

## Public Seminar

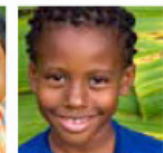
# Linking Climate Change Negotiations and Disaster Risk Reduction

Venue: The 1001 Hall, Islands Brygge 89, Copenhagen S, Denmark

### Programme – 12 November 2008

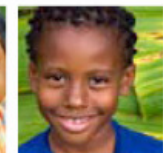
08:00	Departure – bus transfer from First Hotel ( <i>if pre-booked</i> ) Arrival and registration - coffee/tea & morning snack
08:45	Seating of participants
09:00	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>  Ms. <b>Sus Ulbæk</b> , Under-Secretary for Multilateral Development Co-operation Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark
<b>CLIMATE-RELATED DISASTER RISKS</b>	
09:15	<b>Climate-related disaster risks – policy trends and current status</b>  <b>Key note speaker:</b>  Mr. <b>L. Craig Johnstone</b> , Deputy High Commissioner United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)  Deputy High Commissioner Mr. <b>L. Craig Johnstone</b> will take stock of experiences with disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation strategies. On the basis of experiences from recent disasters the presentation will focus on disaster risk reduction as a core element of climate change adaptation and the need to increase the effectiveness of, and synergies between, these areas in a comprehensive manner.  <i>What are the main challenges in creating closer links between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaption policies and programmes at the operational level? What lessons have been learnt from recent disasters in e.g. Bangladesh and Myanmar on preparedness, cooperation and humanitarian partnerships?</i>
09:45	<b>A weather forecast</b>  Mr. <b>Steffen Kretz</b> , International Correspondent on Climate Change Danish Broadcasting Corporation  <i>As a part of the Danish preparations to the 15th. United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in 2009 the Danish Broadcasting Corporation has appointed Journalist <b>Steffen Kretz</b>, to a position as the stations first International Correspondent on Climate Change.</i>  <i>Mr. Steffen Kretz has already travelled to a number of climate change hotspots around the world. He will present his first hand impressions from the field and also give an overview of the consequences of the climate change and on the importance of being prepared. Climate change adaptation or disaster risk reduction – after all it boils down to the same issue on the ground: the need to get adequately prepared.</i>





10:00	<p><b>Space2Debate: Challenges and possible synergies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main challenges and achievements so far in climate change adaptation and humanitarian responses to weather related disaster risks?</li> <li>• Where do we find potential synergies between the two agendas?</li> </ul> <p>Debaters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>L. Craig Johnstone</b>, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR</li> <li>• Ms. <b>Madeleen Helmer</b>, Head, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre in the Hague</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Steen Gade</b>, MP, Foreign Affairs Committee and Chairman of Globe Europe</li> </ul> <p>Interviewers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Martin Breum</b>, Journalist, Danish Broadcasting Corporation</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Peter Tygesen</b>, Journalist and Author</li> </ul> <p><i>The Space2Debate will create a space for accurate, professional and to the point dialogue and debate. The Space2debate is designed to extract core messages from the debaters and elaborate on key issues. The debate is facilitated by two experienced media persons.</i></p>
10:30	Break
<b>HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES TO CLIMATE-RELATED RISKS</b>	
11:00	<p><b>Risk reduction strategies in the context of weather related risks</b></p> <p>Mr. <b>Saroj Kumar Jha</b>, Manager Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), World Bank</p> <p><i>The presentation will provide a perspective on the current level of implementation and successes of risk reduction strategies in the context of weather related risks. It will also discuss adaptation of existing mechanisms in the humanitarian system to future risks in relation to complex emergencies and mega disasters.</i></p>
11:15	<p><b>Update: The Hyogo Framework for Action</b></p> <p>An introduction and update on the Hyogo Framework for Action and a status quo for disaster risk reduction (DRR) and its linking with the climate change adaptation agenda and its settings.</p> <p>Ms. <b>Helena Molin Valdés</b>, Deputy Director United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat (UNISDR)</p>





11:30	<p><b>Space2Debate: The way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What steps do we need to take in order to link the humanitarian agenda and expertise to climate change adaptation strategies and initiatives?</li> <li>• Can we point to specific actions that could facilitate joint thinking and action between the two?</li> </ul> <p>Debaters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Saroj Kumar Jha</b>, Manager, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), World Bank</li> <li>• Ms. <b>Helena Molin Valdés</b>, Deputy Director, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat (UNISDR)</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Anders Ladekarl</b>, Secretary General, Danish Red Cross</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Poul Erik Lauridsen</b>, Programme and Climate Change Manager, CARE Denmark</li> </ul> <p>Interviewers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Martin Breum</b>, Journalist, Danish Broadcasting Corporation</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Peter Tygesen</b>, Journalist and Author</li> </ul> <p><i>The Space2Debate will create a space for accurate, professional and to the point dialogue and debate. The Space2debate is designed to extract core messages from the debaters and elaborate on key issues. The debate is facilitated by two experienced media persons.</i></p>
12:00	<b>Questions from the Floor</b>
	<b>CONSOLIDATION</b>
12:15	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p>Ms. <b>Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen</b>, Head of Department Humanitarian Assistance and NGO Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark</p>
12:30	End of the public part of the event: Linking Climate Change Negotiations and Disaster Risk Reduction
12:30	Lunch and departure
13:00	Departure – bus transfer to First Hotel ( <i>if pre-booked</i> )

