

## INVITATION

### REACHING A FAIR DEAL ON EFFORT-SHARING

Back in 1997, negotiations on binding commitments in the Kyoto-Protocol were a mere power politics. It was finally left to political bargaining between a handful of Parties, namely the US, the EU, and the Umbrella group, to agree upon how much each Annex B country takes home as its a national emissions reduction obligation.

Under the Bali Action Plan, developed countries agreed to negotiate on their mitigation commitments, while ensuring the “comparability of efforts” among them. Will Parties this time manage to go beyond a horse-trading and reach an agreement on a fair distribution of efforts?

Discussions on the “comparability of efforts” inevitably need to be linked to the discussion on “adequacy of commitments”. What’s at stake, is to fulfill the ultimate objective of the convention: Avoiding dangerous climate change, and ensure global warming remains below 2 degrees centigrade above pre-industrial levels. In light of the rapid mitigation actions necessary to reach this goal, transparent and objective criteria on the fair distribution of efforts seem indispensable.

How can we evaluate the comparability of efforts in a transparent, fact-based way? Are the efforts to be compared only comprising the domestic reduction commitments, or do they include also the measurable, reportable and verifiable support for developing countries actions?

Which countries need to be compared? After all, are measurable, reportable and verifiable mitigation actions by developing country Parties also something that could and should be compared?

The Heinrich Boell Foundation kindly invites you for dinner to discuss these questions in a small and intimate atmosphere amongst high level negotiators and experts from, China, the US, EU, South Africa, and other countries.

**Sivan Kartha**, PhD, Director of the Climate and Energy Programme at the Stockholm Environment Institute, will introduce into the discussion.

The debate will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

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**Introduction:**            **Sivan Kartha**, Director of the Climate and Energy Programme, Stockholm Environment Institute

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