

“Governance Challenges in Financing Green and Sustainable Energy Policies”

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Spring Meetings Civil Society Forum
CSO Room A, World Bank Main Building (1818 H Street NW)

The financial crisis that began in the fall of 2008 came on the heels of great turbulence in the energy sector, with increased global demand for oil pushing prices to record highs. The burden of mitigating and adapting to climate change complicates matters further in terms of financing a green recovery. These inter-related crises show that the global economy needs a new paradigm for growth, one in which better financial regulation and green-jobs creation can ease the impact of the financial crisis while at the same time enabling policies to promote investment in sustainable and efficient energy systems for countries at all levels of development. This panel discussion provides a report-back from key figures involved in an April 21, 2010 Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung/Brookings Institution experts roundtable on governance challenges in financing green and sustainable energy policies and offers the opportunity for dialogue with representatives gathered for the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings Civil Society Forum.

Moderator: **Mr. Werner Puschra**—Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New York Office

Speakers: **Mr. Michael Clark**, On Special Research Assignment to UNCTAD (Spring 2010); former Senior Advisor for Economic Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives; former Senior Advisor to 63rd President of UN General Assembly; former Executive Director, US-India Business Council

Mrs. Zhou Qi, Director, Research Office of Political Science, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

Ms. Martha Delgado, Secretary of the Environment, Government of Mexico City, Mexico

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