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**Ministry of Natural Resources
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**The U.S. - Vietnam Education
Forum**

Climate Change:

***Innovations in Public-Private Partnerships with Global Economic
Uncertainty***

*Sheraton Hotel
Hanoi - October 14-15, 2008*

Conference Agenda

DAY 1 – October 14

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Mr. David Hulse**, Country Representative for Vietnam & Thailand, Ford Foundation – Introductory Remarks and Introduction of Vice Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Tran Hong Ha
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **H.E. Vice Minister Tran Hong Ha – Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment**
Opening Address

Morning Session – Keynote Speeches on Climate Change Challenge

- Mr. David Hulse** introduces Dr. Nguyen Huu Ninh (CERED)
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Dr. Nguyen Huu Ninh**, Chairman of the Center for Education Research and Environment Development – Vulnerabilities, Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change in Vietnam
- Ms. Virginia Foote**, President, USVTC-EF introduces Dr. Tran Thuc (MONRE)
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Dr. Tran Thuc**, Director General, Vietnam Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Climate Change, MONRE – The Vietnam National Target Program to Respond to Climate Change (NTP)
- Mr. Robert Schiffer**, CEO, USVTC-EF introduces Mr. Peter Goldmark (Environmental Defense Fund)

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. **Mr. Peter Goldmark**, Director, Climate and Air Program, Environmental Defense Fund – Global Warming: The Express Train and What We Can Do About It

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Tea/Coffee Break

10:50 – 11:10 a.m. **Mr. Kevin O'Donnell**, Regional Environmental Engineering Manager for Nike, Inc. – Nike Footwear's Approach to Carbon Footprint Reduction and Energy Efficiency

11:10 – 12:00 p.m. **Climate Change Expert Panel Discussion**

Moderator – **Mr. David Hulse**, Ford Foundation

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Buffet at Song Hong Restaurant (Ground Floor)

Afternoon Session – Getting to the Low Carbon Economy in Vietnam

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

2. Carbon Finance & Clean Technology - This session will focus on the rapid mobilization of clean tech and carbon funds globally, which is estimated at \$97 billion in 2008. Highlights include the global capitalization of carbon markets, opportunities for corporations and organizations to invest in the future "carbon free" economy, voluntary carbon offsets, and how this trend will affect investors and developers in Vietnam.

Moderator – **Ms. Nguyen Ngoc Ly**, Principal, Knowledge, Development International Consulting

Speakers (10 minutes each followed by 20 minute panel discussion/Q&A):

- 1) **Ms. Suzanne Chew**, Sr. Emissions Broker, TFS Green – The Carbon Markets
- 2) **Ms. Quyen Thuc Nguyen**, Project Manager, International Finance Corporation –
- 3) **Mr. Hai Hoang**, Managing Director, Indochina Capital
- 4) **Ms. Vo My Linh**, Environmental Advisor, Chevron Vietnam

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Tea/Coffee Break

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

3. Renewable Energy - This session will discuss the opportunities and barriers for developing renewable power in Vietnam. Highlights include policy framework for renewable energy development, power pricing schemes, public and private financing opportunities and cases studies for hydropower, wind power and biofuels. Special emphasis on carbon markets and general investment environment to achieve Vietnam's sustainable development goals.

Moderator – **Mr. Bastiaan Teune**, Advisor Biogas/Renewable Energy, SVN Netherlands Development Organization

Speakers (10 minutes each followed by 20 minute panel discussion/Q&A):

- 1) **Mr. Thomas S. Oentoro**, Senior Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation – Hydropower in the Mekong Subregion
- 2) **Mr. Nguyen Duc Cuong**, Director of Center for Renewable Energy and CDM, Vietnam Institute of Energy – Small-scale Renewable Energy in Vietnam
- 3) **Mr. Jamey Hadden**, Founder and Director, GreenEnergy JSC –
- 4) **Ms. Minh Tam, Project Coordinator**, SVN – The Vietnam-Netherlands Biogas Program

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

4. Forest Carbon - This session will focus on the opportunities and challenges of investing in forest ecosystem services, developing afforestation/reforestation projects as well as reduced emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD) in Vietnam.

Moderator: **Mr. Nathan Sage**, Managing Director,
Indochina Carbon

Speakers (10 minutes each followed by 20 minute panel discussion/Q&A):

- 1) **Ms. Pham Minh Thoa**, Director General, Department of Forestry, MARD - REDD Implementation in Vietnam: Status and Challenges
- 2) **Ms. Maree Candish**, Director, New Forests Asia: “New Forests experience of private investment in forest carbon projects”
- 3) **Mr. Richard McNally**, Director, Indochina Carbon – Opportunities to develop REDD
- 4) **Nguyen Viet Xuan**, Researcher, Research Centre for Forest Ecology and Environment – Case study: CDM Afforestation in Hoa Binh Province

5:00 – 7:00 pm Cocktail Reception at the Hemisphere restaurant

DAY 2 – October 15

Morning Session – Climate Adaptation & Resilience in Vietnam

8:30 – 8:40 a.m. **Dr. Nguyen Manh Cuong**, Director of International Relations Department, Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA) – Opening Remarks

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

5. Climate Adaptation - This session will focus on the raising awareness of, developing strategies for, and innovating technologies and best practices in climate resilience and adaptation. Speakers will highlight the need to build capacity to respond to the effects of climate change, particularly in low-lying coastal areas of Vietnam.

Moderator: **Dr. Nguyen Manh Cuong**,
Director of International Relations Department, VUSTA

Speakers (12 minutes each followed by 30 minute panel discussion/Q&A):

- 1) **Dr Pak Sum Low**, UNDP Vietnam - Financing Adaptation to Climate Change
- 2) **Ms. Tran Tu Anh**, Program Coordinator, The Netherlands Red Cross in Vietnam – Preparedness for Disasters Related to Climate Change

- 3) **Mr. Nguyen Cong Trang**, Livelihood Program Officer, Oxfam Great Britain – Climate Change Research Findings conducted by Oxfam and Kyoto University in Ninh Thuan Province
- 4) **Mr. Gabriel Rose** - Local initiatives to Respond to Climate Change: A View from the Center for Marinelife Conservation and Community Development”
- 5) **Dr. Luong Quang Huy**, Climate Change Program Manager, IUCN – Mangroves for the Future Initiative

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Tea/Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 a.m.

6. Mobilizing Action in a Changing World - This session will highlight civil society, grassroots and policy reform platforms for climate resilience and adapt ion. Speakers will highlight the mission of their membership-based groups who are working to mobilize civil society to take action and participate as much as possible in the policy dialogue on climate change in Vietnam.

Introduction of Moderator: **Mr. Kien Pham**, Vietnam Net Group
 Moderator: **Hoang Quoc Dzung**, Exec VP, VFEJ

Speakers (10 minutes each followed by panel discussion/Q&A):

- 1) **Mr. Hoang Quoc Dzung**, Executive Vice President, Vietnam Forum for Environmental Journalists (VFEJ)
- 2) **Ms. Fiona Percy**, Rural Development Coordinator/CCWG Coordinator, CARE International in Vietnam – NGO Climate Change Working Group
- 3) **Mr. Jalel Sager**, Executive Director, Vietnam Green Building Council
- 4) **Mr. Nguyen Thanh Luu**, CEO, 24hr Supermarket

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch** served in the Conference Room

12:30 – 12:45 p.m. Introduction of Speaker: **Ms. Virginia Foote**, USVTC-EF

Mr. Peter Goldmark, Environmental Defense Fund,
 Closing Talk: What have we learned? Next steps?

Co-organizers

<p>Vietnam Network for Civil Society on Climate Change</p>		<p>Vietnam Forum of Environmental Journalists</p>
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