1, Organizer

United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)

2. Title

Climate Co-benefits in Urban Areas

3. Theme

The event discussed how we can generate urban co-benefits; i.e., positive impacts for integrating climate change with local sustainable development goals in cities, in the energy, waste, land-use and transportation sectors based on empirical studies in India, China, Indonesia, Japan and Brazil.

4. Agenda and speakers

- Opening remarks: Chair: Jakob Rhyner, Vice rector of UNU and Director of UNU Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) (5min)
- Presentation 1 (15 min)
- "Urban Development with Co-benefits Approach: Results from Conceptual and Empirical Research"

Jose A. Puppim de Oliveira, Assistant Director and Senior Research Fellow, UNU-IAS

- -Presentation 2 (15 min)
- "Tools for Planning for Co-Benefits in Urban Areas in the Energy, Transportation and Waste Sectors"

Christopher Doll (UNU-IAS), Research Fellow, UNU-IAS

- Comments (5 min): Commentator: Akio Takemoto, Director, Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) (5min)
- Discussions and Q&A (20 min)

5. Outline of presentations and discussions

Initially professor Jakob Rhyner, Vice rector of UNU and Director of UNU Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) gave the opening remarks introducing the theme and the speakers. Dr. Jose A. Puppim de Oliveira, Assistant Director and Senior Research Fellow, UNU-IAS made the presentation "Urban Development with Co-benefits Approach: Results from

Conceptual and Empirical Research" examining the results of the project urban development with co-benefits aproach financed by the Ministry of the Environment Japan. The project aims to understand, conceptualize and study empirically cases of co-benefits in five countries, Japan, China, India, Indonesia and Brazil. This presentation was followed by Dr. Christopher Doll (UNU-IAS), Research Fellow, UNU-IAS, with the presentation "Tools for Planning for Co-Benefits in Urban Areas in the Energy, Transportation and Waste Sectors". Dr. Doll described the tools UNU-IAS is developing in the project to assess and plan for urban development with co-benefits. The tools helps polciy-makers to assess quantitatively the amount of benefits for certain kinds of urban interventions and identify the main governance challenges for certain intervention options.

The discussions started with the comments of Dr. Akio Takemoto, Director, Asia - Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN). He described the importance of co-benefits in urban areas to tackle climate change, but at the same time achieve other development goals. There were several questions and answers from the audience. Hon. Charles Geni and Hon Dr. Wilbur Ottichilo, members of the Kenyan Parliament found the concepts and the tool applicable to Kenya and suggested the application to cities in the rapidly urbanizing African continent. Dr. Aspasia Camargo, member of the Parliament of Rio de Janeiro State, also emphsazised the importance of cities for achieving the millenium development goals, and at the same time combating climate change.

6. Photograph



Dr, Pupim de Oliveira, Dr. Doll and Prof. Rhyner.



Hon Dr. Wilbur Ottichilo, member of the Kenyan Parliament, making his comments



prof. Rhyne, Dr. Takemoto, Dr, Pupim de Oliveir and Dr. Doll