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The Centre for Social Markets (www.csmworld.org) is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to making markets work for the triple bottom line - people, planet and profit. Founded in 2000, CSM has pioneered a focus on indigenous industry in emerging markets and the Asian Diaspora globally - mobilizing these constituencies on corporate citizenship, sustainable development and human rights issues. A values-based organization, CSM works through offices in India and the UK and an international network of likeminded associates and partners. Climate change forms a central part of CSM's analysis and work. This event is being held as part of CSM's Climate Challenge India campaign which seeks to educate and generate positive energy for climate action in India. This screening marks the second of nationwide screenings and discussions organized by CSM and partners.



**U.S. Consulate General, Chennai
Public Affairs Section
&
Centre for Social Markets**

**invite you to the screening of
Al Gore's Oscar-winning film on
Climate Change**

An Inconvenient Truth

followed by a discussion

**Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
US Consulate General
220 Anna Salai Gemini Flyover, Chennai 600 006**

**RSVP: Essential by Monday, June 11, 2007
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PROGRAM

From : 3:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Welcome Remarks and introduction of the Film, "An Inconvenient Truth" by

Ms. Ragini Gupta

Vice Consul for Public Affairs

U.S. Consulate General, Chennai

Remarks by **Ms. Malini Mehra** (Chair) & Founder and Director

Centre for Social Markets, Kolkata

Screening of "An Inconvenient Truth"

Tea

Discussion on the film

Led by:

Prof. Mohan Munasinghe

Chairman, Munasinghe Institute for Development,

Colombo, Sri Lanka and

Vice Chair, IPCC

Mr. A R Nambi

Project Director, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate

Change, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation,

Chennai, India

Mr N R Krishnan

Former Secretary

Ministry of Environment & Forest

Govt of India

Open discussion

About the topic

The United Nation's most recent report on climate change has underscored that this issue 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 predicted 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. In India, it is predicted that 40% of Himalayan glaciers will vanish; the Ganga delta turn infertile; 25% of wildlife perish; food and water shortages become chronic; and pestilences such as dengue and cholera spread. These environment and health impacts will be joined by human misery, economic dislocation, conflict and security challenges of an unprecedented scale. The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has sounded the alarm bell - global emissions of greenhouse gases must reduce to 85% by 2050.

About the film

Director David Guggenheim eloquently weaves the science of global warming with Al Gore's personal history and lifelong commitment to reversing the effects of global climate change in the most talked-about documentary of the year. "An Inconvenient Truth" makes the compelling case that global warming is real, man-made, and its effects will be cataclysmic if we don't act now. Gore presents a wide array of facts and information in a thoughtful and compelling way: often humorous, frequently emotional, and always fascinating. In the end, An Inconvenient Truth accomplishes what all great films should: it leaves the viewer shaken, involved and inspired.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0497116/plotsummary>