

BROOKINGS BLUM ROUNDTABLE



ASPEN, COLORADO
JULY 30 – AUGUST 1, 2009

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Arrival and Check-In

LOCATION INFORMATION:

Aspen Meadows Resort
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8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Meadows Restaurant

**8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

BROOKINGS WELCOME

- ❖ Strobe Talbott, Brookings

OPENING REMARKS

- ❖ Richard C. Blum, Blum Capital Partners, LP

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, SCENE SETTER, AND COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

- ❖ Kemal Derviş, Brookings

**9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Session I McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

BUILDING BLOCKS TOWARD A CLIMATE RESILIENT GLOBE IN AN ECONOMIC STORM

Moderator: Strobe Talbott, Brookings

In the midst of a global economic downturn, the world’s climate negotiators will descend on Copenhagen with the aim of crafting a post-2012 climate regime. In addition to establishing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets, negotiators intend to reach consensus on adaptation financing and technology transfer. Yet with the global financial crisis still casting its shadow and domestic political constraints mounting, the path toward robust action is anything but clear.

Paper Presenter:

- ❖ Kemal Derviş, Brookings

**11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Session II McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

RECOVERING FROM THE CRISIS: LESSONS FOR CLIMATE POLICY?

Moderator: William Antholis, Brookings

The repercussions of the global economic downturn could impact movement on climate change policies in surprising ways. In the near-term, mounting domestic financial challenges may distract the public and policymakers, lowering political will for aggressive climate action in Copenhagen. In the long-term, it reminds us that to protect the climate well into the 22nd century, both domestic and international climate policies will need to endure through highly



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volatile economic conditions. This session will examine the implications of the global economic downturn for climate policies and politics at the national and international levels.

Paper Presenter:

- ❖ Adele Morris, Brookings

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch Briefing	Meadows Restaurant
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LUNCH BRIEFING: “TOWARDS A GLOBAL CLIMATE AGREEMENT: KEY INSIGHTS FROM PROJECT CATALYST”

Introduction:

- ❖ Kemal Derviş, Brookings

Panelists:

- ❖ Hal Harvey, ClimateWorks Foundation
- ❖ Thomas Heller, Stanford Law School

<u>Optional Event Hosted by the Aspen Institute:</u>	
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	McCloskey Speaker Series Featuring Richard N. Haass Paepcke Auditorium
<p>Richard N. Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, will discuss his book, <i>War of Necessity, War of Choice: A Memoir of Two Iraq Wars</i> (Simon & Schuster). Please contact Sandy Burke (sburke@brookings.edu / +1-202-238-3507) for complimentary tickets.</p>	

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Cocktails	Meadows Restaurant
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Dinner and Keynote Panel	

KEYNOTE PANEL: “A BLUEPRINT FOR TRANSATLANTIC CLIMATE COOPERATION”

Moderator:

- ❖ William Antholis, Brookings

Keynote Panelists:

- ❖ John Podesta, Center for American Progress
- ❖ Cem Özdemir, German Green Party



Friday, July 31, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Meadows Restaurant

**9:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Session III McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

FINANCING ADAPTATION: WHAT? WHEN? HOW?

Moderator: Judith Rodin, The Rockefeller Foundation

Financing adaptation could cost \$86 billion annually by 2015—0.2 percent of the developed world’s gross domestic product. Determining who will bear the lion’s share of this cost may resolve which countries participate in a post-2012 climate change regime. Poor countries currently rely on official aid flows to fund their adaptation efforts. And though most donor nations seemed willing to provide new climate adaptation assistance in Poznan, new domestic political constraints may have recalibrated their priorities and readiness to generate additional funds.

Paper Presenter:

- ❖ Humayun Tai, McKinsey & Company

**10:20 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Session IV McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

FOREST CONSERVATION AND CARBON MARKETS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

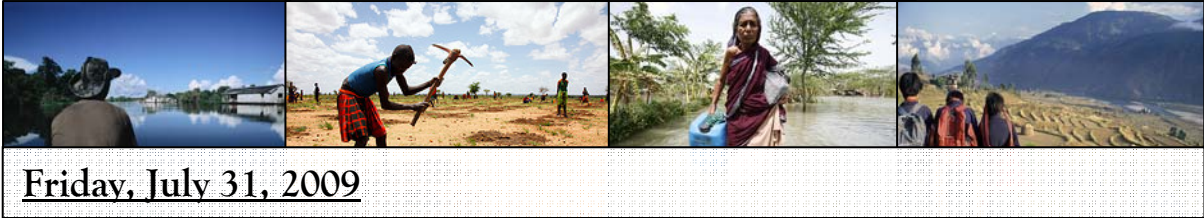
Moderator: Karen Kornbluh, Center for American Progress

Land-use and land-use change account for roughly 20 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions—a share greater than either the global transport or industrial sectors. Opportunities exist via global carbon markets to provide cost effective ways to both reduce emissions and generate income for poor forest-dwelling communities and forest-rich developing countries (including Brazil and Indonesia). Movement to fully include the forest sector in a post-2012 global climate agreement is likely, yet ensuring that poor communities and indigenous peoples have a voice in the design and implementation of carbon markets is essential.

Paper Presenter:

- ❖ Sandra Brown, Winrock International

**11:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Session V McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**



6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Cocktails	Meadows Restaurant
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner and Keynote	

KEYNOTE PANEL: “COMPOUNDING CRISES: HOW CAN AND HOW ARE THE POOR PROTECTING THEMSELVES?”

Introduction and Moderator:

- ❖ Timothy Wirth, United Nations Foundation

Keynote Panelists:

- ❖ Helen Clark, United Nations Development Program
- ❖ Raymond Offenheiser, Oxfam America
- ❖ Ernest Aryeetey, University of Ghana



Saturday, August 1, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Meadows Restaurant

**9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Session VI McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

CLIMATE JUSTICE: INCLUDING THE MOST VULNERABLE

Chair: Mary Robinson, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

With climate change likely to create new types of inequality and a financial crisis threatening to further constrain growth, the stakes to empower the most vulnerable couldn't be higher. This session will examine how the world's poorest people are managing these near-term challenges through grassroots initiatives to mitigate greenhouse gases and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change. It will assess how best practices learned at the local level feed into national and international climate change strategies, and what can be done to give the world's most vulnerable people a greater voice at the negotiating table.

Paper Presenter:

- ❖ Mohamed El-Ashry, United Nations Foundation

**11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Session VII McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

WHAT ROLE FOR THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION?

Moderator: Smita Singh, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

The early days of the Obama administration have provided welcome signals to the international community that has long sought U.S. leadership on climate change; the administration has pledged to cut domestic greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and has submitted a FY10 budget to Congress that includes \$80bn a year in carbon revenue generated via a cap-and-trade regime. If an effective response to the global climate and financial crises requires collective action, this session will point to a constructive path forward for the Obama administration to further engage with the international community on climate, finance and global poverty alleviation.

Paper Presenter:

- ❖ William Antholis, Brookings

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch Meadows Restaurant



Saturday, August 1, 2009

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Closing Dinner

**Bear Paw Ranch
1495 Star Mesa Road**

HOSTS: RICHARD C. BLUM AND SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN

- ❖ Vans depart Aspen Meadows Reception Center at **5:45 p.m.**; first vans return at **8:30 p.m.**
- ❖ Joint dinner with the Aspen Strategy Group

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