

## INVITATION – CSM'S "CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS"

You are invited to an interactive seminar on **Climate Security** – a new approach to structuring foreign policy and securing global stability- organised by the **Centre for Social Markets (CSM)** in association with the UK-based **E3G**.



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### **Climate Security – Opportunities and Challenges for the UK and India**

Nick Mabey

CEO, E3G (Third Generation Environmentalism)

10:00am – 12:00pm

Tuesday, 6 March 2007 AT Taj Malabar, Kochi, India

Chair: Malini Mehra, Founder & Director, CSM

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*Climate change represents the greatest civilisational threat to human beings and life on Earth. Freshwater shortages; declines in food production; plant and animal extinctions; more deaths from floods, storms, heat waves and droughts; economic and political instability... The list of potential impacts of climate change is long and urgent. The scientific evidence is overwhelming and the need for action now understood to be greater than ever. Poor countries are at the greatest risk and will suffer the most.*

*As Sir Nicholas Stern, author of the influential Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change has warned, global warming is an economic challenge - it could shrink the global economy by 20%. He notes "the magnitude of these risks is very large and has to be taken into account in the kind of investments the world makes today and the consumption patterns it has.*

*In India, predicted impacts such as a reduction in Himalayan melt-water and changes to the monsoon will not only have catastrophic human and economic consequences, but pose unprecedented security challenges with migrant and displaced populations.*

**What is India doing about this and how can we develop a pro-active agenda in response? In particular, what are India's mega cities doing to address their climate vulnerability?**

#### About the Programme

This seminar kicks off a major new programme of work by the **Centre for Social Markets**, in association with leading national and international partners, on a pro-active agenda for climate security in India. It will have a three-pronged focus on public education and engagement; the challenges faced by India's highly-populated metropolitan areas; and the opportunities for business innovation, growth and livelihoods.

The programme will feature a public debate series, **Climate Conversations** – of which this seminar is the first; an international **Climate City Exchange** programme for planners, officials and practitioners to exchange and adopt good practice; and a **Climate Means Business** programme for entrepreneurs and businesspeople.

**The objective will be to foster a 'can-do' approach to tackling climate change and setting an example to others.**

#### About the Speaker:

**Nick Mabey** is Chief Executive and a founder director of the UK-based **E3G** (Third Generation Environmentalism [www.e3g.org](http://www.e3g.org)) a non-profit company dedicated to accelerating the transition to sustainable development. Nick leads E3G's work on Europe's external role, the security implications of climate change, and



the development of innovative change and decision making tools. John Ashton, another co-founder of E3G is currently the UK's Special Ambassador on Climate Change.

Prior to co-founding E3G, Nick was a senior advisor in the UK Prime Minister's Strategy Unit ([www.strategyunit.gov.uk](http://www.strategyunit.gov.uk)) leading work on national and international policy areas, including: energy, climate change, fisheries, countries at risk of instability and organised crime. He is the author of the influential "**Argument in the Greenhouse: The Economics of Climate Change**".

Nick was previously employed in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Environment Policy Department, and was the FCO lead for the Johannesburg Summit in 2002 where he established international partnerships on clean energy ([www.REEEP.org](http://www.REEEP.org)), tourism ([www.tourismfoundation.org](http://www.tourismfoundation.org)) and environmental democracy ([www.pp10.org](http://www.pp10.org)).

Before he joined government Nick was Head of Economics and Development at Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF-UK) and participated at the landmark **UN Climate Convention in Kyoto** (1997) in that capacity. This followed a period in the UK electricity industry working as a negotiator for PowerGen and an engineer for GEC-Alstom. Nick trained as a mechanical engineer at Bristol University and holds a masters degree in Technology and Policy from MIT where he specialised in energy systems analysis.

Among other appointments, Nick sits on the advisory board to the energy and environment programme at Chatham House and the Centre for Computational Finance and Economic Agents at University of Essex.

#### About the Chair:



**Malini Mehra** is the founder and director of the Centre for Social Markets ([www.csmworld.org](http://www.csmworld.org)), an independent non-profit promoting leadership and accountability for sustainable development. CSM's primary constituencies are diaspora communities such as overseas Indians and Chinese, and indigenous industry and stakeholders in developing countries. The challenge of climate change is a central organising principle of CSM's work and approach.

In 2007, Malini was named **Asia 21 Young Leader** by the United States' Asia Society. In 2006, she was selected as a contributor to CNN's **Principal Voices** series and has been featured in TIME and FORTUNE magazines.

From 2005-2006, Malini was on secondment to the UK government (Defra) where she led on the government's international sustainable development partnerships. She was the architect of the UK's **Sustainable Development Dialogues** (SDDs) with emerging markets: a pioneering, cross-governmental initiative with five of the world's leading powers – China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico.

Malini brings more than twenty years of experience on sustainable development and human rights issues. A political scientist and gender specialist by training she has worked in the public, private and voluntary sector including at international NGOs such as Oxfam and bodies such as the United Nations Development Programme. In 1997, she was an active participant at the **UN's Kyoto conference on climate change** co-ordinating the input of the international NGO, Friends of the Earth International.

Malini has served as an adviser to former UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, on civil society affairs as a member of his Cardoso Panel; and currently serves as an advisor to a range of large and small organisations, including Unilever, BHP Billiton, AccountAbility, Ankur Kala, Rugmark etc.

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