

**Friday 12th February [2010]
Meeting with Dr R Pachauri, Director General of The Environmental
Resources Institute (TERI) and Head of the International Panel on
Climate Change (IPCC)**

Present

Professor John Beddington, Chief Scientific Advisor to HM Government
[Redacted text], Climate Change and Energy Unit, DfID India
[Redacted text], Head of Science & Innovation India
[Redacted text], Private Secretary to Professor Beddington
Dr R Pachauri, Director General of TERI and Head of the IPCC

Summary

Dr Pachauri and Professor Beddington discussed the UN Climate Change summit and Copenhagen and the work that still needs to be done. They also discussed recent media coverage of climate scepticism following the hacking of emails from the University of East Anglia and errors found in the IPCC report.

Detail

- Dr Pachauri gave his thoughts on what was (and wasn't) achieved at Copenhagen. He felt that the 2°C commitment was a good thing, as was the money committed to assist developing countries however he was concerned by the fact that it generated a non-legally binding "accord" and that some countries were not involved. He commented that the important thing was now to build on the Accord at Mexico.
- Dr Pachauri updated Professor Beddington on a Sustainable Development Conference that TERI had hosted in Delhi the previous week that had considered how to achieve progress both before and at Mexico. The ideas that came from the Conference were interesting although he was not sure how much would filter into future negotiations
- Professor Beddington and Dr Pachauri discussed the challenges facing action on climate change. Dr Pachauri agreed that it had been a difficult time for the IPCC although emphasised that one silly error in the IPCC synthesis report was being used to question the whole science of climate change by people with their own agenda.
- Professor Beddington updated Dr Pachauri on the review being carried out by Sir Muir Russell into hacked emails from the University of East Anglia (UEA). UEA has also announced a science review and the UK Met Office are re-analysing UEA's data to ensure that the data treatment has not biased the results.

- Dr Pachauri asked if Professor Beddington had any detail about the police enquiry into the hacking. Professor Beddington confirmed that this is still on-going but that he could not share any further information.
- Professor Beddington informed Dr Pachauri of some work being carried out in the UK to total all the Copenhagen Accord commitments and work out the effect that will have.
- Professor Beddington and Dr Pachauri discussed the communication of uncertainty in climate science to the public and the importance of increasing public understanding of climate change.
- Dr Pachauri informed Professor Beddington of work that is being carried out in India to encourage more climate change research. The best Indian work in this field is carried out at TERI and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology at Pune. They discussed opportunities for collaboration with the UK Hadley Centre on local modelling.