

First Steps after Copenhagen: The Private Sector's Role in Dealing with Climate Change

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Workshop Agenda

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08:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee	12:45	Lunch
09:00	Opening Remarks	13:45	Towards a Low Carbon Economy.
	<i>BHF and ICC Leaders</i>		<i>Mr. Mathew Bateson, Head, Energy and Climate, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)</i>
09:15	The Copenhagen Agreement and Finance Issues: What are the Implications for Business?		<i>Dr. Fabrizio Noembrini, managing Director of the Energy Science Center, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich</i>
	<i>Mr. Kai Remco Fischer, Head Climate Change Activities, Finance Initiative, United Nations Environment Programme</i>		
	<i>Mr. Alaa El Masri, Environmental Finance, La Compagnie Benjamin de Rothschild SA</i>	15:45	Question and Answer
	<i>Dr. Bolko Hohaus, Executive Vice President, Clean Technology Team, Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch & Cie</i>	15:15	Coffee Break
		15:30	Examples of Climate Change Related Business Leadership as well as Challenges
10:45	Question and Answer		<i>Mr. Christian Frutiger, Public Affairs Manager, Nestlé (tbc)</i>
11:00	Coffee Break		<i>Mr. Stefan Seitz, Head, Center of Competence Energy Efficiency SWE, Siemens</i>
11:15	Post Copenhagen and the Role of the Private Sector in the Process.		<i>Mr. Vermot Desroches, Director, Sustainable Development, Schneider Electric (tbc)</i>
	<i>Mr. Nick Campbell, ICC's Commission on Energy and Environment, International Chamber of Commerce</i>	16:30	Question and Answer
	<i>Mr. José Romero, Head of Section, Swiss Federal Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications</i>	16:30	End of Workshop
12:30	Question and Answer		



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