

Side Event at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Tianjin, China

Catalyzing a Low-carbon Economy with International Investment

Monday, 4 October 2010, 13:00-14:30 in Guiyang Room, Meijiang Convention Centre



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International investment can play an important role in jump-starting low-carbon economic development. To take advantage of its benefits, a strong framework is required across a number of policy areas. This side event reveals the findings of UNCTAD's latest *World Investment Report* on this issue and aims at assisting developing countries in their policy making and negotiation related to climate change financing. After a presentation titled "Investing in a Low-Carbon Economy" by Mr. James Zhan, Director of the Investment and Enterprise Division of UNCTAD, a panel of leading experts and negotiators will provide further review of the results and policy implications presented in the report.

UNCTAD estimates that in 2009 low-carbon foreign direct investment flows into three key low-carbon business areas (renewables, recycling, and low-carbon technology manufacturing) amounted to \$90 billion. The potential for cross-border low-carbon investment is enormous as the world transitions to a low-carbon economy, and government policies need to maximize benefits and minimize risks related to such investment. UNCTAD proposes a global partnership to synergize investment promotion and climate change mitigation and to galvanize low-carbon investment for sustainable growth and development. The panelists will elaborate on this proposal as well as related policy issues.

13:00 – 13:20	Keynote Speech: Investing in a Low-Carbon Economy
	James Zhan , Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
13:20 – 13:50	Panel Discussion
	Preety Bhandari Coordinator, Financial and Technical Support Program, UNFCCC
	Fernando Tudela Vice Minister of Environment, Mexico
	Tewolde Birhan Gebre-Egziabiher Head of Delegation, Director of the Environment Protection Authority, Ethiopia
	Hwang In Chul Team Leader, Carbon Market Department, Korea Energy Management Corporation, Korea
	Anwar Abdulaziz Noaman (tbc) Head of Climate Change Unit, Yemen
13:50 – 14:00	Questions and Concluding Remarks

* Complementary networking lunch will be offered after the event

** Free copies of the *World Investment Report 2010* will be available