

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Singapore – Researchers and policymakers will meet on February 13-15, 2008 at the Grand Mirage Resort in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia to review the impacts of climate change in Southeast Asia and China and discuss what is being—and could be — done to respond.

Organized by the Singapore-based Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA), the conference will bring together more than 40 experts on climate change, as well as potential donors. “The need for adaptation is no longer an issue for debate,” says EEPSEA’s director, Dr Herminia Francisco. “This conference seeks to explore how researchers can contribute to adaptation planning.”

Among areas to be explored are the impacts of climate change on agriculture and on coastal zones. Researchers and policymakers from throughout the region will also review adaptation and risk management strategies. (Please consult the attached conference program for details of sessions and conference venue.)

This opportunity for policymakers and researchers to exchange information and views should lead to concrete decisions to move forward an action plan for tackling climate change in a more effective manner in several Southeast Asian countries.

The conference programme is attached. For more information, contact:

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About EEPSEA

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