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Greening Development to Address Climate Change

Sustainability Dialogue: Monday, 6th October 2008, 14:30 – 16:00, Auditorium

The Story

The high level discussion on “Integrating Environment into Development Cooperation to Address Climate Change” brings together heads of bilateral/multilateral development agencies to reflect on how they ensure that environmental issues are incorporated in their development cooperation programmes to address the growing threat of climate change.

Key Issues

Issues likely to be discussed will revolve around the need to consider the environment when addressing the effects of climate change, in particular:

- What role does environment play in the delivery of development goals, and how is sound ecosystem management linked with climate change adaptation?
- A reflection on the outcomes of the September 2008 aid harmonization meeting in Accra and looking ahead to the Doha Financing for Development discussions in late November.
- What are the key issues related to ecosystems, climate change, and development co-operation to be faced in the coming years?
- What more needs to be done, and who are the key players? – the link between North and South, the role of the multilateral agencies and South-South collaboration.

Confirmed Panellists

1. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer of GEF.
2. Poul Engberg-Pedersen, Director General of Norad, Norway.
3. Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director General for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria.
4. Anne Gazeau Secret, Director General for International Cooperation and Development, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France.
5. Yolanda Kakabadse, Advisor, Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano, and former President of IUCN.
6. Soraya Rodriguez Ramos, Secretary of State for International Cooperation, AECID, Spain.
7. Johan Schaar, Director, Commission on Climate Change and Development, Sweden.
8. Jacqueline Schafer, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, USAID.
9. **Moderator:** Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, Under Secretary General of the United Nations, and former Director General of IUCN.

Meet the Press: 6th October, 12:00-13:00, Media Lounge.

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