



Looking Ahead toward Paris: International Perspectives on National Commitments

Signals from the European Union, the United States, and China

*A policy dialogue hosted via a partnership among the Embassy of Sweden,
Resources for the Future, and Mistra Indigo*

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Later this year, the world will focus its attention on Paris for the 2015 United National Climate Change Conference. In the meantime, countries are determining how they can mitigate the effects of climate change in their own jurisdictions, and how these actions can be used to demonstrate their commitment to a new climate agreement in Paris.

The three largest economies in the world—the European Union, the United States, and China—are likely to identify very different national policies and develop commitments that vary in stringency. What might these commitments signal, both at home and abroad? This policy dialogue will examine these issues and feature comments from experts who play key roles in crafting an international agreement that can be signed in Paris.

Welcome and Introduction

- Göran Lithell, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Sweden

Policy Dialogue Chairman

- Lars-Erik Liljelund, Associate, Stockholm Environmental Institute

Presenters

- Anna Lindstedt, Ambassador for Climate Change, Ministry of the Environment, Government of Sweden
- Artur Runge-Metzger, Director of International Climate and Strategy, European Commission
- Joseph Aldy, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; former Special Assistant to the President for Energy and Environment

Respondents

- Inge Horkeby, Director of Environmental Affairs, Volvo AB
- Nigel Purvis, President, Climate Advisers
- Phil Sharp, President, Resources for the Future

Reception to follow hosted by Phil Sharp of Resources for the Future, with remarks by Åke Iverfeldt, Chief Executive of Mistra.