

**Informal Thematic Debate of the General Assembly**  
***Climate Change as a Global Challenge***  
Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

10.00 – 10.30 am

**Opening Statement by the President of the General Assembly**  
**Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations**

**Panel 1 – *Climate Change: the Science, the Impact and the Adaptation Imperative***

10.30 am – 1.00 pm

Moderator: **Kemal Dervis** (Administrator, UNDP)  
**Mario Molina** (University of California, San Diego)  
**Sir Nicholas Stern** (London School of Economics)  
**Herve le Treut** (Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique, CNRS)  
**Kenrick R. Leslie** (Executive Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Center)  
**Sunita Narain** (Director, Centre for Science and Environment, India)  
Respondents: **John Holdren** (Harvard University) and **Judge Neroni Slade** (Samoa)

**Panel 2 - *Mitigation Strategies in the context of Sustainable Development***

3.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Moderator: **Mohamed El-Ashry** (UN Foundation)  
**Robert Socolow** (Princeton University)  
**Anthony Olusegun Adegbulugbe** (Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria)  
**Abdalla Salem El-Badri** (Secretary-General, OPEC) – **tbc**  
**Michael Liebreich** (CEO, New Energy Finance)  
**Bjorn Stigson** (President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development)  
**Yvo de Boer** (Executive Secretary, UNFCCC)  
Respondents: **Masayuki Sasanouchi** (Environmental Affairs, Toyota) and **Paul Bledsoe** (Director, US National Commission on Energy Policy)

**Special Envoys**

**President Ricardo Lagos** (Secretary-General's Climate Change Envoy)  
**Han Seung-soo** (Secretary-General's Climate Change Envoy)

**Special Guests**

**Jeff Sachs** (Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University)  
**Jake Siewert** (Vice President, Environment and Public Strategy, Alcoa)  
**Hans Verolme** (Director, Climate Change Program, World Wildlife Fund)  
**Jim Rogers** (Chairman and CEO, Duke Energy)  
**Kate Hampton** (Head of Policy, Climate Change Capital)  
**Graeme Sweeney** (CEO, Shell Renewables and President, Shell Hydro)  
**Martin Khor** (Editor, South – North Development Monitor)  
**Tariq Banuri** (Director, Stockholm Environment Institute, Asia)  
**Jacques Diouf** (Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization)  
**Achim Steiner** (Executive Director, UNEP)  
**Yehia Bouabdellaoui** (Director, Hassan II Institute of Agronomy, Morocco)