

PUBLIC CONFERENCE
5 JUNE 2008 FROM 9h00 TO 18H00

Adapt or Surrender?

The Challenges of Climate Change for Humanitarian Action

09:00 - 10:30

Session 1: Climate Change: challenges to our knowledge base?

What is the influence of human activities on climate change?
What are the economic costs related to such changes?

Prof. Martin Beniston, Chair of Climate Research, University of Geneva
Mr Shane Tomlinson, E3G, London

11:00 - 12:00/14:00 - 15:00

Session 2: Climate Change: what are the challenges in the face of new threats?

Which regions and countries face increased instability risks?
What are the links between environmental factors and political instability?
What are the impacts on cities?
Which adaptation strategies can be developed?

Mr François Grünewald, URD group
Prof. Rémi Baudouï/ Dr A. Babak Hedjazi, Environment Pole, University of Geneva
Prof. Urs Luterbacher, IHEID Geneva
Dr. Don Nelson, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research



Session 3: Climate Change: what challenges exist for Humanitarian Action?

How do humanitarian actors prepare to respond?
What strategies are being developed by humanitarian organisations?

A round table with
ICRC, OCHA, MSF, UNICEF, UNEP, Provention Consortium, GHF-GE

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