

Integrating Climate Change into National Sustainable Development Strategies

**Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development
Expert Group Meeting
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****Draft Programme****

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9:30 – 10:45: Session One: Setting the Stage

Welcome and Opening

9:30-9:45 *Welcome and introductory remarks*

Mr. Zukang Sha, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

9:45-10:15 *National Sustainable Development Strategies - Framework for Integrating Climate Change and Sustainable Development at the National Level*

Ms. Kathleen Abdalla, Chief of the National Information, Monitoring and Outreach Branch

10:15-10:45 *Climate Change and Sustainable Development: Nexus and Key Linkages*

Ms. Le-Yin Zhang, Development Policy Unit, University College London

10:45-11:00 Tea/coffee

11:00– 1:00: Session Two: Vulnerability and Adaptation: Water, Agriculture and Food Security

Impacts of climate change on agriculture

Mr. William Cline, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development and Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

Integrating Adaptation into National Planning: National Experiences

- Brazil
- Ghana

Questions and Answers/ Discussion

1:00 – 2:30: Lunch

2:30 – 5:30 **Session Three: Vulnerability and Adaptation in Small Island States and other Low-lying Countries**

Adaptation Strategies as an integral part of NSDS

Mr. Rolf Payet, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment,
Seychelles

Mr. Leonard Nurse, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Resources Management
and Environmental Studies, University of the West Indies

*Adaptation Technologies for Strategic Implementation – Innovative, cost
effective and SIDS appropriate*

Mr. Tom Goreau, President, Global Coral Reef Alliance

National Experiences

- Barbados
- Cook Islands
- Tuvalu

Questions and Answers/ Discussion

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9:30 – 12:00 **Session Four: Mitigation and the Scope for Co-Benefits for Sustainable Development**

Climate-friendly Energy Policies for Sustainable Development

Mr. Robert Bradley, Director International Climate Policy Initiative
Climate and Energy, World Resources Institute, Washington, D.C. (tbc)

Climate Change and Energy Security

Mr. Robert LaCount, Director, Global Power Group,
Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Cambridge, Massachusetts

National Experiences

- China
- France

The Role of Forests and Deforestation

UN Forum on Forests

Adaptation and mitigation planning and response

Mr. Mohan Munasinghe, Vice-Chair of the IPCC, Sri Lanka

Questions and Answers/ Discussion

12:00 – 1:00: **Session Five: Next Steps**

Panel discussion/roundtable – Recommendations and follow-up