

# **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. Tuae 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.*