

**Agenda**  
**“Working Together to Respond to Climate Change”**  
Seminar Organised by the Annex I Expert Group on the UNFCCC

Paris, 21-22 March 2005

Place: **OECD La Muette Headquarters<sup>1</sup> – Room 1 – Paris 16<sup>th</sup> arrondissement**

## **Monday 21 March**

**8:45 Registration**

**9:00 Opening Session**

- Welcome – *Kiyo Akasaka*, OECD Deputy Secretary General
- Opening remarks – *Paul Watkinson*, AIXG Chair

**9:30 – 12:45 Experience and Approaches Related to Adaptation**

Aim of session: To explore national actions on adaptation and exchange views on country experiences.

Key questions: Participants will be invited to address the following issues and questions:

- What (else) is needed to put an adaptation strategy in place and make it work in your country?
- What are the key hurdles that you face today?

Session discussant: *Andy Deacon*, United Kingdom

- Overview of adaptation issues in UNFCCC context – *Richard Kinley*, UNFCCC
- National and sectoral adaptation approaches: lessons from recent international workshops – *Stéphane Willems*, OECD
- National adaptation strategies: *Peniamina Leavi*, Samoa; *Andy Deacon*, United Kingdom; *Maria Paz Cigaran*, Peru
- Questions and discussion (see key questions)

**10:45 - 11:00 Break**

**11:00 – 12:45 Session continues**

- National adaptation strategies: *Bas Clabbers*, Netherlands; *Rizaldi Boer*, Indonesia; *Elizabeth Atkinson*, Canada; *Klaus Radunsky*, Austria
- Questions and discussion (see key questions)

**12:45 – 14:00 Lunch** [provided on site]

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## **14:00 - 16:00 Experience and Approaches Related to Mitigation: Session 1 - National Experiences**

Aim of session: To reflect on current efforts to design and implement policies that limit greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and on what may be needed to achieve GHG mitigation reductions.

Key questions: Participants will be invited to address the following issues and questions:

- On what policy and what sector is your country focussing its mitigation efforts at the moment?
- In your experience, what specific policies and measures that have been taken for other purposes have contributed to greenhouse gas mitigation? Have they helped to overcome implementation hurdles?
- What key lessons can be drawn from these efforts to date?

Session discussant: *Sibusiso Gamede*, South Africa

- Overview of mitigation issues in UNFCCC context – *Richard Kinley*, UNFCCC
- Briefing on the *World Energy Outlook 2004* - Energy and emission trends to 2030 - *Fatih Birol*, IEA
- Questions and discussion
- National experiences and lessons learned. An exchange of information among countries on experiences relating to climate change mitigation. (see key questions)

## **16:00 - 16:15 Break**

## **16:15 - 18:00 Experience and Approaches Related to Mitigation: Session 2 - Clean Development Mechanism**

Aim of session: To examine developments in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) portfolio, institutions and investments, and to explore ideas to improve CDM's effectiveness.

Key questions: Participants will be invited to address the following issues and questions:

- The CDM process is still very young and operating with limited resources. What could be done to improve it (e.g., to reduce delays, increase predictability, reduce transaction costs, lower CDM-related barriers facing certain project types, increase sustainable development impacts and streamline oversight)?
- Demonstrating "additionality" is proving to be difficult in practice and concerns have been raised that it is not business-friendly. Are these concerns justified? If so, what could be done to address them in the short term and long term?

Session discussant: *Erja Fagerlund*, Finland

- Overview of CDM issues in UNFCCC context, *Christine Zumkeller*, UNFCCC
- Recent developments in the CDM Executive Board and its Methodology Panel - *Jean-Jacques Becker*, France
- Overview of developments in the CDM portfolio - *Jane Ellis*, OECD
- CDM capacity development and its experience in attracting CDM investment in Latin America - *Christiana Figueres*, consultant
- Questions and discussion (see key questions)

**18:00 Refreshments** – All seminar participants are invited to Espace Pascal, adjacent to the meeting location.

## Tuesday 22 March (Day 2)

**9:00 Opening Remarks** – *Paul Watkinson*, AIXG Chair

### **9:10-12:30 Experience and Approaches Related to Mitigation: Session 3 - Approaches for Future International Co-operation**

Aim of session: To share a common understanding of the main features, strengths and limits of various approaches for future international co-operation on climate change mitigation.

Key questions: Panellists and participants will be invited to address the following issues and questions:

- What options for international co-operation are most conducive to domestic action?
- Could an agreement containing different approaches (emission targets, technology development and diffusion, policies and measures) be designed in such a way so as to encourage participation, provide flexibility, minimise costs and ensure that all countries pursuing a particular approach have a relatively similar burden and environmental outcome?
- Which sectors are most appropriate for international discussions? Can a sectoral approach be integrated with other approaches in a practical way?

Panel discussants: *Harald Dovland*, Norway; *José Goldemberg*, Brazil; *Jonathan Pershing*, World Resources Institute

- Introductory presentation – Cédric Philibert
- Combining various options for commitments: results from modelling simulations - *P.Criqui*, Lepii -EPE, France
- Questions and answers
- Opening comments – panel discussants

**10:20 – 10:40 Break**

**10:40 – 12:30 Session continues**

- Discussion (see key questions)
- Concluding comments – panel discussants

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch** [on own]

**14:00 – 15:45 International Technology Collaboration**

Aim of session: To explore the role that international technology collaboration can play to enhance innovation and investment in climate-friendly practices and technology to achieve the objectives of the UNFCCC.

Key questions: Participants will be invited to address the following issues and questions:

- What elements are necessary to successfully promote investment, innovation and international collaboration for climate-friendly practices and technology?
- In your country or in your experience, what incentive structures have proved to be useful drivers for international collaboration for technology development and diffusion?

- What policies, approaches and actions could be strengthened or developed to accelerate international collaboration in environmentally-sound technologies and practices in the UNFCCC context?

Session discussant: *Margaret Martin*, Canada

- Overview of technology issues in UNFCCC context – *Christine Zumkeller*, UNFCCC
- Recent experience to promote technology collaboration. Experience with technology needs assessment development and implementation in Ghana, and in the UNFCCC Expert Group on Technology Transfer – *William Agyemang-Bonsu*, Ghana.
- Questions and discussion
- International technology collaboration: case studies.
  - Appliance Energy Efficiency, *Thomas Gueret*, IEA
  - Clean Coal Technology, *Cédric Philibert*, IEA
  - Wind Power Integration into Electricity Systems, *Debra Justus*, OECD
  - Summary of *International Technology Collaboration and Climate Change* and overview of lessons emerging from case studies, *Cédric Philibert*, IEA
- Questions and discussion

**15:45 – 16:00 Break**

**16:00 Main Messages**

- Chair's summary and synthesis of main messages, comments by participants

**17:00 Close of Seminar**

**17:10 Informal Briefing**

Building and Strengthening Institutional Capacity on Climate Change project (BASIC),  
*Farhana Yamin*, Institute of Development Studies  
(followed by refreshments)