

## Petersberg Climate Dialogue IV

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I would like to report back from the **Fourth Petersberg Climate Dialogue**, which took place in Berlin from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013. The meeting was co-chaired by the German Federal Environment Minister Peter Altmaier and the Polish Minister for the Environment Marcin Korolec. Ministers and senior representatives from 35 countries, the Co-chairs of the ADP and a representative of the UNFCCC Secretariat met to discuss informally the **key political questions** in the international climate policy. The overarching theme for this year's Dialogue was "**Shaping the Future**". As in previous years, the discussions were **summarized by the Co-Chairs**. Their conclusions are available on the German Environments Ministry's website [www.bmu.de](http://www.bmu.de).

Key messages from this year's Petersberg Climate Dialogue include the following:

- Ministers highlighted **multiple economic opportunities** associated with a transition towards a low greenhouse gas emitting and green economy. At the same time, they noted with great concern that the action currently planned is **not enough** to limit temperature increase to below 2 degrees Celsius. In order to do that, all countries must inspire and enable urgently more climate action, collectively and individually, with developed countries taking the lead.
- Ministers stressed that **adaptation** is of utmost importance and that balance should be maintained between adaptation and mitigation.
- The Ministers recognized the **key role of other stakeholders** in the process, in particular highlighting the potential that stems from engagement of the cities, business, industry and civil society.
- With regards to the **2015 agreement**, Ministers discussed inter alia how to reflect and decide about the variety of commitments in the new agreement in a fair way and pointed out that this should be done in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, taking into account the dynamic nature of the climate challenge and of responsibilities, capabilities and national circumstances.
- Ministers also discussed the **role of the UN climate conference in Warsaw**. Warsaw was confirmed to be an important milestone on the way to 2015. It is

in Warsaw that Parties will lay foundation that would support both, structure and functions of the global agreement. Ministers concluded that COP 19 should deliver in the areas of confidence building, and implementation of decisions taken up to date. It should further advance definition of the functions, the structure and nature of the 2015 deal, which is fair, ambitious, comprehensive and transparent in its application. COP 19 needs to build a better understanding of how mitigation actions can be accelerated and increased in the course of 2014 and how support can be mobilized towards implementation of existing commitments.

- Ministers concluded that their **personal engagement** was necessary at all stages to deliver the expected results and that it would be crucial to focus discussions on a manageable number of key issues.

We hope in this regard the fourth Petersberg Climate Dialogue has fulfilled its overarching objective of helping prepare the ground for the coming climate summit and give impetus to our negotiations here in Bonn.