

**“Regional Initiatives and Strategies in Support of Country Efforts
on Climate Change”**

A COP-15 joint Side Event organized by the UN Regional Commissions

Date: Wednesday, 16 December 2009

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Total duration: 1.5 hours

Venue: Bella Center, Victor Borge Room, Center Boulevard 5, DK-2300,
Copenhagen, Denmark

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Description:

The five UN Regional Commissions (Economic Commission for Africa (ECA); Economic Commission for Europe (ECE); Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP); Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and; Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)) are partnering with countries in their regions, with UN system agencies, funds and programs and with other regional and subregional stakeholders to undertake collaborative initiatives and actions to promote both mitigation and adaptation policies and measures at the regional and national levels.

The side-event will provide regional perspectives on ongoing efforts being deployed in the different regions and share best practices among the regions, including on the following aspects: 1) adequate and accessible information services to integrate climate change into development policies, plans and programmes; 2) private-public partnerships on energy efficiency; 3) assessing the economic impacts of climate change; 4) proposed approach and current action on low-carbon development pathways; 5) integrating climate change into the sustainable management of natural resources.

Programme

11:00 a.m. Welcoming remarks by Mr. Ján Kubiš, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of UNECE, in his capacity as current Coordinator of the UN Regional Commissions.

11:03 a.m. Opening statement by H.E. Mr. Ricardo Lagos, Former President of Chile and Special Envoy to the UN Secretary-General on Climate Change.

11:08 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ECA, on ***promoting adequate and accessible information services to integrate climate change into development policies, plans and programmes in Africa.***

- 11:16 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jan Kubis, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ECE, on *achieving energy efficiency through public-private partnerships: Experiences from the UNECE region*.
- 11:24 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Bader AlDafa, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ESCWA, on **integrating climate change into the sustainable management of natural resources: Experiences from the ESCWA Region**.
- 11:32 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Antonio Prado, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECLAC, on *the economic impacts of climate change in the LAC region*.
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. K. V. Ramani, Senior Advisor to the Executive Secretary, ESCAP, on *moving towards low-carbon development pathways in the Asia-Pacific region*.
- 11:48 a.m. Interactive discussion with Ministers of Environment and high-level officials and experts from the regions.
- 12:25 p.m. Concluding remarks by H.E. Mr. Ricardo Lagos, Former President of Chile and Special Envoy to the UN Secretary-General on Climate Change.
- 12:29 p.m. Closing and thanks remarks by Mr. Ján Kubiš, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ECE.

