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The Way Forward After Durban

Chinese and European Responses to Climate Change

Friday, 16 March 2012
13h30-17h00

[Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe](#)
Jansenijsstraat 1, Leuven, Belgium

In Durban world governments committed themselves to write a comprehensive global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, covering developed and developing countries, to come into force in 2020. This deal does not stop climate change. We have much less chance of keeping global temperature rises to less than 2°C – beyond which scientist say climate change becomes catastrophic and irreversible. What was discussed in Durban were the principles on which future negotiations will be based. However, there was no discussion of how far and how fast countries should be cutting their carbon dioxide, but it does recognize that tackling climate change is a global issue demanding the responsibility, willingness and real action of both developing and developed countries. With the agreement on a roadmap towards a new legal framework by 2015 that will involve all countries in combating climate change, the European Union has achieved its key goal for the Durban climate conference. Nonetheless, the key question many will ask is how this will translate into actual emission reductions and by when. This international seminar will explore how the European Union as key player in the global climate regime and the People's republic of China as the world's largest CO₂ emitter anticipate the involvement of both industrialized and emerging economies in the field of climate change.

Participation is free but prior registration is required by 10 March 2012

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Seminar Programme

- 13h30 **Welcome and Introduction by the Chair**
Prof. Dr. Hans Bruyninckx, Director HIVA - Research Institute for Work and Society, Professor of International Relations and Global Environmental Governance, Senior Member, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven
- 14h00 **Keynote Speech by Prof. Dr. Qi Ye**
Director of the Public Policy Institute at Tsinghua University, Cheungkong, Professor of Environmental Science at Beijing Normal University, Professor of Environmental Policy and Management
- 14h30 **Keynote Speech by Mr. Jos Delbeke**
Director General Climate Action, European Commission
- 15h00 **Coffee Break**
- 15h30 **Panel discussion**
"The Way Forward After Durban: Chinese and European Responses to Climate Change"
Panel: Prof. Dr. Hans Bruyninckx, Prof. Dr. Qi Ye and Mr. Delbeke
Moderator: John Vandaele (MO* Mondiaal Magazine)
- 16h15 **Questions & Answers**
- 16h45 **Concluding Remarks**
Prof. Dr. Hans Bruyninckx, Director HIVA - Research Institute for Work and Society, Professor of International Relations and Global Environmental Governance, Senior Member, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven
- 17h00 **Reception**