**Tianjin Climate Change Talks (04-09 October 2010)**

**MCII side event:**

**The Global Insurance Sector, Government & Adaption in Developing Countries**

Speakers: Invited delegates from the USA and AOSIS, with further invited delegate comments from the floor from Bangladesh, Mexico, Switzerland, EU, Nigeria, Australia

Invited experts: MCII (Koko Warner), Germanwatch (Christoph Bals)

Date: Thursday, 07 October 2010

Time: 14:45—16:15 *(programme on reverse side)*

Location: Yinchuan

Format: Short statements (10 -12 minutes) & audience discussion

Topic: The global insurance industry statement on adapting to climate change in developing countries

Moderator: Soenke Kreft, Germanwatch

**Objectives of the session on the global insurance industry statement**

The purpose of this side event during the October Climate Change Talks in Tianjin is threefold:

1. **To explore** what the insurance sector can contribute and what steps governments should take on adaptation and risk reduction;
2. **To discuss** different reflections on the insurance industry statement by attending delegates;
3. **To put forward ideas and options** for feasible, catalytic COP decisions on risk management including insurance.

**Programme outline**

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| **Introduction &**  **Moderation** |  |  |
| **14:55 – 15:45**  **Expert Panel** | **Koko Warner,** MCII  Representative of the **AOSIS delegation** | Global Insurance Industry Group Statement on Adapting to Climate Change in Developing Countries  Response to the Global Insurance Industry Statement from a small islands’ perspective |
| Representative of the **US delegation**  **Delegate comments from the floor** | Disaster risk reduction, insurance and risk management: US perspectives position.  Invited: Bangladesh, Mexico, Switzerland, EU, Nigeria, Australia |
| **Christoph Bals,** Germanwatch | A look ahead to COP-16 – What do the public and private sectors need to do? |
| **15:45 –16:15** | **Audience Discussion** |  |

**About MCII**

The Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII) was launched in Munich in April 2005 in response to the growing realisation that insurance-related solutions can play a role in adaptation to climate change, as advocated in the Framework Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. This initiative, hosted at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), in Bonn (Germany), brings together insurers, experts on climate change and adaptation, NGOs, and policy researchers intent on finding solutions to the risks posed by climate change. MCII provides a forum and gathering point for insurance-related expertise on climate change impact issues.