



Press Conference

Climate Change Impacts Symposium to Look at 12 Vulnerable Regions

A major international Symposium is to be held in Beijing China on 27-30th October 2004 to examine what are the key risks faced by twelve world regions:

- China
- Sahelian Africa
- Southern Africa
- Indian Subcontinent
- North-West Europe and Central Europe
- Mediterranean – Maghreb and North Africa
- USA
- Amazon Region
- Russia
- Australia
- Small Island States: Pacific and Caribbean
- High Arctic

„Climate changes are happening faster than we thought possible and this Symposium is tackling the question what the acceptable limits or danger points from climate change are from the point of view of different regions from around the world“ said Prof. Carlo C. Jaeger, Chair of the European Climate Forum and Head of the Social Systems Department of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (Germany).

The press conference takes place on 27th October 2004 at 10:00 at the Sino-German Centre for Science Promotion (Shuangqing Lu, 83, Beijing, <http://www.sinogermanscience.org.cn>).

The Symposium brings together 48 scientists and policy makers from 26 countries to discuss critical limits to climate change. It will conclude on 30th October. The programme can be downloaded on the ECF web site: www.european-climate-forum.net.

The Symposium is organized by ECF (European Climate Forum) and PIK (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research) in co-operation with the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, the Nansen-Zhu International Research Centre in Beijing, the Beijing University, the Research Centre for Sustainable Development in Beijing, and the Sino-German Centre for Science Promotion in Beijing.

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