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Emne: Invitation: OECD High-level Parliamentary Seminar, Climate Change, OECD headquarters, Paris, torsdag den 2. oktober 2008 (TILMELDINGSFRIST 25. september kl.12)

Til sekretariatene for Det Enerkipolitiske Udvalg, Erhvervsudvalget, Europaudvalget, Miljø- og Planlægningsudvalget, Trafikudvalget og Udvalget for Videnskab og Teknologi.

Udenrigsministeriet anmoder venligst om at måtte modtage oplysning om evt. dansk deltagelse i nedenstående parlamentariske seminar om klimaforandringer, der finder sted i OECD's hovedkvarter i Paris torsdag d.2. oktober kl.9.30-17.00.

Frist for tilbagemelding til Udenrigsministeriet om deltagelse (samlet antal deltagere samt disses navne): torsdag 25. september kl.12.00, per e-mail til catutt@um.dk samt upstud@um.dk

Med venlig hilsen

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The OECD would like to invite representatives from the parliamentary/legislative branch of your government to participate in an **OECD High-level Parliamentary Seminar on climate change** which will take place at the OECD headquarters in Paris on 2 October 2008 from 9.30 to 17.00 pm.

Climate change is confronting us with the fierce urgency of “now”. It concerns the environment as well as the global economy. Global temperatures will continue to rise unless greenhouse gas emissions are reduced significantly. Impacts will include more intense heat waves, droughts, storms and floods, which in turn will cause damage to key infrastructure and crops, and increase risks to human health and life. Action is urgent and imperative. As our recently launched

OECD *Environmental Outlook to 2030* illustrates, the policies needed to address climate change are available and achievable and, when compared to the cost of inaction, and taking into account expected global economic growth, they are affordable. A key challenge beyond the “what” and the “how” will be the distribution of costs.

With over 20 years experience analysing climate change from an economic perspective, the OECD is uniquely placed to help countries define strategies to produce results at lowest cost. The OECD can facilitate discussions and build a common understanding on issues such as cost sharing, carbon leakage, financial management of catastrophic risk and the potential impacts of climate policies on sectoral competitiveness. We can help countries design and implement national policies to stimulate innovation and diffusion of clean technologies. Finally, we can help mobilise support for developing country responses. These issues were discussed at recent OECD Ministerial Council Meeting and OECD Forum, as well as at OECD meeting of environment ministers in April 2008, and at the high-meeting of the OECD Development Assistance Committee in May 2008.

This seminar will be an opportunity for parliamentarians and legislators to exchange views with their colleagues and OECD experts on the economics of climate change, adaptation to climate change, innovation, technology and climate change, and energy and climate change.

I would be very grateful if you could inform Christine Clement, Co-ordinator, Parliamentary Relations [christine.clement@oecd.org; Tel: 33 1 45 24 19 69] of those parliamentary/legislative representatives from your country who would like to participate in this seminar.

Yours sincerely,

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High Level Parliamentary Seminar

Climate Change

2 October, OECD Headquarters, Paris

9.30 – 10.00	Introduction
10.00 – 11.15	Overview on the economics of climate change

11.15 – 12.30	Adaptation to Climate Change
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.15	Innovation, technology and climate change
15.15 – 16.30	Energy and climate change
16.30 – 17.00	Conclusions

References:

1. OECD Policy Briefs on climate change issues:

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<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/57/55/36324726.pdf>

<http://www.agri-outlook.org/dataoecd/18/8/39718027.pdf>

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2. OECD Observer magazine articles on climate change

http://www.oecdobserver.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/1419/Climate_change.html