

CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT  
**South Asian Media Briefing Workshop on Climate Change**

Basement Theatre  
India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road  
New Delhi, India

August 27-28, 2009

The issue of climate change is critical in our world today.

We know that the threat of climate change is real and urgent and we also know that combating this threat requires drastic cuts in greenhouse gas emissions – particularly in the industrialised world. But as greenhouse gases are linked to economic growth, climate change requires the world to share growth between nations and people. Currently, difficult and highly divisive negotiations are underway to evolve a global agreement to combat climate change – the next conference of parties is in Copenhagen in early December. For us, in the region, the questions are many – from understanding the science of climate change to its impacts on our economy and the state of negotiations.

These are critical negotiations of our times. The effort has to be to understand the politics and to report on the events. The media briefing for South Asia aims to do this – to inform you about developments through the key researchers, negotiators and commentators of the region.

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**Thursday, August 27, 2009**  
*Morning*

Registration and opening of the Workshop  
Time: 9.00-9.30 AM

SESSION 1: A PRIMER ON CLIMATE CHANGE: SCIENCE, IMPACTS, NEGOTIATIONS AND POLITICS  
By Sunita Narain, director, CSE  
Time: 9.30 AM-1.00 PM (with a 15-minute tea break in between)

Lunch  
Time: 1.00-2.00 PM

*Afternoon*

SESSION 2: THE SCIENCE AND IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE  
Chair: Dr Shailesh Nayak, secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India  
Time: 2.00-5.00 PM (with a 15-minute tea break in between)

Panel of leading scientists:

MONSOONS  
Prof B N Goswami, director, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune

GLACIERS  
Dr Anil V Kulkarni, coordinator, Snow and Glacier Project, Space Application Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad

SEA LEVEL RISE  
Dr Satheesh S Shenoi, director, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad

EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS (STORM SURGES AND CYCLONES)  
Prof S K Dube, Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi

*Evening*

SESSION 3: THE NORTH-SOUTH DIVIDE – WHO STANDS WHERE ON CLIMATE

An interaction with Mr Shyam Saran, special envoy of the Prime Minister (climate change), Prime Minister's Office, Government of India

Time: 5.00-6.30 PM

Dinner

Time: 7.00-9.00 PM

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**Friday, August 28, 2009**

*Morning*

SESSION 4: THE POLITICS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Chair: Mr J M Mauskar, additional secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India

Time: 9.30 AM-12.00 (with a 15-minute tea break in between)

Panel of leading negotiators:

MITIGATION TARGETS

Mr R R Rashmi, joint secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and Mr Farrukh Iqbal Khan, director, UN (II), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan

REDD AND REDD+

Mr Jagdish Kishwan, member of the core negotiating group of the Government of India for UNFCCC and former director general, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehra Dun

ADAPTATION

Dr Anand Patwardhan, executive director, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai

FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Prof Ambuj Sagar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi

Lunch

Time: 12.00-1.00 PM

*Afternoon*

SESSION 5: USING THE MARKET FOR LOW-CARBON STRATEGIES

Chair: Prof Surya Sethi, former principal adviser, power and energy, Planning Commission

Time: 1.00-4.00 PM (with a 15-minute tea break in between)

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Mr R K Sethi, director (climate change), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India

LOW-CARBON GROWTH: OPTIONS, OPPORTUNITIES AND COSTS

Chandra Bhushan, associate director, CSE

Panel: Authors of reports by the World Bank, the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and McKinsey & Company\*

*Evening*

SESSION 6: VALEDICTORY – THE WAY AHEAD

Chair: Mr Jairam Ramesh, minister of state (independent charge), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India

Time: 4.00-6.00 PM

\* *Invited but not confirmed*