

Agenda

I: the problem

SESSION 1: The Fundamentals: Consequences of a 4° world

09:30-11:00 Plenary session and discussion:

Why do we have a climate crisis? The plenary session explores current and future climate change developments, highlights the moral case for climate change action (particularly its relevance for poor communities) and gives an update on the economic rationale to mitigate green house gases. The session will be guided by inputs from renowned IPCC authors and academics and will be followed by a moderated plenary discussion

Presentation 1: Consequences of a 4° World: The Need to Turn Down the Heat.

Dr. h.c. Bill Hare, Director Climate Analytics

Presentation 2: Views from the IPCC WG 2: Climate Change Impacts on Poverty, Food Security, Islands.

Dr. Koko Warner, Section Head United Nations University

Presentation 3: The New Economics of Mitigating Climate Change.

Representative of the www.newclimateeconomy.net (tbc.)

II: the practice

SESSION 2: Insights from Communities of Practice

11:00-11:15 Plenary session – introduction of break-out groups

11:30-13:00 Break-out group discussions:

Discussion 1: It's Getting Brighter: Delivering Clean Energy for Development

This session will present new ideas on how low-carbon development pathways could contribute to achieving climate mitigation, energy security, economic growth and poverty reduction. The first presentation will focus on low-carbon development as a means for global peace and security; the second presentation will provide ideas for a new narrative and public messaging about renewable energies and discuss best-practice insights from countries such China, United Arab Emirates and Morocco, which are already making the transition to post-fossil fuel societies.

Dr. Gerhard Knies, Inventor of the DESERTEC Concept

Lukas Hermwille, Research Fellow for Energy, Transport and Climate Policy at the Wuppertal Institute



Discussion 2: Seriously Uncoal: Decommissioning Coal Power Worldwide

Greenhouse gas emissions from coal are rising fast and seriously threaten the global climate. The workshop will highlight on-the-ground campaigns and other political interventions to prevent coal projects in Germany and elsewhere. Where and how has grassroots action led to real change? How can we use these first-hand accounts to inform education work?

Germanwatch Resource Expedition (Martin Fliegner, Thomas Rahne)

Mona Bricke, Klima Allianz Deutschland, European Coordination

Pinar Aksogan, Climate and Energy Campaigner, Greenpeace Mediterranean (tbc)

With video-input from: Nicole Ghio, Sierra Club, Washington Office; Lina Li, Greenovation Hub, China

Discussion 3: Strengthening Adaptation: Improving the Established Governance Architecture

Adaptation to climate change impacts is becoming increasingly a necessity for many communities and countries. The session reviews past progress in adaptation, and reflects on the governance angle: How can we safeguard vulnerable communities? How can we increase the participation of civil society in adaptation decision-making? What lessons can be applied to the new Green Climate Fund?

Sven Harmeling, Care International

Emmanuel Seck, ENDA Energie Environnement Développement Senegal

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

III: the policy

SESSION 3: Policy responses to the climate crisis

14:00-14:30 Plenary session - report back from break-out groups and introduction of session 3

14:30-16:00 Break-out group discussions

Discussion 1: The 2015 Climate Agreement: Opportunity, Gaps & Risks

In 2015, the UNFCCC climate process will culminate in the planned adoption of a new universal agreement. Discussants from developing and developed countries, government representatives and civil society will talk about the need for an international framework to tackle climate change and its essential building blocks. Participants will also explore the need for supporting initiatives and milestones on the way to Paris.

Seyni Nafo, African climate negotiator for the ADP

Nicole Wilke, International Climate Policy, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety



Wael Hmaidan, Director Climate Action Network – International (CAN-I)

Srinivas Krishnaswami, Director Vasudha Foundation, India (tbc)

Discussion 2: Climate Risks: Reshaping Foreign Policy?

As climate-related risks increasingly threaten human security and global political stability, the risks imply new challenges for foreign policy. This session will discuss ways of rethinking foreign climate policy and how it is debated at the UN Security Council and other fora. The session will look at how climate foreign policy can have a positive impact on the political year 2015.

Discussion 3: Sustainable Development Agenda: Towards a New Paradigm? What Role for Climate?

The international community is constructing a new normative development framework that will build on the successes and shortcomings of the Millennium Development Goals. The new Sustainable Development Goals will target both developing and developed countries. The session will discuss the necessity for a new development agenda and shed light on the link to climate policy.

Bernadette Fischler, WWF UK

Steffen Bauer, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik

Vositha Wijenayake, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator - CANSA

16:00-16:30 Plenary session - report back from break-out groups

16:30-17:30 High-level round-table discussion

High-Level Round Table: Harnessing the political moment in 2015

The session will discuss how policy processes can make 2015 a real turning point for a worldwide low carbon and climate resilient development model. What is necessary to shift market expectations, to accelerate investments for low carbon and adaptation especially in developing countries, to de-legitimize the worst fossil fuels like tar sands and coal, and to achieve a peak in emissions until 2020? How can different narratives such as access to energy, co-benefits of climate action, sustainable development and livelihood opportunities support the climate urgency argument? What roles can different processes and actors play in that regard?

Ronny Jumeau, Climate Change Ambassador (Seychelles)

Dr. Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany)

Yeb Saño, Climate Change Commissioner (Philippines)

Wael Hmaidan, Director Climate Action Network – International (CAN-I)

17:30 – 18:00 Reception