



LUNCH DISCUSSION ON COP17

"One of the most striking new voices on climate change" - BBC News on the Climate Vulnerable Forum

The Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) was launched in November 2009 just prior to COP15 when 11 of the most vulnerable countries met to boost convergence and urgency ahead of Copenhagen. The CVF generated new momentum just prior to the Durban talks with a ministerial meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where 19 vulnerable countries adopted a landmark 14-point Declaration expressing the determination of its members to *"Act to bring about a resolution to the global menace of climate change"*. The CVF Lunch Discussion on COP17 is an open platform where Forum members and other stakeholders can contribute to the consensus-building process that continues to be essential for ambitious outcomes in Durban.

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Time: 11:00 - 13:00 pm (lunch to be served)

Location: Moses Mabhida Stadium Presidential Atrium (World Cup Stadium)

Transport: Arranged shuttle from North Beach ICC gate leaving at 11:00 and two return shuttles at 12:40 and 13:25

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Moderator:

Mr. Richard Black, Environment Correspondent, BBC News (tbc.)

Ministerial Discussants:

H.E. Dr. Hasan Mahmud - Minister for Environment and Forests, Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. René Castro - Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Aslam - Minister for the Environment, Maldives

H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi - Minister of Natural Resources, Rwanda

High-Level and Expert Interventions:

Dr. Q.K. Ahmad - Chairperson: PKSF, Bangladesh

Mr. Simon Maxwell - Executive Chairmen: Climate & Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)

Concluding Remarks:

Mr. Mesbah Ul Alam - Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Bangladesh

