



## Policy Forum on Adaptation to Climate Change in OECD Countries

10-11 May 2012 OECD Conference Centre, Paris, France

### DAY 1 – NATIONAL ADAPTATION POLICY-MAKING IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

#### Welcoming remarks:

- Rintaro Tamaki, Deputy Secretary General, **OECD**

#### **Session 1. Progress at the national level**

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An overview of progress on adaptation across the OECD:

- How have evidence, economic incentives and political priorities informed the design of adaptation policies?
- How successful have efforts at cross-sectoral integration been?

#### Introduction:

- Michael Mullan, Team Leader Climate Change Adaptation, Environment & Development, **OECD**

#### Panel speakers:

- United Kingdom: Darius Campbell, **Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs**
- Korea: Soojeong Myeong, Researcher, **Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change**
- Chile: Peter Muck, Advisor, Climate Change Office, **Ministry for the Environment**

#### **Session 2. Challenges and opportunities at the national level**

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Learning from the range of approaches adopted across OECD countries, this session will focus on the barriers to action and steps taken to overcome them:

- How are policy makers dealing with perceived uncertainty of impacts, moving beyond the scope of no-regret measures and short-termism?
- How can policy makers cope with competing agendas and overcome the barrier of political disinterest?

#### Lead speaker:

- Jonathan Coppel, Commissioner, **Australian Productivity Commission**

#### Panel speakers:

- Japan: Yutaka Matsuzawa, Director, Office of Global Environment Research, Policy & Coordination Division, **Ministry of Environment**
- Finland: Antti Irjala, Senior Environmental Adviser, Department of the Built Environment, **Ministry of Environment**
- Austria: Sabine McCallum, Head of Unit, Environmental Impact Assessment and Climate Change, **Environment Agency Austria**

#### **Session 3. Focus on multi-level governance**

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In many cases adaptation impacts are local, but they occur within a policy framework set at a national level:

- How is climate adaptation policy playing out across local or horizontal levels of governance? How well are such policies working and why?
- What are the key tools for good multilevel governance of climate change and what can be done better to put these in place?

#### Lead speaker

- Norway: Marianne Karlsen, Senior Advisor, **Ministry of the Environment**

#### Panel speakers:

- **Natural Resources Canada:** Niall O'Dea, Director, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Division
- **European Commission:** Joan Canton, Policy Officer-DG Climate Action-Unit Adaptation.
- **City of Rotterdam:** Arnoud Molenaar, Program Manager Rotterdam Climate Proof.



#### **Session 4. Measuring success**

As action on adaptation increases, so does the need to make sure that policies are delivering their intended results and providing value for money:

- How have countries addressed monitoring and evaluation in national adaptation planning?
- What are current trends and challenges in monitoring and evaluation in the field of climate change adaptation?

##### Lead speaker

- Martin Parry, **UK Adaptation Sub-Committee**

##### Panel speakers:

- Germany: Petra Mahrenholz, Director, Kompass, **Federal Environment Agency**
- Netherlands: Robert Schoonman, **Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment**
- Swiss: Roland Hohmann, Senior Scientific Officer, **Swiss Federal Office for the Environment**

### **DAY 2 – PUBLIC PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**

##### Welcoming remarks:

- Shardul Agrawala, Senior Adviser, Office of the Secretary General, **OECD**

##### Keynote address:

- Simon Brooks, Vice-President, **European Investment Bank**

#### **Session 1. Risk-sharing and risk-transfer**

The insurance sector has played a leading role in promoting action on climate change, and will be a central part of the response to its impacts. This session will outline new trends and opportunities for risk-sharing and risk-transfer.

##### Lead speaker:

- Walter R. Stahel, Vice Secretary General & Head of Risk Management Research, **The Geneva Association**

##### Panel speakers:

- Swenja Surminski, Senior Researcher, **London School of Economics and Political Science**
- Sandra Knight, Deputy Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administrator, **US Federal Emergency Management Agency**
- David N. Bresch, Director, Sustainability & Political Risk Management, **Swiss-Re**

#### **Session 2. Public-private collaboration on risk management**

Recent reports on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction highlight the importance of collaboration between the public and private sectors for risk management.

##### Panel Discussion:

- What examples do we have of successful collaboration?
- Determinants for successful collaboration on PPPs

##### Lead speaker:

- Steve Gawler, Director, International Programs, **Local Governments for Sustainability**

##### Panel speakers:

- Alexander Veitch, Head of Unit Sustainable Development, **International Union of Railways**
- Jacques Pithois, Deputy Vice President Sustainable Development, **Electricité de France**
- Gautier Chatelus, Executive Director Investment, CDC Infrastructure, **Caisse des Dépôts**

### **Session 3. Private sector's contribution to societal resilience**

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The private sector has a fundamental role in shaping and supporting positive responses to climate change risks and impacts because of the interdependence of markets, and the reach of business operations around the globe. Moving beyond an exclusive focus on risk, this session will look at innovative ways in which companies have exploited opportunities to contribute to societal resilience.

Panel Discussion

- How can the private sector contribute to broader climate resilience?
- How can the public sector facilitate such actions – tools, regulation and fiscal instruments?

Lead speaker:

Thierry Berthoud, Managing Director Energy & Climate, **World Business Council for Sustainable Development**

Panel speakers:

- Guillaume Prudent-Richard, Principal Scientist/Team Leader, **AECOM**
- Alan Miller, Principal Climate Change Specialist, **International Finance Corporation**
- Dan Dowling, Adaptation expert, **PricewaterhouseCoopers**

### **Session 4. Priorities for policy development**

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The discussion throughout the day has highlighted the importance for co-operation between the public and the private sector in order to achieve efficient and effective adaptation to climate change. How should both sectors move forward and what are key remaining questions to address in PPP's in climate change adaptation?

Panel Discussion

- In what ways can the public sector encourage private sector engagement?
- Where is concerted policy action needed?

Panel speakers:

- Helen Wilson, Assistant Secretary, **Australian Department of Climate Change & Energy Efficiency**
- Andrew Andrea, Associate Director, Head of Public Sector Engagement, Risk Response Network Manager, Global Agenda Council on Catastrophic Risks, **World Economic Forum**