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“The Day After” Copenhagen: A long-term perspective on climate change and development policy

**Expert roundtable
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hosted by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung,
“Multinational Dialogue on Development Policy”

Venue

KAS European Office Brussels
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Context:

Negotiations to reach a global regime in order to tackle climate change are considered, by some analysts, “the most complex international negotiation ever attempted”. And indeed, fears that only a “half-baked deal” might be reached during the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen from 7 to 18 December are increasingly voiced publicly - with some observers expressing their concern about Copenhagen becoming a “second Doha” referring to the current and still stalling World Trade Organization’s negotiation round that had started in November 2001.

Regardless of whether an ambitious initiative to mitigate climate change effects may or may not be achieved at the COP15 summit, the process of adapting multiple policy areas to the changed living conditions on the planet will only just be at a starting point.

Development policy is one key area, since the least developed countries and the poorest populations are those who will be hit hardest by the consequences of climate change. In this context, the expert roundtable addresses the three following questions:

1. What are the sticking points in the ongoing negotiations and what challenges for the solidarity among developing countries will derive of the Copenhagen process?
2. What scenarios of “Southern” reactions to COP15 results can be envisaged?
3. In a long-term perspective: how can development policy be re-visited in order to face those new cross-cutting challenges?

This expert roundtable is co-organized by the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in the framework of its “Multinational Dialogue on Development Policy”.

- 09.00 h Welcome note
Andrea E. Ostheimer de Sosa, Project Director „Multinational Dialogue on Development Policy“, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- 09.15 h INTRODUCTION: “The World (At Stake) Is Not Enough”.**
An insight in the intricacies of the negotiation process and an overview of the sticking points
- Statement:
Lars Müller, Policy Coordinator “Climate Change”, DG RELEX, European Commission: The current (non)dynamics of negotiations
- Respondent:
Romy Chevallier, Researcher and Project coordinator “EU-Africa dialogue”, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)
- *Open discussion* -
- 10.00 h Coffee break
- 10.15 h SESSION I: Thinking Beyond Copenhagen**
- Key questions: What scenarios of COP15 outcomes can be imagined? What implications would they have on international and national level respectively? What about the prospects of “Southern solidarity”?*
- Statement:
Dr. Marco A. Vieira, Visiting Lecturer in International Relations, King’s College London
- Respondents:
Marlene Grundström, Policy Officer “Climate Change and Development”, Association of World Council of Churches related Development Organisations in Europe (APRODEV)
Prof. Ntombi Muen Kabeya, Climatologist and Advisor to the national government of the Democratic Republic of Congo
- *Open discussion* -
- 11.30 h Coffee break
- 11.45 h SESSION II: Adapting livelihoods**
- Key questions: Populations of developing countries will be hit hardest by climate change – and already are. How do people adapt to climate change? What support does development assistance offer already? How should it adjust to support adaptation to climate change in a sustainable way?*
- Statement:
Humphrey Mulemba, Programme officer “Trade Policy and Capacity Building”, Debt, Aid and Trade Programme, Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR)

Respondents:

Cliona Sharkey, Policy and Advocacy Officer "Climate Change, Trade and Food Security", Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité (CIDSE)

Harald Heubaum, Researcher, School of Public Policy, University College London (UCL)

Alex Flavell, Coordinator for Asia, Migration and Environment, Brussels Office, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

- Open discussion -

13.30 h Buffet lunch

14.30 h SESSION III: Mainstreaming climate change and promoting social and political acceptability

Key questions: Regardless of what will come of the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, it is a given that action needs to be taken –on global, regional and local level. Moreover, to counter these cross-cutting challenges, cooperation seems inevitable in a multitude of policy areas: How can climate change be mainstreamed into development policy, in particular with regard to the issues of trade, technology transfer and energy? Who are the key actors – in industrialized and in developing countries, and how can they be addressed effectively? How to build up social consensus in order to promote policy change?

Statements:

Dr. Hartmut Grewe, Energy and Environmental Policy Coordinator, "Politics and Consulting" department, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Suryapratim Roy, Consultant "Development through trade", South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)

Respondents:

Dr. Stephan Singer, Director Global Energy Policy, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Dr. Guido Glania, Secretary General, Alliance for Rural Electrification

Christer E. Hammarlund, former Adviser to the President on Climate Change, Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA), European Commission

- Open discussion -

16.00 h Concluding remarks

Andrea E. Ostheimer de Sosa, Project Director „Multinational Dialogue on Development Policy“, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

16.30 h End of conference

followed by get-together of participants

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