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## Nuclear energy: Myth and Reality

Side event organized by  
Heinrich Böll Foundation (Washington DC Office)

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**13:00-15:00**

**Room: Solar GH**

As nations around the world seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, nuclear energy is once again promoted as a solution to climate change. This side event brings together nuclear and energy experts from Europe, Australia, Brazil, South Africa and India to discuss the role of nuclear energy in combating climate change, and to present the alternatives.

Topics to be discussed will be centered around three main themes:

1. Climate change: Is nuclear energy a readily available and effective solution to meet greenhouse gas emission targets? Is nuclear energy an acceptable “transition” energy source to renewable sources? What are the issues?
2. Economics and subsidies: Is nuclear energy really affordable? What are the hidden costs and the economic risks?
3. Alternatives: Is nuclear energy necessary to meet ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets? What are the alternatives? Will the drive towards nuclear energy eventually compete with the available alternatives?

Opening Remarks by **Helga Flores-Trejo**, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Washington D.C.

Panelists:

- **Maya Aberman**, Earthlife Africa Cape Town, South Africa
- **Sergio Dialeachi**, Assessor of the Green Party, Brazil
- **Rebecca Harms**, Member of the European Parliament, The Greens
- **Dr. Felix Matthes**, Öko-Institute, Berlin, Germany
- **Senator Christine Milne**, Australia
- **Dr. M.V. Ramana**, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development, Bangalore, India
- Moderation: **Arne Jungjohann**, HBF Washington DC