

A Global Contract Based on Climate Justice –
The Need for a New Approach Concerning International Relations

Conference Invitation

Tuesday, 11 November 2008 | 09:15 – 18:30 | European Parliament, Hemicycle, Rue Wiertz, 1047 Brussels, Belgium

Climate change and its implications is one of the most urgent challenges global society is facing. Climate change is not only an environmental problem, but also a social and economic one, and it tends to exacerbate existing global disparities. The poorest countries in the world, which have contributed the least to the problem, are most vulnerable to the consequences of climate change. Therefore, a holistic and cooperative international approach is essential for dealing with climate change. The ongoing negotiations for a post-2012 agreement can bring a major shift towards global sustainable development. A Global Contract based on the principle of climate justice – a principle which considers historic responsibility, equity aspects and development issues, all in view of climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation – is needed to considerably reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a way that supports the economic development and the social cohesion of both developing and industrialised countries.

Speakers

Gunilla Carlsson | Ottmar Edenhofer | Franz Fischler | Saleemul Huq
Wahu Kaara | Ashok Khosla | Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, CBE
Lord Nicholas Stern | Pavan Sukhdev | Pascal Lamy (tbc) | Louis Michel (tbc)
Jean-Louis Borloo (tbc) and many more

A participatory conference

At this conference the participants will play an important role and, with their active contribution, will be able to influence the outcome of the conference. An online consultation will be conducted after the last panel session and this will be complemented by an online exchange of views after each panel. In these consultations the participants will be invited to share their opinions and reflect on the ideas and approaches presented. This will be done - for the first time in the European Parliament - by using a newly developed online discussion and consultation tool, Nextmoderator, which enables the participants not only to express and share their views but also to interactively generate ideas, identify problems and discuss possible solutions. This collective discussion process will feed into a joint memorandum which will be elaborated after the conference and will serve as a first common input in view of the ongoing negotiations on a post-2012 agreement (COP 14 in Poznań on 1-12 December 2008).

Hosts

MEP Jens Holm | MEP Othmar Karas | MEP Jo Leinen
MEP Caroline Lucas | MEP Vittorio Prodi | MEP Anders Wijkman

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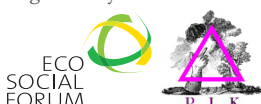
09:15 - 10:00 Introduction

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| | Chair: Franz Fischler | Chairman of the Ecosocial Forum Europe |
| 09:15 | Welcome address Franz Fischler | Chairman of the Ecosocial Forum Europe, Austria Former EU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries |
| | Introduction Anders Wijkman | Member of the European Parliament |
| | Introduction to online consultation and exchanges of views Peter Kruse | Bremen University, nextpractice GmbH, Germany |
| 09:45 | Keynote speech Jean-Louis Borloo (tbc) | French Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Regional Development |

10:00 - 12:30 Session I – Social, Environmental and Economic Impacts of Climate Change

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| | Chair: Vittorio Prodi | Member of the European Parliament |
| 10:00 | Panel 1: Climate Change - the Necessity for a New Approach Concerning International Relations Chair: Vittorio Prodi | Member of the European Parliament |
| | Climate Change - The need for a Global Deal Lord Nicholas Stern | London School of Economics, United Kingdom |
| | Climate Justice Wahu Kaara | Global Social Justice Activist, Kenya |
| | Global Public Goods – Climate Change and Ecosystem Services Pavan Sukhdev | Managing Director & Head of Global Markets, Deutsche Bank India |
| | Climate Change and Development Economics Ashok Khosla | President of Development Alternatives, India Co-President of the Club of Rome |
| 11:05 | Online exchange of views | |
| 11:15 | Panel 2: Climate Justice as the Core Principle of a New Global Contract Chair: Jo Leinen | Member of the European Parliament |
| | Climate Change and International Trade Pascal Lamy (tbc) | Director General of the World Trade Organisation |
| | Global Climate Policy – Global Necessities and Pragmatic Tradeoffs Haruhiko Kuroda (tbc) | President of Asian Development Bank |
| | Climate Change and Sustainable Development Saleemul Huq | International Institute for Environment and Development, United Kingdom |
| | Holistic Approaches - a Global Contract and a Global Marshall Plan Franz Josef Radermacher | Global Marshall Plan Initiative; Director of the Research Institute for Applied Knowledge Processing, Ulm University, Germany |
| 12:20 | Online exchange of views | |
| 12:30 | Lunch break | |

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13:30-17:30 **Session II – What could a Global Contract look like?**

Chair: Caroline Lucas Member of the European Parliament

13:30 **Panel 3: Cornerstones for a New Climate Agreement**

Chair: Caroline Lucas Member of the European Parliament

Adaptation and Risk Reduction – A Way Forward

Gunilla Carlsson Swedish Minister for Development Cooperation,
Chair of Commission on Climate Change and Development, Sweden

The Need for a Great Transformation

Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, CBE Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany

Towards a Global Contract

Ottmar Edenhofer Co-Chair of the Working Group 3 IPCC
Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change

From Global Compact to Global Contract: Plan C - an Idealised Design for the Perfect Agreement and its Perfect Implementation

Bo Ekman Tällberg Foundation, Sweden

14:35 **Online exchange of views**

14:45 **Panel 4: Outstanding Challenges for Climate Policy and Research**

Chair: Jens Holm Member of the European Parliament

Climate Change – Adaptation and Resilience

Johan Rockström (tbc) Executive Director of the Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden

Setting up a Global Carbon Market

Cédric Philibert International Energy Agency, France

Low Carbon Technologies and Risk Management

Nebojsa Nakicenovic International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria

Governance of Emerging International Bioenergy Markets and Sustainable Land Use

Andre Faaij Utrecht University, The Netherlands

15:50 **Online exchange of views**

16:00-17:30 **Online Consultation**

17:30-18:30 **Concluding plenary**

Chair: Othmar Karas Member of the European Parliament

17:30 **Discussion with Members of the European Parliament**

18:00 **Final remarks**

n/n Representative of the European Parliament
Louis Michel (tbc) EU Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid

18:30 **End of conference**

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