



BROOKINGS BLUM ROUNDTABLE

ASPEN, COLORADO
AUGUST 1-3, 2008



Thursday, July 31, 2008

Arrival and Check-In

Aspen Meadows

LOCATION INFORMATION:

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Friday, August 1, 2008

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

**8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Session I McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- ❖ Richard C. Blum, Blum Capital Partners, LP
- ❖ Strobe Talbott, Brookings
- ❖ Lael Brainard, Brookings

WHAT’S IN STORE FOR THE WORLD’S POOR

Moderator: Lael Brainard, Brookings

Climate change could very well threaten the hard-won development gains of the past few decades. At the same time, the development path chosen by rising powers will determine whether the international community can stabilize the Earth’s climate system in time to avoid catastrophic impacts. This session will examine the complex relationships between climate change, economic development, and global poverty. It will explore the adverse impacts of climate change on the world’s poor, including food and water security, health, living standards, migration, natural disasters, and the loss of traditional cultures and livelihoods. The session will draw special attention to new types of inequality borne out of climate-induced productivity changes, the altering geographic distribution of poverty, and the ensuing societal changes and political pressures that emerge within and across borders.

Hot Topic (Strategic Intervention):

- ❖ **Global Attitudes on Climate Change**
Steven Kull, Program on International Policy Attitudes

Paper Presenter:

- ❖ Anthony Nyong, International Development Research Centre

**10:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Session II McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

ENGAGING THE POOR TO MITIGATE EMISSIONS

Moderator: Maria Blair, Rockefeller Foundation

Emissions in rapidly industrializing developing nations such as China and India—particularly from electricity generation and transportation—are the fastest growing source of global greenhouse gas emissions. Deforestation and changes in land-use account for the vast majority



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of emissions in Brazil, Indonesia, and many of the least developed countries. This session will assess the incentive structures needed to help developing nations mitigate emissions, from adopting clean technologies to conserving tropical forests. The session will also examine how mitigation strategies can create opportunities for the poor, strengthen local communities and improve livelihoods.

Hot Topics (Strategic Interventions):

- ❖ **Clean Energy in China**
Ding Ding, National Development and Reform Commission
- ❖ **Engaging China in Climate Negotiations**
David Sandalow, Brookings
- ❖ **Nuclear Power for Emerging Countries**
Strobe Talbott, Brookings

Paper Presenters:

- ❖ Elliot Diringer, Pew Center on Global Climate Change
- ❖ Michael Jenkins, Forest Trends
- ❖ Daniel Kammen, University of California, Berkeley

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Working Group Lunches
Catto and Kaufman Rooms

WORKING GROUP LUNCH SESSIONS ON CONCRETE INITIATIVES

Over lunch, two working groups will convene to discuss nascent projects, business ventures, and other potential new initiatives in the climate and development arenas. These sessions are intended to be action-oriented and will focus on potential solutions. Participants may select which group they would like to join. Additional information will be provided on August 1.

- ❖ **Creating Centers of Innovation and Excellence**
Saleemul Huq, International Institute for Environment and Development
Lael Brainard, Brookings
- ❖ **Making Forests and Conservation Work for the Poor**
Michael Jenkins, Forest Trends
David Brand, New Forests
Mark Tercek, The Nature Conservancy
Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, FANRPAN

Optional Event Hosted by the Aspen Institute:

5-6:30 p.m. **McCloskey Speaker Series Featuring Strobe Talbott**
Paepcke Auditorium

Strobe Talbott will discuss his new book, *The Great Experiment: The Story of Ancient Empires, Modern States, and the Quest for a Global Nation* (Simon & Schuster). Please contact Ann Doyle (smesser@brookings.edu / +1-202-797-6243) for complimentary tickets.



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6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cocktails

Meadows Restaurant

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner and Keynote Panel

KEYNOTE PANEL: “NOBLE NOBELS: SOLUTIONS TO SAVE THE PLANET”

Introduction:

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

Moderator:

- ❖ Walter Isaacson, The Aspen Institute

Keynote Panelists:

- ❖ Steven Chu, University of California, Berkeley
- ❖ Al Gore, Generation Investment Management; 45th Vice President of the United States



7:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Working Group Breakfast Sessions
Catto and Kaufman Rooms

WORKING GROUP BREAKFAST SESSIONS ON CONCRETE INITIATIVES

Over breakfast, two additional working groups will convene. Participants may select which group they would like to join. Additional information will be provided on August 1.

- ❖ **The Climate Insurance Initiative**
 Ian Burton, University of Toronto

- ❖ **Technology, Poverty Alleviation, and Climate**
 S. Shankar Sastry, University of California, Berkeley

Please note: Breakfast will also be offered in the Meadows Restaurant from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. for those who cannot join the working group session.

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

GREENING THE DEVELOPMENT PARADIGM

Moderator: Lael Brainard, Brookings

Poverty exacerbates vulnerability to adverse climate impacts. Alleviating poverty, therefore, must be a central objective of the world’s efforts to adapt to climate change. At the same time, development players must factor in the likely impacts of climate change so as to avoid unwise investments. In short, development players must fundamentally integrate climate change into poverty-alleviation strategies while continuing the drive to expand and scale-up in order to help the poor buffer themselves against the ravages of climate change. This session will pay special attention to the challenge of enhancing food and water security and improving human health in a climate-changed world.

Hot Topic (Strategic Intervention):

- ❖ **Food Insecurity**
 Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, FANRPAN

Paper Presenters:

- ❖ Atiq Rahman, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies
- ❖ Robert Mendelsohn, Yale University
- ❖ Kristie Ebi, ESS, LLC



Saturday, August 2, 2008

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Session IV

McNulty Room

Doerr-Hosier Center

DISASTERS AND INSTABILITY: COPING WITH CLIMATE CATASTROPHES

Moderator: Sylvia Mathews Burwell, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Adverse climate impacts will exacerbate instability in an already dangerous world. Sea level rise, disruptions to the earth’s hydrological cycle, severe storms, and natural resource scarcity could increase ethnic, religious, and tribal tensions, accelerate global migration and urbanization, and amplify risks of armed conflict. Augmenting bread-and-butter development programs, while essential, will not suffice. What new development interventions are needed to enhance local resilience and international responses to the most severe climate impacts? How can the development community facilitate local, national, and international strategies to promote medium- and long-term post-disaster reconstruction and management?

Hot Topic (Strategic Intervention):

- ❖ **Climate Change and Global Security**
John C. Gannon, BAE Systems

Paper Presenter:

- ❖ Saleemul Huq, International Institute for Environment and Development

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

Aspen Meadows Restaurant

LUNCH KEYNOTE SESSION: LEGAL EMPOWERMENT OF THE POOR

Moderator:

- ❖ Mary Robinson, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

Keynote:

- ❖ Madeleine Albright, The Albright Group; Former U.S. Secretary of State

Optional Recreational Activity

2:30-5 p.m.

Aspen Hike ~ Led by Richard Blum

Aspen Meadows Reception Center

Come explore the Aspen mountains with Richard Blum and other participants. This optional hike will depart from the main reception area in Aspen Meadows at 2:30 p.m. and return approximately around 5 p.m. To register, please contact Sara Messer (smesser@brookings.edu /+1-202-797-6243). A registration form will also be available on August 1.



Saturday, August 2, 2008

Optional Event Hosted by the Aspen Institute

3-7 p.m.

An Evening of Words and Music

Benedict Music Tent

The Aspen Institute and the Aspen Music Festival and School co-host “An Evening of Words and Music” featuring U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and student performers. Secretary Rice will receive the Institute’s Henry Crown Leadership Award at this event. Please contact Sara Messer (smesser@brookings.edu /+1-202-797-6243) for complimentary tickets.

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cocktails

Meadows Restaurant

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner and Keynote Panel

KEYNOTE PANEL: “HOW DO WE ACHIEVE CLIMATE JUSTICE?”

Moderator:

- ❖ Raymond Offenheiser, Oxfam America

Keynote Panelists:

- ❖ Kumi Naidoo, CIVICUS and the Global Call to Action Against Poverty
- ❖ Mary Robinson, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative



Sunday, August 3, 2008

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

**9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Session V McNulty Room
Doerr-Hosier Center**

FINANCING ADAPTATION: FOOTING THE BILL

Moderator: David Sandalow, Brookings

Financing adaptation could cost approximately \$86 billion by 2015—0.2 percent of the developed world’s gross domestic product. Poor countries currently rely on official aid flows to fund their adaptation efforts. And though most donor nations seem willing to provide new climate adaptation assistance, they are insistent that developing nations fund the lion’s share of the cost. Meanwhile, development entrepreneurs are ramping up efforts to find lucrative win-win climate adaptation ventures. What are the most promising sources for adaptation funding? What new public and private financing tools are needed?

Paper Presenters:

- ❖ Manish Bapna, World Resources Institute
- ❖ Ian Burton, University of Toronto

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

MOBILIZING FOR ACTION

Moderator: Strobe Talbott, Brookings

Although climate change is becoming a conventional household term across the globe, its meaning to the general public is differentiated. In wealthy countries, consumers are increasingly “going green,” but have yet to demand effective action at the national and international levels from their representatives in government. In the developing world, civil society groups are also spreading the word—sometimes to communities that are already experiencing real-time environmental changes. How can entrepreneurs, grassroots activists, nongovernmental organizations, philanthropists, and technologists raise awareness, mobilize communities, and change public policy and private behavior?

Paper Presenters:

- ❖ Raymond Offenheiser, Oxfam America
- ❖ Jane Nelson, Harvard University



Sunday, August 3, 2008

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

LUNCH DISCUSSION:
THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE: PROSPECTS FOR THE NEXT U.S. ADMINISTRATION

Moderator:

- ❖ Lael Brainard, Brookings

Panelists:

- ❖ Nigel Purvis, Climate Advisers
- ❖ David Sandalow, Brookings

**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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