

Program
Thursday December 17, 20.00-21.30
Room Victor Borge
Bella Center
The event is followed by a reception

" Towards a green future - Nordic energy and climate solutions"

The Nordic countries can play an important role in meeting global climate challenges. The side-event will present initiatives implemented within the Nordic Governmental Cooperation, and positions of strengths for the Nordic countries.

- 20.00 Welcome and introduction**
by Svandís Svavarsdóttir, Icelandic Minister for the Environment
- 20.10 Nordic initiatives on climate change and environmental issues in low-income countries**
- Presentation by Helge Semb, Managing Director of Nordic Development Fund (NDF) and Magnus Rystedt, Managing Director of Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)
- 20.25 Nordic research and innovation on climate-related technologies - Nordic Energy Solutions and the Top-level Research Initiative (TRI)**
- Presentation by Anne Cathrine Gjørde, Director of Nordic Energy Research (NER)
- 20.40 Panel discussion led by Martin Breum from Danish Television (DR2)**
- Topic:** *Nordic energy and climate solutions - a Nordic response to global climate change – experiences, potentials and actions for the post-COP15 period.*
- The panel discussion will focus on the potential of Nordic energy technologies and climate solutions on a global scale and how the Nordic countries best can contribute to ensure the necessary mitigation of global climate change.
- Participants:**
- **H E Ms Khempheng Pholsena**, Minister of the Environment, Lao PDR Ministry of the Environment
 - **Mr Kristian Birk**, Head of Department, Department of Growth and Climate, Nordic Council of Ministers
 - **Mr Magnus Rystedt**, Managing Director, Nordic Environment Finance Corporation
 - **Mr Johan Ljungberg**, Head of Environment, Department for Credit & Analysis, Nordic Investment Bank
 - **Mr Marius Holm**, Deputy Director of Bellona Foundation
- 21.20 Closing remarks and presentation of the Nordic Bioenergy Prize 2009**
The Nordic Bioenergy Prize 2009 will be awarded Senior researcher at Chalmers University of Technology, Dr. Göran Berndes, by Icelandic Minister for the Environment Svandís Svavarsdóttir, on behalf of the Nordic Council of Ministers.
- 21.30 Reception**