

# CONSTRUCTION COUNTS FOR CLIMATE

This is The COP15 Side Event  
on Buildings!

EU-Pavilion, Room Schuman,  
Bella Center, Copenhagen

Friday 11 Dec 2009, 1–3 pm

## A Buildings and Construction Toolbox for Low Carbon Strategies

Discussions will revolve around policy tools which national governments are going to need to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and save energy in existing buildings and new construction. Because almost 40 per cent of all energy is consumed in buildings, the potential of the built environment in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is huge. The role of NAMAs and climate challenges to construction, refurbishment and property management will be discussed by policy makers and other experts.

## PROGRAMME

- Dr. Kaarin Taipale, Chair of the Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable Buildings and Construction, lead country Finland  
**Opening words, introductions**
- H.E. Jan Vapaavuori, Minister for Housing, Ministry of the Environment of Finland  
**Why are energy policies in the built environment on the top of my political agenda?**
- Dr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP and Under Secretary-General of the UN  
**A view from the UN on the importance of buildings for climate change negotiations**
- Professor Dr. Diana Urge-Vorsatz, Director, Center for Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Policy (3CSEP) Central European University, Budapest  
**Latest research results on the climate role of construction and refurbishment**
- Mr. Stéphane Pouffary, Chairman, UNEP SBCI Climate Change Think Tank, and Head of the International Expertise in Energy Management Unit, ADEME, French Environment and Energy Management Agency  
**Common metrics: a common language to reflect the CO<sub>2</sub> performance of buildings**
- Mr. Hewson Baltzell, Co-Head of Sustainability Solutions, RiskMetrics Group, representing the UNEP FI Property Working Group  
**Low carbon buildings: the property investment perspective**
- Ms. Priyanka Kochhar, Area Convenor, Centre for Research on Sustainable Building Science, The Energy and Resources Institute TERI, New Delhi  
**Indian policy toolbox to promote sustainable energy use in buildings**
- Discussion and conclusions from the panel

Light lunch will be served after the event outside of the meeting room.

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