



2nd Many Strong Voices Stakeholders' Workshop Tuesday 31 March - Friday 3 April 2009

Organization of American States
OAS General Secretariat Building at 1884 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

The workshop is being co-hosted by UNEP/GRID-Arendal, the Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research – Oslo and the UNEP Regional Office for North America, with support from the Organization of American States and the Climate Law and Policy Project, Government of Norway and the World Bank Institute.

This workshop has five main goals:

1. Continue building the relationship between MSV partners;
2. Share knowledge on the impacts of climate change and how they are being addressed, including adaptation efforts, and regional outreach, education, and communication initiatives;
3. Report on the accomplishments and activities of MSV since the 2007 Belize workshop;
4. Confirm 5-year plan priorities and focussed a capacity building and action strategy for the UNFCCC negotiations and other key international and regional meetings leading up to Copenhagen COP XV and beyond; and
5. Develop the next steps in the SIDS vulnerability and adaptation assessment.

Expected outcomes include:

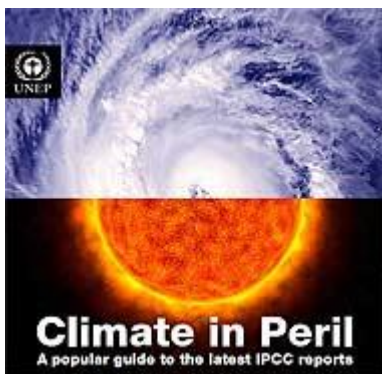
- Improved understanding recent developments in climate change science and policy and actions being taken on climate change adaptation.
- Review of the MSV 5-year plan and development of a focussed strategy for the Copenhagen COP XV.
- Confirmation of participation in the SIDS vulnerability assessment and identification of next steps.
- A workshop statement and press release will be approved and distributed globally.

Tuesday, March 31

Participants arrive throughout the day and check in at State Plaza Hotel, 2117 E Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20037 (http://www.stateplaza.com/?src=ppc_google_brand).

**7:30 – 9:00 pm Opening Reception State Plaza Hotel
Diplomat Room**

1/ Launch of Climate in Peril publication



Climate in Peril: A Popular Guide to the Latest IPCC Reports presents the substance of the Climate Change 2007 Synthesis Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in simplified language and structure. The guide, intended for lay readers, is a joint publication of GRID-Arendal and SMI Books, with the generous support of the Norwegian Pollution Control Authority and the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency.

2/ Showing of first photos from *MSV Portraits of Resilience* project – Shishmaref, Alaska



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Portraits of Resilience illustrates in a direct and personal way the ethical dimensions of climate change. Its goal is help communities create their own visual documentation of the impacts of climate change and to put human faces to the concerns of the Arctic and other vulnerable regions. Two photographers, Christine Germano and Lawrence Hislop, work with schools, local photographers and other community members to produce photos that show the strength and resilience of people in the areas that are being affected by climate change.

Initial funding from the Nordic Council of Ministers is being used to develop the project, send photographers to communities in Alaska, Canada and Greenland, and to stage an exhibition at the UNFCCC COP XV in Copenhagen. MSV is working with the Stockholm Environment Institute and is looking for other partners to develop a similar initiative in the Small Island Developing States.

Wednesday, April 1

Morning Plenary

9:00 – 10:30

1. Introduction to the Workshop

John Crump, UNEP/GRID-Arendal

2. Welcome from the United Nations Environment Programme

Amy Fraenkel, Director, Regional Office for North America
United Nations Environment Programme

3. Opening Session Speakers

Chair: Cletus Springer, Director, Department of Sustainable Development,
Organization of American States

- José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States
- Dr. Edward Greene, Assistant Secretary-General for Human and Social Development
CARICOM
- Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Activist and 2007 Peace Prize Nominee

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee Break

10:50 – 12:00

4. Climate Change Perspectives from the SIDS and Arctic

- Dr. Mohamed Shareef, Deputy Minister of Housing, Transport and Environment,
Republic of Maldives (tbc)
- Patricia Cochran, International Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council

Catered lunch at OAS General Secretariat Building (1.5 hours)

Afternoon

**2:00 – 5:00 pm Public Event: "A Call for Stronger Targets: Protecting the World's
Vulnerable Communities"**
National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, in the Murrow/White/Lisagor Room
Chair: Don Goldberg, Climate Law and Policy Project

Speakers:

- Dr. Rolph Payet, Special Advisor to the President of Seychelles, IPCC lead author
- Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Inuit Advocate, 2007 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee
- Lester Brown, Earth Policy Institute

- Chris Flavin, Worldwatch Institute

Note: The National Press Club is a short walk from the OAS meeting venue. Maps and directions will be provided or taxis organized. The workshop will end after the event and will reconvene the next morning at the OAS.

Evening - Dinner on own

Thursday, April 2

Morning Plenary

8:30 – 9:45 am

- 1. Introduction to Day 2** – Tiina Kurvits, UNEP/GRID-Arendal
- 2. Science Update: Climate Change and the Road Ahead** (20 minutes each)
Chair: Habiba Gitay, Senior Environment Specialist - Capacity Development for Adaptation World Bank Institute, Sustainable Development Division, The World Bank
 - Dr. Leonard Nurse, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Barbados
 - Speaker on Black Carbon and its implications for ice melt and sea level rise (tbc)

Discussion

9:45 – 10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:00 – 11:00 **Panel Sessions**
Introduction: John Crump, UNEP/GRID-Arendal

The purpose of these panels is to share knowledge and experience and start a conversation that will continue in the discussion groups. Participants will be asked to give five minute opening comments without slides in order to stimulate discussion.

Session I: From Science to Policy to Action

Chair, Neville Trotz

How do we ensure that science informs policy (especially UNFCCC negotiations and national/local adaptation policies and practices) and how do we get policy makers and negotiators to ensure the interests of the Arctic and Small Island Developing States are incorporated?

Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Canada
Hon. Billy Talagi, Niue
Donye Numa, Cook Islands
Paul Crowley, Climate Law and Policy Project

Joe Konno, Federated States of Micronesia

11:00 – 12:15

Session II: Working Together to Build Climate Resilient Communities

Chair, Ilan Kelman

People in Arctic and SIDS communities are experiencing climate change impacts sooner and more severely than other parts of the world. How are they adapting? How can we share this knowledge effectively and in timely manner? What kinds of resources – research and otherwise – are needed to assist adaptation efforts?

Ken Leslie, Executive Director, CARICOM Climate Change Centre, Belize
Leanna Ellsworth, Inuit Circumpolar Council, Canada
Monifa Fiu, World Wildlife Fund – South Pacific
Vera Metcalf, Member, US Arctic Research Commission, Alaska
Vladimir Vasiliev, Government of Sakha Republic
Nick Robson, Cayman Institute, Cayman Islands

Catered lunch at OAS General Secretariat Building (1.5 hours)

Afternoon Plenary

1:30 – 2:45 pm Panel Sessions Continue

Session III: Getting the Word Out – Communications and Outreach

Co-Chairs, Tiina Kurvits and Petter Haugneland

What are the key messages the world needs to hear from the Arctic and Small Island Developing States? How do we raise the profile of these issues?

Arlene Gunderson, President, Aleut International Association, Alaska
Ben Namakin, Ponipeh Conservation Society, Micronesia
Mathilda Miria-Tairea, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, Cook Islands
Terry Fenge, Arctic Athabaskan Council

2:45 – 3:00 Coffee Break

3:00 – 5:30 Discussion groups

Participants will be asked focus on actions that are needed to move the MSV agenda and support the Arctic and SIDS in three thematic areas. These themes correspond to the main sections of the MSV Five-Year Action Plan which was developed at the last workshop and which is included in meeting packages. The discussion groups will meet on the afternoon of the 2nd and morning of the 3rd and will be asked to develop recommendations for actions,

where funds and other resources might be raised, and who should take action to implement them.

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Evening

Conference Dinner at Agraria Restaurant (information will be provided at the meeting)

Friday, April 3

Morning

9:00 – 11:30 Discussion Groups Continue

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Catered lunch at OAS General Secretariat Building (2 hours)

Afternoon

1:30 – 4:00 pm Final Plenary

1. Reports from working groups – priorities and recommendations for action
2. Approval of workshop statement
3. Wrap-up

Travel to airport or informal social evening for participants who are leaving the next morning