

Ensuring a Sound Economic Basis for the Post-2012 Climate Change Framework

Chair: Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General

Wed 12 December 2007, 13h00-15h00, Tidal Room (Grand Hyatt)

The OECD-hosted side-event will consist of a High-level panel discussion on the economics of climate change. Ensuring a sound economic basis for the post-2012 climate change framework will require concerted action from a range of Ministries, different levels of government, as well as proactive leadership from industry. The panelists include high-level speakers from across these groups.

Programme:

⇒ **Looking forward to 2050 – how can we achieve ambitious emissions reductions?**

- **Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General:** “Lessons learned from the forthcoming *OECD Environmental Outlook* on ambitious climate change policies – their economic costs and environmental benefits”.
- **Kristin Halvorsen, Norwegian Minister of Finance:** “The challenge for oil-exporting nations – implementing ambitious climate change policies while continuing to grow the economy: lessons from the Norwegian Experience”
- **Preston Chiaro, Chief Executive of Energy, Rio Tinto:** “The role of industry in supporting best practice in emission reductions and in the development and uptake of climate-friendly technologies (e.g. Carbon Capture and Storage)”

⇒ **Putting the right policies in place – what is needed?**

- **Jorgen Elmeskov, (acting) Chief Economist of OECD:** “Implementing least-cost policies to address climate change: lessons learned from OECD country reviews”
- **David Parker, New Zealand Minister for Climate Change:** “Designing a national policy framework to reduce emissions across sectors and gases: New Zealand’s climate change solution”
- **Juan Rafael Elvira, Mexican Minister of Environment:** “Engaging other Ministries in a whole-of-government approach to addressing climate change: the Mexican experience”
- **Bert Koenders, Dutch Minister for Development Co-Operation:** “Facilitating adaptation to climate change in developing countries: the role for development co-operation”

⇒ **Local action to support global goals – what is the role of cities and states?**

- **Nicky Gavron, Deputy Mayor of London (tbc):** “Congestion charging and other city-level initiatives to reduce emissions: lessons learned from London”
- **Mary Nichols, Head of California Air Resources Board (CARB):** “Implementing a state-level emissions reduction programme”