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## **What is dangerous climate change?**

### **Results of an International Symposium on Key Vulnerable Regions and Climate Change (Beijing, October 2004)**

#### **Invitation to the COP10 Side event at the EU Pavilion (Room 1), Buenos Aires, Argentine, 14 December 2004 at 6-8 pm**

The symposium examined what might be dangerous climate change with respect to Article 2 of the UNFCCC in a number of key vulnerable regions including: the Arctic, China, the Sahel, Maghreb, North Africa, Southern Africa, South Asia, Amazon, the Peruvian Andes, Small Island States, Australia, USA and Europe.

#### **Speakers and expert presentations**

Prof. Carlo Jaeger (Chair of Session, Chair of ECF, PIK)

Jürgen Trittin (German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety): How much climate warming can we afford?

Prof. Peter Hoeppe (Head of the GeoRisks Research Department – Munich Re): Climate risks - society and Munich Re

Bill Hare (PIK): Overview of the symposium and findings

Dr Atiq Rahman (Executive Director - Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies): Developing country impacts and vulnerability

Prof. Peter Hoeppe (Head of the GeoRisks Research Department – Munich Re): Health impacts and extreme events

Prof. Stefan Rahmstorf (PIK): Climate system risks

Dr. Murray Ward (New Zealand): Synthesis of findings: key messages

Sheila Watt-Cloutier (elected Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council)

Prof. Luis Pinguelli Rosa (Head of the Brazilian Climate Forum)

The results of the symposium in Beijing are available on the ECF website after the side event:  
[www.european-climate-forum.net/](http://www.european-climate-forum.net/)

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Cocktails and buffet dinner will be served.