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UNU-IAS to Hold "Green Development" Symposium

Event: UNU Institute of Advanced Studies International Symposium, "Science, Technology,

and Innovation for Sustainable Development: Forging a New Policy Regime for

Mainstreaming Green Development"

Date: 24–25 June 2010 (Thurs. & Fri.)

Venue: UNU-IAS, 6F International Organizations Center, Pacifico-Yokohama

Organizer: UNU Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)

- At the 13th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2007, a key recommendation for fighting global warming was the application of a coordinated global plan to develop clean and low-carbon technologies, and to share these technologies with developing nations through fair financial mechanisms. Some two-and-a-half year later, however, few meaningful measures are being undertaken at the global level.
- This UNU-IAS symposium will look at the emerging dynamics of science, technology, and innovation (STI) aimed at mainstreaming green development in such strategic areas as renewable energy and low-carbon manufacturing/consumption activities. Experts and policy-makers from Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Japan and elsewhere will discuss the challenges and opportunities for developing innovative pathways for clean and sustainable technologies. The symposium will also consider how to forge global, regional, and national policies and pathways for mainstreaming green development, and how to develop a new STI policy regime that promotes inclusive and equitable development.
- Featured speakers will include Prof. A. Damodaran, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore; Prof. Venni Venkata Krishna, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India) and National University of Singapore; Prof. Atsushi Sunami, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Japan); and Prof. Yang Zhi, Renmin University (China).
- The Thursday session of the symposium will focus on such topics as Low-Carbon Innovation in Asia; Japan's Green Growth Strategy and Innovation Policy; Environmental Problems and Sustainable Development in China; Socio-Ethics and Global Norms for Clean Energy, Green Governance and Bio-Regionalism; Social and Environmental Technological Upgrading Among Small Enterprises and Clusters; Efforts and Barriers in Developing Clean and Sustainable Technologies in China; and A Comparative Study of Chinese and Indian Wind Power Development.
- The Friday session of the symposium will look at Reversing Carbon Intensity in India; The Development, Diffusion and Stakeholder Interactions of Biofuels in Indonesia; Challenges and Opportunities for Developing and Embedding Clean Coal Technologies in China; and Challenges and Opportunities for Forging Global and Regional Pathways for Mainstreaming Green Development.
- Please note that this symposium will be conducted in English; no Japanese interpretation will be provided. For more information and a full programme, see the event page at
 http://www.ias.unu.edu/sub_page.aspx?catID=8&ddID=1267 or http://www.ias.unu.edu under Latest Events

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. To reserve a space at this UNU-IAS International Symposium, please contact Yoshie A. Oya, UNU-IAS (tel: 045-221-2327; e-mail: oya@ias.unu.edu).