

High-Level India-Europe Seminar in Potsdam

27-29 May 2008

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26th May

Rooms available for participants

27th May

17.00 – 19.45 – Participants registration

18.00 – 19.45 – Meeting of President Barroso's Climate Advisory Committee with Indian guests

20.00 – Reception & Welcome Address

José Manuel Barroso President of the Commission of the European Union

20.30 – Dinner

Prof. Carlo Rubbia, CERN, Nobel Laureate 1984

The focus of this seminar is to stimulate an open discussion and evaluation of ideas on the key questions of global emission reductions, sustainable development and the political and economic strategies to achieve these targets. The programme thus only highlights the themes to be discussed and does not give a detailed timeline for presentations and contributions. Instead, a number of participants will be asked to prepare short introductory presentations on a particular topic of interest, which will be presented in an ad hoc manner during the ongoing discussions.

28th May

09.00 – Welcome

Prof. John Schellnhuber CBE, Director, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

Sir Crispin Tickell, Director of the Policy Foresight Programme in the James Martin Institute, Oxford University

Joint Seminar Chairs

Nitin Desai, former UN Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs

Peter Sutherland, Chairman BP; Chairman Goldman Sachs International

09.15 – Introductory Speeches

Christopher Layton, Chair, Action for a Global Climate Community, Hon Director General, The European Commission

“Building a joint India – Europe response
to Climate Change and Sustainable Development”

Response – **Suresh Prabhu MP**, former Environment and Energy Minister, India

09.45 – Discussion

Session I

10.30 – The Starting Point for Discussions: Fairness and Burden-Sharing

Chair Nitin Desai

- * The idea of carbon justice
- * Plausibility of long term convergence to equal per capita emissions in the context of sustainable development
- * Evaluation of suitable approaches (e.g. multi-stage approach)

Introductory remarks:

Dr Prodipto Ghosh, Dr Jacqueline McGlade, Prof Jyoti Parikh, Pavan Sukhdev, Nicole Wilke

12.30 – Lunch

Session II

13.30 – Getting down to the Nitty-Gritty: Market Mechanisms, Financing & Development

Chair Peter Sutherland

- * Opportunity for European-Indian Emissions Trading Scheme
- * EU-Indian partnership in key development areas (e.g. sustainable transport technology, low or zero carbon electrification of rural areas)
- * Expansion of climate development funding beyond CDM
- * Adaptation priorities
- * Contribution of private sector

Introductory remarks:

Ambassador Chandrashekhar Dasgupta, Dr Kirit Parikh, Claudia Kemfert

15.30 – Tea

Session III

16.00 – Careful Steps towards Implementation: Institutional Considerations

Chair Nitin Desai

- * Institutional arrangements for introduction of north-south ETS
- * Expansion of funding mechanisms for sustainable development

Introductory remarks:

Prof. Viriato Soromenho-Marques

18.00 – Free Time

18.30 – Castle Cecilienhof guided tour

19.15 – Reception

20.00 – Seminar Dinner

Keynote Speakers

Prof. John Schellnhuber CBE, Director, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

Response – **Dr. Rajendra Pachauri**, Chair, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; Director, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

29th May

Session IV

09.30 – 12.00 – Plenary Session

Chair Sir Crispin Tickell

- a) Discussion of reports of the rapporteurs and agreement on next steps
- b) Communications Raj Chengappa

12.30 – Close of Seminar followed by Lunch
