

## Special event

# “Green Jobs: Towards Sustainable Work in a Low-Carbon World”

Friday 22 February 2008, 13.30 to 14.30, Van Dongen Room, Grimaldi Forum

## Speakers Profile

- **Mrs. Mabudafhasi Rejoice Thizwilondi, Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of the Republic of South Africa.**

Mrs. Mabudafhasi Rejoice Thizwilondi is the Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of the Republic of South Africa. She is also the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Mvula Trust, the largest water and sanitation NGO in the country, which was set up in late 1993 to give support to the Community Water Supply and Sanitation Programme within the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF). Mrs. Rejoice Mabudafhasi co-chairs the Network of Women Ministers for the Environment with Lena Sommestad, Minister for the Environment, Sweden.

- **Daniel M. Kammen, Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Energy, University of California, Berkeley (USA)**

Daniel M. Kammen is Professor in the Energy and Resources Group Energy and Resources Group (ERG), Professor of Public Policy in the Goldman School of Public Policy and is Professor of Nuclear Engineering in the Department of Nuclear Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. He is also the founding Director of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory (RAEL).

Kammen received his undergraduate degree in physics from Cornell University (1984), and his masters and doctorate in physics from Harvard (1986 & 1988) for work on theoretical solid state physics and computational biophysics. From 1993 - 1998 Kammen was an Assistant Professor of Public and International Affairs in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Kammen played a key role in developing the interdisciplinary Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy (STEP) Program at Princeton, that awards undergraduate and masters certificates and a doctoral degree. He was STEP Chair from 1997 - 1999 and co-chair before that. In July of 1998 Kammen joined the interdisciplinary Energy and Resources Group (ERG) at the University of California, Berkeley as an Associate Professor of Energy and Society. Kammen is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and a Permanent Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Kammen's advises the U. S. and Swedish Agencies for International Development, the World Bank, and the Presidents Committee on Science and Technology (PCAST), and is a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (Working Group III and the Special Report on Technology Transfer). Dr. Kammen serves on the technical review board for the GEF (the STAP), is a lead author for the Special Report on Technology Transfer of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and advises the World Bank and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and well as the African Academy of Sciences.

Source: <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~kammen/> - Last accessed 22 January 2008.

- **Björn Stigson, President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)**

Björn Stigson has extensive experience in international business. He began his career as financial analyst with the Swedish Kockums Group. From 1971-82 he worked for ESAB, the international supplier of equipment for welding, in different positions responsible for Finance, Operations and Marketing. In 1983 he became President and CEO of the Fläkt Group, a company listed on the Stockholm stock exchange and the world leader in environmental control technology. Following the acquisition of Fläkt by ABB, in 1991 he became Executive Vice President and a member of ABB Asea Brown Boveri's Executive Management Group. From 1993-94 he ran his own management consultancy.

On January 1, 1995 Mr Stigson was appointed President of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) in Geneva, which is a coalition of 170 leading international corporations. Since the formation of this organisation in 1990, Mr Stigson has been actively involved with the business response to the challenge of sustainable development.

Björn Stigson has served on the board of a variety of international companies. He is presently a member of advisory councils, including, among others, the Unilever Environmental Advisory Group (UK), the OECD Round Table on Sustainable Development (France) and the Council for International Cooperation on Environment & Development (China). Mr Stigson is a member of the board of GRI (Global Reporting Initiative), the IRGC (International Risk Governance Council) and TERI – North America. His earlier board memberships include companies in the following sectors: Engineering, Construction, Insurance, Venture Capital, Waste Management, Consulting, Leasing, Transportation and Medical Equipment.

He studied at the Gothenburg School of Business Administration, the Swedish Management Institute and Harvard Business School.

Source: <http://www.globalaccesspartners.org/bjorn.pdf> - Last accessed 22 January 2008.

- **Sigmar Gabriel, Federal Minister for the Environment and Nature Conservation, Germany**

Since November 2005, Mr. Gabriel is the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. He was previously member of the German Bundestag and from 2003 to 2005 Chairman of Social Democratic Party (SPD) parliamentary group in the State Assembly. He was Minister-President of the federal state (Land) of Lower Saxony.

Source:

[http://www.eu2007.de/en/The\\_Council\\_Presidency/The\\_German\\_Government/gabriel.html](http://www.eu2007.de/en/The_Council_Presidency/The_German_Government/gabriel.html)

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- **Tulsi Tanti, CEO, Suzlon Energy Ltd**

Tulsi Tanti is the Chairman of Suzlon Energy Ltd, a company dealing in wind energy. He is one of those first time entrepreneurs who saw potential in an inchoate idea, ventured into it, and made it big. Today, he ranks among top 10 richest men of India.

A commerce graduate and a diploma holder in mechanical engineering, Tulsi Tanti originally hails from Gujarat and is presently based in Pune, Maharashtra. Tulsi Tanti was earlier into textiles. He started his textile business in Gujarat. But he found that the prospects stunted due to infrastructural bottlenecks. The biggest of them all was the cost and unavailability of power, which formed a high proportion of operating expenses of textile industry.

In 1990, Tulsi Tanti invested in two windmills and realized its huge potential. In 1995, he formed Suzlon and gradually quit textiles. Suzlon Energy is the sixth largest wind energy company in the world and the largest in Asia. It is presently building what will be among the world's largest wind parks of its kind at 1,000 MW capacity. Suzlon is currently concentrating on global expansion drive. It recently acquired Hansen Transmissions, a Belgian maker of wind-turbine gearboxes. Suzlon is also building a rotor-blade factory in Minnesota and has invested \$60m in a factory in Tianjin, China. Tulsi Tanti is poised to make India a wind-power export hub.

Source: <http://www.iloveindia.com/indian-heroes/tulsi-tanti.html> - Last accessed 22 January 2008.

- **Mr. Peter Poschen** is Senior Policy Specialist in the Policy Integration Department of the ILO. He has a long-standing interest, and some 25 years of professional experience, with the social dimensions of sustainable development. Originally trained as a forester, he studied land-use systems in Costa Rica and Ethiopia for his Master's and PhD degrees. These experiences convinced him that people are both the problem and the solution for sustainable development. His current work focuses on the links between decent work and sustainable development, particularly the social and labour impacts of climate change.
- **Mr. Lucien Royer** is the trade union international coordinator for occupational health, environment, sustainable development and HIV/AIDS. He has a long history of engagement and publications, dealing with environmental protection through the world of work, workplaces and workers. He coordinates the trade union activity in UN and other institutions that are connected to his field of work.

