

International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies

Transition towards low carbon societies in a changing world

Date: Tuesday, 29th November

Time: 15:30-17:30 * **Light meal and drink will be served.**

Venue: EU Pavilion at Room Brussels

Chair: Dr. Bert Metz (ECF, Netherlands)

Organised by: The French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing (MEDDTL), The International Research Center on Environment and Development (CIRED), and the LCS-RNet Secretariat, in cooperation with The French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME)

Outline: This side-event is proposed by the "LCS-RNet", a network gathering research teams from the G8 countries (Wuppertal Institute, Germany, CIRD, France, ENEA, Italy, NIES, Japan, UNERC, UK, MIT, USA...). It will examine how to make the "paradigm shift" of climate policies demanded by the Cancun declaration happen to "offer substantial opportunities and ensure continued high growth and sustainable development". However this call for a shift came up in a quite untimely context (financial turmoil, public debt...) meanwhile emerging economies are about to build the bulk of their basic infrastructure. The side-event would open a fruitful dialogue between teams of G8 centered LCS-RNet and a group of scientists and policy-makers from the BASIC countries: UFRJ/Coppe, Brazil, Indian Institute of Management of Ahmedabad, University of Cape Town, South Africa, ERI, China.

Provisional agenda

15:30-15:35	Opening and Welcome Address Shuzo Nishioka (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES))
15:35-16:45	Presentations: How Do We Reconcile Climate Change and Development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Choosing between Low or High Carbon Intensive Development Patterns: What is the Rationale?</i> Priyadarshi Shukla (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India) - <i>Making the transition to low carbon societies in a changing world: Why and How? African perspectives</i> Youba Sokona (African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC), United Nations of Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)) - <i>International Arrangements to Leverage Domestic Climate Policies</i> Erik Haites (Margaree Consultants Inc., Canada) - <i>Climate Policies in an Untimely Context: Key Messages of the Third LCS-R net Meeting (Paris)</i> Jean-Charles Hourcade (CIRED-CNRS/modeling chair for sustainable development (ENPC-Mines ParisTech), France)
16:45-17:25	Round Table: How Can We Unlock the Policy Process? Shigemoto Kajihara (Japanese Ministry of the Environment), Jiang Kejun (ERI, China), Asher Minns (Tyndall Center, UK), Paul Watkinson (MEDTTL, France)
17:25-17:30	Closing Remarks Jean-Charles Hourcade

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What is the Low Carbon Society Research Network?

The LCS-RNet (International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies: www.lcs-rnet.net) is a knowledge sharing platform of researchers who are deeply involved in policy making process. Through the discussions amongst the world's leading researchers and active policy-makers, key findings and far-sighted research needs are identified, and the updated information and research results are shared.

As recognition of the need for countries to develop their own visions towards low-carbon societies, G8 Environment Ministers supported the proposal from Japan to establish the LCS-RNet at the G8 Environmental Ministers Meeting (G8EMM) in Kobe, Japan, in May 2008. Through the proposal, the LCS-RNet was established at the G8EMM in Syracuse, Italy, in April 2009, and requested to report back its outcomes periodically to G8.

Currently 16 research institutes from 7 countries constitute this network as well as governmental contact points. The secretariat located in the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) with the support from the Ministry of the Environment, Japan. Participation in the LCS-RNet is open while the orientation and management of the LCS-RNet is guided by the steering group consisting of research institutes.



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