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Norwegian Minister of the Environment and Int'l Development will Deliver Fridtjof Nansen Memorial Lecture on 27 Oct. at UNU

Event: Fridtjof Nansen Memorial Lecture 2010
Speaker: H.E. Erik Solheim, Minister of the Environment and International Development, Norway
Lecture Title: "Climate Change and Loss of Nature's Diversity: New Actions and Alliances in Response to Global Challenges"
Date: 27 October 2010 (Wed.), 3:00–4:30 PM
Venue: United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo (Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall)
Organizers: United Nations University and the Royal Norwegian Embassy

- Following his attendance at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) of the UN Convention on Biodiversity in Nagoya, Norway's Minister of Environment and International Development, Erik Solheim, will come to Tokyo to deliver the Fridtjof Nansen Memorial Lecture 2010.
- Minister Solheim's presentation will focus on climate change and possible elements of a future climate change regime, including the current status of negotiations in the lead-up to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change that will be held in Cancun, Mexico, later this year. He also will highlight new and promising approaches to reducing CO₂ emissions, and underscore the linkages between biological diversity and climate change.
- Simultaneous Japanese– English interpretation will be provided. For those who are unable to attend, the lecture will be webcast live (and archived) at <http://videoportal.unu.edu/event/149>.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. To reserve your seat, please register at <http://www.unu.edu/reg/nansen/>. If you have a question or would like further information, please e-mail the UNU Office of Communications (media@unu.edu).
- The Fridtjof Nansen Memorial Lecture series commemorates the life and achievements of Fridtjof Nansen (1861–1930). A renowned scientist, Nansen undertook several Arctic-exploration expeditions. Later, as a diplomat and humanitarian, he headed large-scale humanitarian relief operations in the wake of the Russian revolution and World War I; his efforts won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1922. A founding father of the League of Nations, Nansen served as its first High Commissioner for Refugees.
- For more information about this lecture series, see <http://www.unu.edu/nansen/>.

About the Speaker

Erik Solheim has served as Norway's Minister of International Development since 2005 and as Minister of Environment and International Development since 2007. His previous experience includes service as Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2000–2005); membership in the Storting for Oslo (1993–2001), the Storting for Sør-Trøndelag County (1989–1993), the Norwegian delegation to the parliamentary assemblies of the EU, NATO and OSCE (1997–2001), and the Socialist Left Party Central Executive Committee (1985–1987); and leadership of the Norwegian Socialist Party (1987–1997). He holds a degree in history and sociology from the University of Oslo.