



After work meeting - Opportunities for scientific interrelation between research institutions in Scandinavia and the industry sector in the developing countries

November 29, 2007, 16.30 – 18.00, Department of Geography and Geology (Room 05.1.535), University of Copenhagen, Øster Voldgade 10, 1350 Copenhagen K

The economies of many developing countries are growing at impressive rates. The Asian economy is growing at twice the rate of the global average which leads to increased income levels; infrastructure development, urbanisation and motorization causing among others, increase energy use and air pollutant emissions. The demand for primary energy will double in twelve years in Asia. Globally, among the fifteen cities most polluted by particulate matter, twelve are in the developing countries, and six of these have the highest SO₂ levels. Long-range transported gases, aerosols and particles have led to a widespread layer of 'haze' in the atmosphere over most of Asia, pollution that leads to impacts on human health, rainfall patterns, and visibility and crop yields. The linkages between air pollution and other issues in the developing countries are complex and capacity needs to be developed to give a quantitative basis for decision making in the region. This decision making can form part of the transition that is required to put the developing countries on a path towards greater sustainability. Increased awareness and improvement of cooperation between industry and researchers are key factors for the integration of social, economic and environmental goals.

Mr. Avishkar Koosiale, SASOL (South Africa's largest petrochemical industry), Researcher Julião J. Cumbane, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique, Noor Z. Yahaya, University Malaysia Dr. Tim Chatterton, University of the West of England, and Dr. Kevin W. Hicks, Stockholm Environmental Institute, York, have all accepted to participate in an informal debate targeting:

- Opportunities for scientific interrelation between research and the industry sector in developing countries.
- The industrial sectors opportunity and motivation in Public-private partnership.
- Challenges and opportunities in order to foster mutually beneficial relationships between the industrial sector and governments.
- The industrial sector as a generated for development aid assistances.
- The industries' role in improving urban living conditions as regards the environment in order to secure labour, export and image.
- The industry as resource; capital resources, technical research, knowledge research.
- The research collaboration and project involvement between the industrial sector in the developing countries and research institutions in Scandinavia.

Please note that changes of the programme of the meeting can occur.

The main organiser hereby invites everyone interested in taking part in the DDRN after work meeting about "opportunities for scientific interrelation between research institutions in Scandinavia and the industry sector in the developing countries"

For further information and registration, please send an email to Peter Vangsbo Madsen, National Environmental Research Institute, at pvm@dmu.dk.