

# Countdown to Copenhagen

## Germany's Responsibility for Climate Justice

Conference, Tue. 17 / Wed. 18 November 2009 — Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

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With just three weeks to go, the world is feverishly awaiting the Copenhagen Climate Summit:

Will the international community be able to adopt a fair and ambitious agreement that minimises global warming and enables the world's poorest to adapt to unavoidable levels of climate change? Without doubt, much is at stake. If world leaders fail to agree a climate accord that results in reversal of greenhouse gas emission trends over the coming years, global warming will become catastrophic on a global scale. Climate policy goes well beyond environmentalism. It is about the future of our societies as we know them today.

#### Who Can Emit How Much CO<sub>2</sub> in the Future?

Climate policy will increasingly become a question of global justice. Who will be allowed to emit how much CO<sub>2</sub> in the future? Will polluters compensate people in the Global South who are forced to adapt to the impacts of climate change? How can the world unleash a revolution in technological innovation to make our economies sustainable? And how will the rich assist the poor, especially those people, communities and populations that are most affected by the adverse impacts of climate change?

This conference will look at the UN climate talks from the perspective of development policy. It will identify blind spots, discuss areas of conflict, as well as obstacles and suggestions to pave the way for feasible solutions.

#### Under Scrutiny: Climate Policy of the German Government

The conference will also focus on Germany's role and its particular responsibility for ensuring climate justice. Will the new German government integrate the climate agenda with the fight against poverty and sustainable development in the Global South – or will it play off one against the other? Will the new government accept its responsibility for substantial transfers of financial resources and climate-friendly technologies to developing countries? Are Germany's own mitigation actions sufficient to meet its fair share in the global effort?

The overriding issue, however, will be: Is our society, are our political and economic actors, ready to meet the challenge? Is there sufficient resolve to support the fundamental changes that are needed to ensure that poor people and future generations are given the chance to live in human dignity?

## Information

#### Date and Venue:

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 (3 pm to 10 pm)

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 (9 am to ca. 6 pm)

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin

#### Public Transport:

Take Bus 147 to Deutsches Theater (🚏), then walk 150 m) or take S-Bahn S1, 2, 25, 5, 7, 75, 9 to Friedrichstraße (exit Albrechtstr., 🚏), then walk 250 m or exit Friedrichstr., 🚏, walk 750 m or Bus 147) or take U-Bahn U6 to Oranienburger Tor (🚏), then walk 500 m) or take Tram M1, M6, 12 to Oranienburger Tor (🚏), then walk 500 - 600 m) from Main Station (DB), Bus 147 > Puschkinallee/Elsenstraße to Deutsches Theater

#### Registration:

Please register until November, 12 either via [www.boell.de/calendar](http://www.boell.de/calendar) or send us the enclosed form via mail or fax (+49(0)30.285 34-109).

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## Programme

### Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Review, Understanding, Positioning

15.00 Registration

16.00 Opening Session –Introduction

Barbara Unmüßig – Executive Board Heinrich Böll Foundation

16.30 **Climate Protection: This Century's Priority**

What is at stake? What is fair? What needs to be done?

Keynote

Dirk Messner – German Development Institute, Bonn

Responses from politics

Federal Minister for the Environment, Germany\*

Anote Tong\* – President Republic of Kiribati

17.15 Panel Discussion

**Routes Towards a Low-Carbon Society?**

Voices from the South and North, Civil Society and Science

Anote Tong\* – President Republic of Kiribati

Federal Minister for the Environment, Germany\*

Lim Li Lin – Third World Network, Malaysia/Geneva

Jeremy Rifkin\* – President of the Foundation on Economic Trends, USA

Facilitator: Christiane Grefe – Editor DIE ZEIT, Berlin

19.00 Reception – Evening Programme

### Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Digging Deeper, Demanding, Bargaining

9.00 **Countdown to Copenhagen**

What is Copenhagen about? What is the status of negotiations? What are the challenges?

Keynote:

Christoph Bals – Political Director Germanwatch, Bonn

Video message about COP15 challenges:

Yvo de Boer\* – Executive Secretary UNFCCC, Bonn

9.45 **Parallel workshop sessions**

(in English, partly German simultaneous interpretation)

**Mitigation, Responsibility and Prospective Pathways**

Who takes on what tasks in order to get towards carbon-free development?

— **Workshop 1** Fair Burden-Sharing and Distribution of Chances

— **Workshop 2** Energy and Technology

— **Workshop 3** Flexible Mechanisms

— **Workshop 4** Forest Protection in the South

### Adaptation to Climate Change

How can countries of the global south adapt to the impacts of climate change? What support do they require?

— **Workshop 5** Food Security

— **Workshop 6** Forced Migration

— **Workshop 7** Financing for Adaptation

— **Workshop 8** Disaster Risk Reduction

12.15 Lunch

13.30 **Parallel Dialogue Forums**

(English/German simultaneous interpretation)

**Germany's Responsibility for Climate Justice**

— **Dialogue Forum 1**

Climate Coherence in German Politics?

Are German foreign, trade, security and development policies compatible with the 2°C-objective? Where are the major fault lines?

— **Dialogue Forum 2**

Majorities for Climate Protection?

Are there majorities for a stringent climate policy? How can the commitment to adequate financial transfers to the global south be increased? Is radical climate protection a threat to democracy, because it asks too much of people?

— **Dialogue Forum 3**

Europe: Pioneer on Standby?

Climate policy as a test case for the European Union: Is the EU still a leader or has it become a laggard? What does the EU need to do to make Copenhagen a success?

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 **Climate Policy Requires Implementation**

Keynote

Klaus Töpfer – Vice-President Welthungerhilfe, Bonn

16.15 Panel discussion:

**Where Do the Political Parties Stand?**

Environmental Policy Experts:

Eva Bulling-Schröter – MdB Die Linke

Josef Göppel – MdB CSU

Bärbel Höhn – MdB Bündnis 90/Die Grünen

Horst Meierhofer – MdB FDP

Frank Schwabe – MdB SPD

17.45 Synthesis and Final Remarks

18.00 Conclusion (drinks and snacks)

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