

# *Engaging with Asia-Pacific on Climate Change*

*European Climate Diplomacy*

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Charlemagne building, room Jean Durieux  
Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels

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## PROGRAMME

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08.30 hrs **Welcome coffee**

09.00 hrs **Opening Remarks from Commissioner HEDEGAARD, DG CLIMA**

**Maciej POPOWSKI** Deputy Secretary General, EEAS

**Jos DELBEKE** Director General, DG CLIMA

09.45 hrs **SESSION 1: RESPONDING TO NEW POLICY REALITIES**

**Chair: Pedro SERRANO**, Director for South and South-East Asia, EEAS

*This session will present an opportunity for reflection on the global issues which condition the EU-Asia-Pacific relationship, in the context of global climate governance, multilateralism and trade.*

- **Theme 1:** Can the quest for growth and increased wellbeing be reconciled with a stable climate? EU and Asia-Pacific views.
  - William Hanna, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the EU in Bangladesh
  - Ambassador Victoria Sisante Bataclan, Philippines Ambassador to the EU
  - Dr. Kirit Parikh, Chairman, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), India
  - Julian Wilson, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the EU in Indonesia
  
- **Theme 2:** How much common ground among Asia Pacific and the EU view on climate change? From Durban to Doha : Foreign policy relevance of climate negotiations / Reflections on the role Asia-Pacific and the international negotiations & Experiences from the ASEAN Climate Change Initiative (ACCI)
  - Jake Werksman, Principal Advisor, DG CLIMA, European Commission
  - Dr. Raman Letchumanan, Head of the Environment Division, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta

12.30 hrs **Lunch-Bufferet at the conference centre**

14.00 hrs      **SESSION 2: COMPETITION VS COOPERATION**

**Chair: Artur RUNGE-METZGER**, Director International and Climate Strategy,  
DG CLIMA

*This session will reflect on venues for climate smart low carbon cooperation and positive competition for hedges in low carbon technologies.*

- **Theme 1:** Securing Sustainable Energy future and embracing the low carbon industry – Win-wins from clean energy cooperation and the knowledge sharing dilemma
  - Nguyen Huu Ninh, Chairman, Center for Environment Research, Education and Development (CERED), Vietnam
  - Kersten Barth, Sustainability Director, Siemens, Germany
  
- **Theme 2:** Potential for Low Emissions Development Strategies
  - Laura Cozzi, Deputy Head, Office of the Chief Economist, International Energy Agency, Paris
  - Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Director of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE), United Nations Environment Programme, Paris
  
- **Theme 3:** Innovative Sources of Financing – potential to leverage private sector financing
  - David McCauley, Head, Climate Change Program Coordination Unit, Asian Development Bank, Philippines (*videoconference*)
  - Monika Beck, Head of the Financial and Private Sector Development in Southeast Europe division, KfW Entwicklungsbank, Germany

15.30 hrs      **Coffee**

15.45 hrs **SESSION 3: CHALLENGES FOR THE VULNERABLE**

**Co-Chairs: Humberto DELGADO ROSA**, Director Mainstreaming Adaptation & Low Carbon Technology, DG CLIMA and **Dirk MEGANCK**, Director Asia and Pacific, DG DEVCO

*This session will focus on countries and population most vulnerable to climate change and how their challenges can be addressed.*

- **Theme 1:** Adapting to the inevitable – Climate effects South-East Asia and in the Pacific region including challenges in the Asian Coastal Megacities
  - Ambassador Ismat Jahan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Communities
  - Chencho Norbu, Director of the Department of Agriculture in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Bhutan
  - Bhichit Rattakul, Special Advisor of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Thailand
  - Christoph Pusch, Deputy Manager, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) & Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank, Washington
  
- **Theme 2:** Experience from international co-operation to date
  - Ranieri Sabatucci, Head of Division for Asia and Pacific Department, EEAS
  - Ambassador Aliioaiga Feturi Elisaia, Samoan Ambassador to the UN
  - Maarten Van Aalst, Director, the Red Cross & Red Crescent Climate Centre, The Hague

17.45 hrs **CONCLUSIONS OF THE ROUND TABLE**

**Artur RUNGE-METZGER**, Director International and Climate Strategy, DG CLIMA and **Pedro SERRANO**, Director for South and South-East Asia, EEAS

**Follow-up: Next steps: The Qatar COP and beyond.**

18.00 hrs **Reception**