

Session Proposal

Climate Change: an Opportunity to Reduce Inequalities for "Global Sustainable Economic Development"

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Proposal

Climate change not only raises complex issues of science, economics, and politics; it also raises difficult issues of distributive justice, welfare, and fairness. In this session proposal, climate change has been seen not in isolation but in the context of global and local stubborn inequality and instability. While climate change is a global phenomenon, nations differ both in their contribution to the problem and in their vulnerability to its impacts. Ironically, many of the countries least responsible for this problem, particularly those in the developing world, are likely to be among those most heavily impacted by climate change, not only due to their vast population depending on natural resources but also their poor preparedness to fight back the impact of climate change. They suffer from the persistent poverty, inadequate monetary resources and infrastructure, weak institutional mechanism, lack of local commitment etc which will work to magnify the impacts of climate change globally. Climate change will make it even more difficult to break out of the poverty, health and education problems. The integration of adaptation with disaster management and economic development policy may maximize the return on scarce resources, and achieve capacity building and resilience in these poor nations.

In this scenario, these countries cannot be left alone to fight back with this problem in the global interest. These developing nations may also contribute to the problem of GHGs emission along with the process of their economic development. All the nations whether developed or developing are interdependent politically, socially, culturally and most importantly economically. There is an urgent need to minimize this problem right now for the global sustainable economic development. We must understand that strengthening adaption capacity of these countries will be beneficial for all by improving global economic activities sustainably in the long run. This session has been designed to explore the possibility of opportunities to reduce inequalities and instability for "global sustainable economic development" in the time of crisis of climate change and accordingly invites abstracts of the papers from the academicians and researchers of

different disciplines to address the issue. The following are just few possibilities and there could be many more.

- Helping out in sectoral adaption
- Technology transfer
- Financing technology updates
- Adoption of villages for economic development
- Effectively and efficiently using carbon markets (with regulation)
- Providing employment opportunities
- Enhancing opportunities for earning certified emission reductions (CERs) through clean development mechanism (CDM) in least developed and developing countries
- Smoothing IPR regime
- Provision of per capita emission rights

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