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FORES (www.fores.se) Forum for Reforms, Entrepreneurship and Sustainability, is an independent Swedish research foundation dedicated to furthering entrepreneurship and sustainable development through liberal solutions to societal challenges brought on by accelerated globalisation and global warming.



Co-organizers: University of Gothenburg (School of Business Economics and Law), University of Cape Town (School of Economics), University of Dar es Salaam (Department of Economics), University of Toronto (Department of Political Science)

Leading by example – Swedish leadership in global climate change policy

Thursday, 8 December 2011, 16:45-18:15, Room: Apies River, Durban Exhibition Centre (DEC)

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Drawing on two of Sweden's leading research programmes, Environment for Development (EFD) and FORES, this event discusses how smaller industrialized countries can lead by example. How can climate change action be leveraged internationally? Can fairness, growth and mitigation be combined?

PART A) Sweden, Climate Change Negotiations and Fairness:

A.1) **Lena Ek – Swedish Minister of Environment: TBA**

A.2) **Martine Visser – University of Cape Town/EfD: "What is Fair: An Experimental Guide to Climate Negotiations"**

Dr. Visser is an Associate Professor within School of Economics at the University of Cape Town and Research Fellow of the Environmental Policy Research Unit (EPRU) - the South African node of the EFD initiative, and Research Associate of SALDRU.

A.3) **Daniel Engström Stenson – FORES: "Moving Ahead: the Swedish case"**

FORES will present a study on how a smaller industrialized country can decrease its emissions and how this can be an example for others. The report is written by Johan Gars, a PhD candidate whose research focuses on argument for and against a strict domestic climate policy in Sweden.

Part A PANEL DISCUSSION

PART B) Engaging Developing Countries:

B.1) **Thomas Sterner – University of Gothenburg/EfD: "Building Climate Change Research Capacity in Developing Countries – the EFD experience" and "Higher Gas Taxes Don't Hurt the Poor"**

Thomas Sterner is a Professor of Environmental Economics at the University of Gothenburg and lead author in the IPCC (UN climate panel) working group Mitigation of Climate Change. He is also the editor of the new book Fuel Taxes and the Poor, The Distributional Effects of Gasoline Taxation and Their Implications for Climate Policy, authored by 35 renowned researchers.

B.2) **Sabine Henders - Linköping University/FOCALI: "FOCALI: the Swedish Forest, Climate, and Livelihood Research Network"**. Focali has identified three research areas: i) Global REDD+ instruments, ii) REDD and Livelihoods, iii) Climate assessed Sustainable Forest Management. Activities and findings from these themes will be presented. Sabine Henders is a PhD Candidate at the Center for Climate Science and Policy Research (CSPR) at Linköping University.

B.3) **Mark Purdon – University of Toronto/EfD: "CDM Afforestation Projects in Tanzania, Uganda and Moldova: What Works and Why"**

Mark Purdon is a PhD candidate in political science at the University of Toronto and Research Associate at EFD-Tanzania.

Part B PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: **Martin Ådahl – FORES**. Martin Ådahl is the director of think-tank FORES. He was previously the editor-in-chief of Swedish news magazine Fokus and has a background as a senior economist at the Swedish Central Bank.