

UNITED NATIONS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

MEDIA ADVISORY

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO HEAR EXPERTS DISCUSS KEY CLIMATE CONCERNS

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs will kick-off a three-part series of special events on climate change, beginning tomorrow, 13 October, with a focus on the state of the climate change negotiations, followed in the two succeeding weeks by events on climate change's impacts and threats, and the opportunities for green growth.

The panel discussions, which are being organized under the auspices of the UN General Assembly's Second Committee, will feature some of the world's leading solution-oriented thinkers on climate change.

13 October CLIMATE CHANGE: THE ROAD TO COPENHAGEN

Dr. Robert Orr – *Assistant Secretary General for Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning*

Dr. Massimo Tavoni – *Research Associate, Princeton Environmental Institute*

Dr. Tariq Banuri – *Director, Division for Sustainable Development, UNDESA*

Dr. Michael Levy – *Director, Council on Foreign Relations, Program on Energy Security and Climate Change*

Dr. Jessica Seddon Wallack – *Director, Center for Development Finance, Institute for Financial Management and Research, Chennai, India*

19 October CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPACTS AND THREATS

Prof. Simon Dalby – *Carleton University, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies*

Dr. Nicholle Warner – *Head of the Environmental Migration, Social Vulnerability, and Adaptation Section at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)*

Dr. Rolph Payet – *Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Seychelles*

Dr. Geoffrey Dabelko – *Director, Environmental Change and Security Programme, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars*

Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom – *Assistant Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction*

26 October GREEN GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Prof. Robert Pollin – *Professor, founding co-director of the Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

Prof. Tim Jackson – *Professor, Univ. of Surrey, and author of Prosperity without Growth*

Mr. Rae Kwon CHUNG – *Ambassador for Climate Change, Republic of Korea*

Dr. Pavan Sukhdev – *Project Leader for UNEP's Green Economy Initiative; Chairman, Deutsche Bank's Global Markets Centre Mumbai*

**ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD FROM 10.00 AM – 1.00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 2 OF UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.**