

International Cooperation on Technology Transfer: Time for Action

**COP15 Side Event
16 December 2009 (13:00 to 14:30)
Niels Bohr Room, Bella Center**

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Low-carbon technologies are central to meeting the challenges, and taking advantage of the opportunities, posed by climate change. This UN-coordinated side event will focus on actions and programmes related to clean energy technologies, with a specific emphasis on international cooperation.

In the aftermath of the UNFCCC COP13 in Bali, the UN Chief Executives Board (CEB) declared technology transfer as one of the focus areas of the UN system's work on climate change and assigned the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) as co-conveners. This focus area was established to enhance system-wide coherence on climate change-related technology development and transfer and facilitate cooperation among UN system organizations.

While the UNFCCC's Parties combine their efforts to ensure economic growth along low carbon emission paths, the UN system has a major catalytic role to play in supporting and actively fostering their efforts. With its wealth of programmes, tools and instruments for delivery, the UN system provides a broad foundation for inducing and facilitating a transition to a low-carbon economy. UN Energy combines the relevant experience of some 20 UN agencies in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy and energy access. It focuses on substantive and collaborative actions in regard to policy development and its implementation and effectively engages non-UN stakeholders.

Programme

Chair:

Mr. Sha Zukang, Under Secretary-General, UN-DESA

Special Guests

H.E. Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India

Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP

Panel I: Energy for Sustainable Development

- *UN-ENERGY: Cooperation for Improved Delivery*

Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director-General, UNIDO

- *Regional Platforms and Energy Technologies for Development*

Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

- *Renewable Energy Technologies*

Ms. Hélène Pelosse, Director General, IRENA

Panel II: Strategies for Transfer and Deployment of Clean Technologies

- *Poznan Strategic Programme on Technology Transfer*

Ms. Monique Barbut, CEO and Chairperson, GEF

- *Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer*

Mr. Francis Gurry, Director-General, WIPO

Concluding Remarks

Mr. Timothy Wirth, President, UN Foundation