

CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR

Global Warming and Climate Change and its Impact on Asia

Challenges and the response of the Church

Bangkok, 19 and 20 October 2011

Objectives of the Seminar:

1. To create awareness of climate change and justice in the Church
2. To foster the responsibility of the Church to fight the effects of climate change in Asia and to identify common answers
3. To link the commitment of the Church to the forthcoming Conference in Durban and Rio+20
4. To initiate a program of on-going formation for Asian Bishops on the social doctrine of the Church

Expected/Envisaged concrete results:

1. Adoption of an FABC resolution
2. Adoption of a broad working plan for the coming year (which must result in concrete [national/regional] action plans)
3. Setting up of an FABC Office / Desk of Climate Change

Preparation (till the end of September!):

A)

- Drafting and design of an FABC Resolution on climate change in Asia
- Design of a message to Durban Conference
- Design of a working plan
- Design of a structure of FABC Office / Desk of Climate Change and its relationship to FABC OHD
- Country sheets on the status of climate change and the work of the Church

B)

- Arrangement of (already available) written information (scientific analyses) and distribution of a small booklet on climate change in Asia for mental preparation of the participants
- Inputs during the conference must already be prepared with a view of action in mind



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Assumption University, Bangkok

Oct. 19 – 20, 2011

Tentative Programme

Tuesday, Oct 18

19:00 **Arrival and Dinner**

Wednesday, Oct 19

7:00 **Eucharist**

8:00 **Breakfast**

9:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Archbishop of Bangkok

Mons Josef Sayer, Misereor

Abp Orlando B. Quevedo OMI, FABC

[Introduction of participants]

9:30 **Introduction into the complex problems of climate change in Asia**

Dr. Saleemul Huq

10:30 **Discussion**

11:00 **Tea break**

11:30 **Witnesses of climate change – part 1**

Farmer from Thailand or Vietnam

12:00 **Witnesses of climate change – part 2**

Fr. Martin Everi MSC, Kiribati

12:30 **Discussion with speakers**

- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 15:00 **Combating global climate change and social change -
A perspective of the World Council on Climate Change**
Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer
- 15:45 **Discussion (Break)**
- 16:30 **Regional Working Groups**
Short reports of the countries – possible concrete future steps
- 17:30 **Presentation of results and discussion**
- 18:30 **Evening Prayer**
- 19:00 **Dinner**
- 20:30 **Panel discussion with experts**
Moderation: Archbishop Quevedo

Thursday, Oct 20

- 7:00 **Eucharist**
- 8:00 **Breakfast**
- 9:00 **Recap of the previous day**
Archbishop Quevedo
- 9:15 **Government Programs on Climate Change: chances and in-built limitations**
Dr. Martin Khor
- 10:00 **Film: Climate change in Bangladesh**
- 10:15 **Technological, political and ethical answers to the climate change**
Prof. Ernst-Ulrich von Weizsäcker
- 11:00 **Tea break**
- 11:15 **Answers to climate change: Ethical contribution of the church**
Fr. John Brinkman MM
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **Working Groups**
What are the 5 utmost concerns for the church in view of the problems presented?
Which concrete steps should be taken?
- 15:30 **Presentation of results of Working Groups**

- 16:15 **Tea Break** [*Revision of drafted final document*]
- 17:00 **Summary of the two days + Presentation of Final Document**
Archbishop Quevedo
- 18:30 **Closing the conference**
Archbishop Quevedo
Mons Sayer
- 19:00 **Evening Prayer**
- 19:30 **Dinner**

Dr. Saleemul Huq

Born 1952 in Bangladesh

Saleemul Huq is a Bangladeshi scientist living in London. He is a Senior Fellow in the Climate Change Group at the International Institute for Environment and Development in London. Huq was awarded the Burtoni Award in 2007 for his work on climate change adaptation.

Saleemul Huq has published numerous articles in scientific and popular journals, was a lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and was one of the coordinating lead authors of 'Interrelationships between adaptation and mitigation' in the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report (2007).

Fr. Martin Everi MSC

Born 1967 in Tabiteuea Island, Kiribati

Martin Everi is member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Pacific Union. He works as Superior and Formator in the seminary of his congregation in Kiribati and is expert on climate change of FCBCO.

Prof. Dr. Ottmar Edenhofer

Born 1961 in Germany.

Ottmar Edenhofer is a German economist who deals with climate change policy and environmental and energy policy and energy economics. He is currently professor of the Economics of Climate Change at the Technical University of Berlin, co-chair of Working group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC); the IPCC received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He is deputy director and chief economist at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research as well as Fellow of the Academy of Sciences in Hamburg, Germany. He is also working as Key Climate Change Advisor to the Federal Foreign Office.

Dr. Martin Khor

Born 1951 in Penang, Malaysia.

He is the Executive Director of the South Centre (an intergovernmental organisation of developing countries based in Geneva, Switzerland) since 1 March 2009. He is also a journalist, economist and the former Director of the Third World Network which is based in Penang, Malaysia.

He is also a member of the UN Secretary-General Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements since 1997, and a member of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry's National Committee on Multilateral Trade Issues in Malaysia.[1] He has been Vice-Chair of the Working Group of Experts on the Right to Development under the UN Commission on Human Rights.

Prof. Dr. Ernst-Ulrich von Weizsäcker

Born in 1939 in Switzerland.

Ernst-Ulrich von Weizsäcker is a German scientist and was founder and president (1991-2000) of the Wuppertal Institute and member of the Club of Rome since 2001. He received the Takeda Award in 2001. He is currently member of the Advisory Board for the German Foundation for World Population. He wrote the book Factor 5: Transforming the Global Economy through 80% Increase in Resource Productivity together with an Australian team at The Natural Edge Project.

Prof Weizsäcker is also member of the World Commission on the Social Dimensions of Globalisation and Co-Chair of the International Panel on Sustainable Resource Use, Germany

Fr. John T. Brinkman, MM

Born in 1942 in New York, N.Y.

John T. Brinkman, M.M., is a cultural historian and a historian of religions. He has focused his recent research on ecology and religion with particular focus on the thought traditions of East and Southeast Asia. He has participated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from the 1997 Kyoto COP 3 Conference to the 2010 Cancun COP 16 Conference. He prepares for the 28 November-9 December COP 17 in Durban, SA. His last UN FCCC PrepCon intersession was the Bonn June 6-17, 2011. He has participated in the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) since 1998. His UN FCCC articles on conference analysis and interpretation are published in their first instance by the Oriens Institute, Tokyo and by the Office of Global Concerns, Washington D.C Fr. Brinkman is the UN FCCC Designated Point (DP) for the MARYKNOLL Fathers ECOSOC NGO at the United Nations. His last presentation on ecology and religion took place at the 26-29 September 2011 8th International Whitehead Conference at Sophia University, Tokyo. He works out of Tokyo.