



GLOBAL OUTLOOK FOR ICE&SNOW

SIDE EVENT

13 DECEMBER 18:00–19:30
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This COP 13 side event highlights the scientific findings of the Global Outlook for Ice & Snow and features perspectives from regions affected by changes in ice and snow.

Chair: Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UN Environment Programme

PROGRAMME

PART ONE: INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

Eric Solheim, Minister of the Environment and Development Cooperation, Norway

PART TWO: SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Overview of global changes in ice and snow and consequences for the Arctic

Pål Prestrud, Director of Center for International Climate and Environmental Research - Oslo (CICERO) and Chair of the Steering Committee for Global Outlook for Ice and Snow

Impact of climate change on Himalayan glaciers and formation of glacial lakes and glacial lake outburst floods phenomena

Pradeep Mool, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

Impacts of sea level rise: global overview and focus on Small Island Developing States

Kenrick Leslie, Director of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)

PART THREE: PERSPECTIVES ON MELTING ICE AND SNOW

Perspective: Arctic Indigenous Peoples

Patricia Cochran, Chair of Inuit Circumpolar Council, Anchorage, Alaska

Perspective: Himalayas

Kunda Dixit, Chief Editor, Nepali Times, Kathmandu, Nepal

Perspective: Small Island Developing States

Ben Namakin, Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

DISCUSSIONS

SPEAKERS



Mr. **Achim Steiner** is Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). His educational background includes a BA from the University of Oxford as well as an MA from the University of London with specialization in development economics, regional planning, and international development and environment policy. Mr. Steiner's professional career has included assignments with governmental, non-governmental and international organizations in many parts of the world. Before joining UNEP, he served as Director General of the World Conservation Union (IUCN).



Minister **Erik Solheim** is the Minister of the Environment and Development Cooperation for Norway. He has been leader of Socialist Left Party from 1987–1997, member of the Norwegian parliament from 1989–2001 and since 2005. He has served on many parliamentary committees and delegations, especially in the field of foreign affairs. Minister Solheim holds a degree in History and Sociology from the University of Oslo.



Dr. **Pål Prestrud** is the director of the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research – Oslo (CICERO), an independent Norwegian research center established by the University of Oslo. CICERO conducts research on and provides information and expert advice about national and international issues related to climate change and climate policy. [Dr. Prestrud was the chair of the steering committee for the Global Outlook for Ice&Snow.](#)



Mr. **Pradeep Mool** is a remote sensing specialist at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Nepal. ICIMOD serves eight regional member countries of the greater Himalayan region and the global mountain community, developing and providing innovative solutions which foster action in overcoming mountain peoples' economic, social and physical vulnerability. [Mr. Mool contributed to chapter 6 in Global Outlook for Ice&Snow.](#)



Dr. **Kenrick Leslie** is the Executive Director of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), Belmopan. Dr. Leslie has considerable experience in the fields of physics and meteorology. He has worked as a Senior Principal Scientist in the Applied Physics Laboratories of Honeywell International for over ten years and as the first Director of the National Meteorological Service of Belize for 15 years.



Ms. **Patricia Cochran** serves as Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, an international organization representing 155,000 Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Russia and Greenland. She also serves as Chair of the Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat to the Arctic Council and as Executive Director of the Alaska Native Science Commission. [Ms. Cochran contributed to chapter 9 in Global Outlook for Ice&Snow.](#)



Mr. **Kunda Dixit** is a Nepali editor and publisher of the Nepali Times newspaper in Kathmandu. He is a graduate of Columbia University in New York and the author of the book, 'Dateline Earth: Journalism As If the Planet Mattered' and more recently, 'A People War'. He is also visiting faculty at Kathmandu University Department of Media and Communications. [Mr. Dixit contributed to chapter 9 in Global Outlook for Ice&Snow.](#)



Mr. **Ben Namakin**, Manager of the Environmental Education & Awareness Program of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, grew up on the Pacific islands of Kiribati and Micronesia. He holds a diploma in Marine Science and Agriculture from the Ponape Agriculture & Trade School. As a member of the youth delegation to the 2005 UN Climate Change Conference, he addressed the plenary session and contributed to the declaration "Our Climate, Our Challenge, Our Future." Mr. Namakin is the founding Chair of the International Pacific Marine Educators Network (IPMEN).