberto Schaeffer, Energy Planning Program, COPPE, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
• **Ghana**
  Mr. Rudolph Sandy Kuuzegh, Director, Environment, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Environment

*Questions and Answers/ Discussion*

1:00 – 2:30: Lunch

2:30 – 5:30 **Session Three: Vulnerability and Adaptation in Small Island States and other Low-lying Countries**

*Adaptation Strategies as an integral part of NSDS*
Mr. Rolph Payet, Special Adviser to the President, Seychelles

*Adaptation Technologies for Strategic Implementation – Innovative, cost effective and SIDS appropriate*
Mr. Tom Goreau, President, Global Coral Reef Alliance

*National Experiences*
  • **Barbados**
    Ms. Amrikha D. Singh, Ministry of Energy and the Environment
  
  • **Cook Islands**
    Mr. Tuaere Tangianau Upoko, Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister

*Questions and Answers/ Discussion*

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9:30 – 12:00 **Session Four: Mitigation and the Scope for Co-Benefits for Sustainable Development**

*Adaptation and mitigation planning and response*
Mr. Mohan Munasinghe, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Sri Lanka

*Climate Change and Energy Security*
Mr. Robert LaCount, Director, Global Power Group, Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Cambridge, Massachusetts

*The Role of Forests and Deforestation*
Ms. Mita Sen, Program Officer, UN Forum on Forests Secretariat
National Experiences
  • France (English/French)
    Mr. Christian Brodhag, Inter-Ministerial Delegate to the Commission on Sustainable Development, Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development

Questions and Answers/ Discussion

12:00 – 1:00: **Session Five: Next Steps**
  Recommendations, follow-up and closing.