



National Assembly



U.S. Vietnam Trade Council
Education Forum

Environmental Defense Fund

International Negotiations on Climate Change: Economic Opportunities and Consequences for Vietnam

*D-1 Meeting Hall, National Assembly, 37 Hung Vuong, Hanoi
Monday, April 27, 2009*

Seminar Agenda

7:45 – 8:00 a.m. Registration

Welcome and Introduction

8:00 – 8:10 a.m. **Ambassador Ngo Quang Xuan** – Vice Chair, Committee on Foreign Affairs, National Assembly

8:10 – 8:15 a.m. **Mr. Robert Schiffer** – CEO, US-VN Trade Council (USVTC): *Seminar Purpose & Agenda*

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. **Mr. Peter Goldmark** – Director, Climate & Air Program, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. ***Viet Nam's Response to Climate Change:
Brief History 1992 – 2009***

Dr. Tran Thuc – Director General, Vietnam Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (Lead technical agency Viet Nam Delegation to International Climate Negotiations at Copenhagen)

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. ***Role of the National Assembly in Response to Climate Change***

Dr. Nghiem Vu Khai – Vice Chair, Committee on Science, Technology & Environment, National Assembly

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. *Tea/Coffee Break*

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. ***Negotiations: Copenhagen & Beyond***

Ms. Virginia Foote – President, USVTC

Mr. Peter Goldmark – Director, Climate & Air Program, EDF

- Briefing on Obama-U.S. Congress Climate Change Positions
- General Review of the Road to Copenhagen and Beyond.

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10:45 – 11:15 a.m. ***Economic Progress and Environmental Protection in China***
Dr. Daniel Dudek – Chief Economist, EDF and Director – EDF China Office

11:15 – 12:00 p.m. ***Q & A - Ambassador Ngo Quang Xuan & Dr Daniel Dudek***

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – lobby hall, D1, 37, Hung Vuong Road

Afternoon session 1: Building a Low Carbon / High Energy Efficiency Economy with Focus on Agriculture and Power Sectors

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. ***1) Impact of Natural Disasters related to Climate Change and Mitigation Methods***

Prof. Dr. Mai Trong Nhuan, President, Vietnam National University – Hanoi

2:00 – 2:30 ***2) Agricultural Innovations for the Low Carbon Economy: GHG Reduction, Carbon Trading, Rural Poverty Reduction***

Dr. Zach Willey – Economist, Climate & Air; Land, Water & Wildlife Programs, Environmental Defense Fund

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. ***3) Vietnam's Legal & Policy Framework on Energy: Current and Moving Forward***

Mr. Oliver Massmann – Managing Partner, Duane Morris LLP, Expert on Vietnamese Law and Renewable Energy

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. ***4) Energy Choices and Finance in Emerging Economies, with Examples from India and Europe***

Mr. Sandeep Patel – Consultant on Energy Finance and Former Managing Director, Goldman Sachs, New York & India

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Tea/Coffee Break

Afternoon session 2: Financing Climate Change Initiatives

3:45 – 4:40 p.m. ***New Financing Mechanisms in the Pipeline for Copenhagen with Draft Case Illustration for Vietnam***

Mr. Peter Goldmark – Director, Climate & Air Program, EDF
Dr. Gernot Wagner – Economist, Climate & Air Program, EDF

4:40 – 5:15 p.m. ***Q & A: Dr. Nghiem Vu Khai & Mr. Peter Goldmark***

5:15 – 5:30 pm ***Wrap-Up & Way Forward***

Dr. Nghiem Vu Khai & Mr. Peter Goldmark

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. ***Reception for All:*** Lobby Hall outside D1 Meeting Room