

ANNUAL SOUTH ASIAN MEDIA BRIEFING ON

# CLIMATE ENGINE

**New Delhi**

**September 18-19, 2013**

**Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**

## **AGENDA**

### **DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

REGISTRATION: 9.30-10.00 AM

OPENING REMARKS: 10.00-10.15 AM

- SUNITA NARAIN, director general, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)
- SOUPARNO BANERJEE, programme director-Media Resource Centre, CSE

#### **SESSION I**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE: 10.15 AM-12.30 PM**

SUNITA NARAIN

- Climate change – the fundamentals
- The politics and the negotiations

TEA: 11.00-11.15 AM

CHANDRA BHUSHAN, deputy director general, CSE

- Climate connections – energy and economics
- Science of climate change and the IPCC report

LUNCH: 12.30-1.30 PM

#### **SESSION II**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY – POLICY AND CHALLENGES: 1.30-4.00 PM**

- CHANDRA BHUSHAN
- ALOK SRIVASTAVA, joint secretary (wind projects), Union ministry of new and renewable energy, Government of India
- MAHESH VIPRADAS, head-regulatory affairs, Suzlon Energy Ltd, Delhi
- A RAZA, director-solar, Union ministry of new and renewable energy, Government of India
- RAGHUNATH MAHAPATRA, vice president-strategy, Welspun Energy Limited, Delhi

TEA: 4.00-4.15 PM

#### **SESSION III**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY – SOLUTIONS FROM THE GROUND: 4.15-6.00 PM**

- CHAIR: SUNITA NARAIN
- PRASANTA BISWAL, head-Bihar, SELCO, Bengaluru
- M G RABBANI, senior manager, Grameen Shakti, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- MADHUSUDAN ADHIKARI, national advisor, Community Electrification, National Rural and Renewable Programme (NRREP), Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPC), Kathmandu, Nepal
- ANSHUMAN LATH, co-founder, Gramoorja Solutions, Pune

## DAY 2: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

### SESSION IV

SHORT-LIVED GASES: 9.30-11.30 AM

- **CHAIR:** CHANDRA BHUSHAN
- ANUMITA ROYCHOWDHURY, executive director-research and advocacy, CSE
- SUNITA NARAIN
- KIRK R SMITH, professor, Global Environmental Health, UC Berkeley, USA and Fulbright Distinguished Chair, IIT-Delhi

TEA: 11.30 AM-12.00 NOON

### SESSION V

EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS: 12.00 NOON-1.30 PM

- **CHAIR:** M K VENU, editor, The Hindu, New Delhi
- R KRISHNAN, executive director, Centre for Climate Change Research (CCCR), Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune
- M R RAMESH KUMAR, chief scientist and coordinator AcSIR, Physical Oceanography Division, National Institute of Oceanography, Goa
- ABDUL MANNAN, scientist, SAARC Meteorological Research Centre (SMRC), Dhaka, Bangladesh

LUNCH: 1.30-2.30 PM

### SESSION VI

DEALING WITH WEATHER CHANGES: 2.30-4.00 PM

- ADITI MUKHERJEE, theme leader-water and air, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu, Nepal
- ANAND SHARMA, director, Regional Meteorological Department, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- DAVID M DROR, chairperson, Micro Insurance Academy, Delhi

TEA: 4.00-4.30 PM

### SESSION VII

WRAPPING UP: CLIMATE CHANGE AND SOUTH ASIA: 4.30-6.00 PM

- UGYEN TSHEWANG, secretary, National Environment Commission, Bhutan
- RAVI S PRASAD, joint secretary, Union ministry of environment and forests, Government of India
- SUNITA NARAIN



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