

**RIO+20**  
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Development

You are cordially invited to take part in a debate on the theme of

## **A PLACE FOR CLIMATE VULNERABILITY IN THE RIO AGENDA**

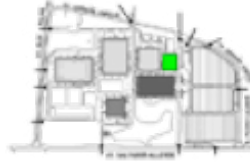
An Official Climate Vulnerable Forum Side Event to the  
RIO+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development

### **WHEN**

**Tuesday, 19th of June 2012**  
**13:30 to 15:00**

### **WHERE**

**Room T-9 at Rio+20 UN CSD**  
**RioCentro**  
Avenida Salvador Allende 6555  
Barrada Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



### **WHAT**

The Climate Vulnerable Forum is a global partnership of countries highly vulnerable to climate change that collaborate and exchange knowledge in order to advance and improve international and domestic policy agendas relevant to climate change. The Forum's Rio+20 Side Event will debate the place of climate vulnerability in the Rio Agenda. Forum partner DARA will also report on progress towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Climate Vulnerability Monitor*, a global research project on the impact of climate change.

Canapés and drinks will be served.

### **WHY**

The international climate response was born in Rio 20 years ago, but two decades on action still does not meet the scale of the challenge, which has, among others, compromised progress towards the full achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. Any new global development targets stemming from Rio+20 will also have to face up to growing impacts due to accelerating climate change, especially the world's poorest groups who are most vulnerable. Reducing vulnerability to climate change therefore constitutes an increasingly significant factor in achieving global progress on sustainable development and should be seen as a central to the Rio+20 agenda. For more information, please visit [www.daraint.org/cvi](http://www.daraint.org/cvi)

### **WHO**

#### **HOSTS**

Bangladesh, Chair of the CVF, in association with Costa Rica & DARA

#### **HIGH-LEVEL PANELISTS**

H.E. Dr. Hasan Mahmud, Hon. Minister of Environment of Bangladesh  
H.E. Dr. Keshab Man Shakya, Minister of Environment, Science and Technology of Nepal  
H.E. Mr. René Castro, Hon. Minister of Environment of Costa Rica  
Mr. Mesbah ul Alam, Environment Secretary of Bangladesh

#### **MODERATOR**

Ambassador Mohamed Mijarul Quayes, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh

#### **EXPERT DISCUSSANTS**

Mr. Ari Huhtala, Director, Policy and Programmes, Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)  
Dr. Saleemul Huq, Senior Fellow, International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED)  
Ms. Helena Molin-Valdes, Director, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

Additional panelists/discussants to be announced/confirmed shortly.

### **RSVP**

Your participation in the debate is welcomed and encouraged. To register your attendance, invite additional colleagues, or designate a replacement, please contact [dbarnes@daraint.org](mailto:dbarnes@daraint.org) or [noman144@gmail.com](mailto:noman144@gmail.com) or by phone at +34662387016



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