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SYMPOSIUM:

“CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: THE SCIENCE, THE POLITICAL PROCESSES AND SOME PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND COSTINGS”

When: Tuesday, March 17th, 2009, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Venue: Wolfson House Haldane LT, University College London, 4 Stephenson Way (north of Euston Road) (please visit <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/maps/ucl-maps> for a campus map)

Please register online through the following web-site:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/environment-institute/News/adaptation.htm>

2:00 - 2:15pm

Introductory Remarks:

Caren Levy, Development Planning Unit (Bartlett, UCL)

Mark Maslin, Environment Institute (UCL)

2:15 - 3:30pm

Panel 1) The Scientific and Political Processes in Climate Change

Chair: *David Satterthwaite*, DPU-UCL and International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

The scientific and political process - IPCC, COPs, UNFCCCs (25 min)

Saleemul Huq, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

The role of the IPCC (15 min)

Robert Nicholls (*), Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research

(* to be confirmed)

Questions and discussion

3:30-3:45 Coffee Break

3:45-5:00

Session 2) Three areas of risk and of adaptation

Chair: *David Satterthwaite*, DPU-UCL and International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

Climate change and coastal areas (15 min)

Robert Nicholls (*), University of Southampton and Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research

(* to be confirmed)

Climate change and urban centres (15 min)

David Dodman, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

Climate change and health (15 min)

Sari Kovats, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Questions and discussion

Short biographies of the participants

Dr. David Dodman is a researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), specializing in the possibilities and constraints on adapting cities to climate change.

Dr. Saleemul Huq is a Senior Research Fellow at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). He founded and headed the Climate Change Programme at the IIED. Lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Lead Author of the chapter on Adaptation and Mitigation in the IPCC's fourth assessment report.

Dr. Sari Kovats is a lecturer and a climate and health specialist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Editor of the Department of Health update on Health Effects of Climate Change in the UK (2008). She worked on the third and the fourth assessments of the IPCC.

Robert Nicholls is Professor of Coastal Engineering and Co-Director of the University-wide Centre for Coastal Processes, Engineering and Management at the University of Southampton and Programme Leader of the coastal research theme in Phase II of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. Professor Nicholls worked on the second, third and fourth assessments of the IPCC.

Dr. David Satterthwaite is a Senior Research Fellow at IIED and also teaches at the Development Planning Unit (DPU-UCL). He worked on the third and the fourth assessments of the IPCC.