

Conference on climate change and European foreign policy after COP21

12-13 January 2016 – Reid Hall, Paris

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In the wake of COP21 in Paris, the challenges of slowing climate change and responding to its impacts will be high on the agenda of foreign policy makers. What priorities should shape foreign policy action on climate issues this year and in the decade ahead? What should be the focus of European climate diplomacy? As the European Union works to develop a Global Strategy on foreign and security policy, coherent long term thinking for how to minimise, manage and respond to climate risks will be needed. The European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), in collaboration with l'Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI) and adelphi will bring together senior experts and practitioners from across Europe to discuss the daunting challenge posed by climate change.

The conference has a threefold objective:

- Reflecting on European climate diplomacy in the framework of the Global Strategy process;
- Reviewing and building on the outcomes of COP21;
- Contributing to the understanding of the risks posed to development and stability by a changing climate and the shaping of appropriate responses.

The two-day event will take the form of a closed expert discussion involving 40 to 60 expert participants from European member states, EU institutions, academia and the wider expert community. The conference will begin with a key-note speech, and feature four thematic panel discussions, each with 3 speakers. Time will be left for in-depth exchanges with the audience. The results of the conference will be shared on the dedicated website of the European Union Global Strategy process (<http://europa.eu/globalstrategy/en>).

Day 1 – Afternoon

Session I - Adaptation and finance – Developing policies with global reach

How can we enhance development, adaptation, and finance policies to improve global responses to climate change?

Chair – Teresa Ribera Director, IDDRI - confirmed

- Klaus Rudischhauser, Deputy DG, DEVCO - confirmed
- Samuel Fankhauser, Co-Director, Grantham - TBC
- Barbara Buchner, Senior Director, Climate Finance Climate Policy Initiative - TBC

Session II - Security and migration – Managing the risks of a changing climate

How can we assess and manage security, migration and fragility risks related to climate change?

Chair – Gerald Stang, Senior Associate Analyst, EUISS - confirmed

- Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi - confirmed
- Peter Fischer, Deputy DG for Globalisation, Energy & Climate Policy, German Federal Foreign Office - TBC
- Dina Ionesco, Head, Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division, IOM - TBC

Day 2 - Morning

Keynote speech by Laurence Tubiana (TBC)

Session III - Mitigation – Assessing and building on COP21 outcomes

What were the COP21 outcomes and what should be the next steps to further global action?

Chair – Bill Hare, CEO, Climate Analytics - TBC

- Peter Betts - Director for International Climate Change at Department of Energy and Climate Change, UK – TBC
- Laura Cozzi - Deputy Head at the Office of the Chief Economist, IEA - TBC
- Artur Runge-Metzger - Director of International and Climate Strategy, DG CLIMA - TBC

Session IV - European climate diplomacy and external action

How can European climate diplomacy build on efforts across the EU28 to pursue a clean energy transition, protect economic competitiveness and boost domestic resilience?

Chair – Sebastian Oberthür, Research Director, Institute for European Studies, Free University Brussels

- Christian Leffler, Deputy SG, Economic and Global Issues, EEAS - TBC
- Connie Hedegaard, Chair, CONCITO; former Commissioner for Climate Action - TBC
- French Representative (To be discussed with French team at COP)