Scenarios for The Hague: Possible trade-offs for a final climate change deal

10h30 - 12h30, Monday, 18 September 2000
International Environment House

Although adopted by the world’s governments in 1997, the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change has yet to enter into force. Many governments are waiting to see the results of the current phase of negotiations before they ratify it. These negotiations, which will conclude at the Sixth Session of the Conference of the Parties in The Hague, from 13 – 24 November, must finalize the Protocol’s operational details and generate greater momentum for the Convention.

The Kyoto rulebook will need to include accounting methods for emissions, rules for obtaining credit for offsetting emissions by growing trees, measures for non-compliance with emissions targets and other commitments, and procedures for the Clean Development Mechanism and for the Joint Implementation and Emissions Trading systems. Convention-related issues that must be addressed include technology transfer and the special concerns of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to climate change or to the economic consequences of the policies and measures that developed countries use to reduce emissions.

This roundtable will consider the results of the final preparatory meeting in Lyon, which concludes on 15 September, and explore options for a comprehensive political package at The Hague.

10:00 Coffee
10:30 Welcoming remarks
Introduction by moderator, Michael Zammit Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Climate Change Convention
10:50 Panel of speakers:
- Kok Kee Chow, Deputy Director General, Malaysian Meteorological Service
- Bill Hare, Climate Policy Director, Greenpeace International
- Bakary Kante, Director, Division of Environment Policy Development and Law, UNEP
- Dave Moorcroft, Programme Manager, Climate Change, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- José Romero, Senior Scientific Adviser, Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape
11:40 Discussion with panelists and participants
12:20 Wrap-up by moderator
12:30 Close