



International Expert Workshop  
*Australia, Asia, Europe and Climate Change*

## **Outcomes Report**

On the 17-18 November, 2014, the Australian Institute of International Affairs held an International Expert Workshop in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the University of Melbourne's EU Centre on Shared Complex Challenges. The workshop, which focused on policy perspectives on climate change and energy supply, featured a range of experts from Asia, the EU and Australia.

Highlights of the event included:

- High quality roundtable discussion with more than 25 participants from universities, academic centres, environmental think tanks, international organisations, consulates, the private sector and the media
- Insights from leading climate change experts and policy-makers
- Discussion and dialogue between participants on a diverse range of perspectives
- A public panel discussion that included some of Australia's leading experts, which was attended by over 150 people from a range of backgrounds
- Positive feedback highlighting the valuable impact the workshop has had on broadening knowledge



*Climate Institute CEO Erwin Jackson speaks to workshop participants at the event held in the Woodward Center, University of Melbourne*

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## Objectives

The key objectives of the workshop were:

- To create greater awareness of challenges presented to the EU, Asia and Australia by climate change
- To highlight the potential for multilateral co-operation on climate change issues
- To facilitate discussion at a time that coincides with crucial international engagement on environmental issues through the COP in Lima and the G20



*Associate Professor Malte Meinshausen gives the dinner address to open the event.*



## **Format**

The one-day workshop was divided into four sessions:

1. International Climate Change Diplomacy: Expectations of the Lima Climate Change Conference of the Parties  
Mr. Scott Wyatt, *Advisor, Delegation of the European Union to Australia*  
Mr. Erwin Jackson, *Deputy CEO, The Climate Institute, Australia*
2. The Future of Carbon Emissions Trading Schemes: Perceptions from Asia, Europe and Australia  
Professor Wang Run, *Professor & Vice-Director, Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Hubei University, Wuhan, China*  
Mr. Damien Morris, *Head of Policy, Sandbag Climate Campaign, London, UK*  
Dr. Adam Bumpus, *Senior Lecturer, Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, The University of Melbourne*
3. Alternatives for Energy Supply: Shale Gas and Fracking and the Role of Renewable Energies  
Ms. Wan Portia Wan Hamzah, *Senior Fellow, Technology, Innovation and Sustainability (TiES), Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*  
Professor Andreas Oberheitmann, *Professor & Director, Research Center for International Environmental Policy (RCIEP), Tsinghua University, Beijing, PRC*  
Professor Peter J. Cook, *Professorial Fellow, Peter Cook Center for CO2 Research, The University of Melbourne*
4. The Need for Sustainability: Palm Oil and Carbon Sequestration Through Maintaining Forests and Reforestation  
Mr. Win Myo Thu, *Director, ECODEV, Yangon, Myanmar*  
Ms. Marlene Grundstroem, *Consultant & Project Leader, Earth League Climate Initiative at Stockholm Resilience Center*  
Professor Don Henry, *Public Policy Fellow, Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, The University of Melbourne*

The workshop was then followed by a public forum, “Climate Change and Energy Supply: Policy Perspectives from the EU, Asia and Australia”. Speaking at the forum were Professor Wang Run from China, Mr. Scott Wyatt from the Delegation of the EU to Australia, and Professors Ross Garnaut and Tim Flannery from Australia.

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## Feedback

Feedback from participants revealed a high level of satisfaction with the overall quality of the workshop.

Organisation	4.7/5
Venue	4.8/5
Format	4.5/5
Speakers	4.8/5
Quality of Discussion	4.7/5

Participants highlighted “*high quality speakers and dynamic interaction*” and the provision of “*a valuable update in some key areas*” as high points of the workshop.

When asked how the forum had an impact on their understanding, they also spoke of a greater understanding of the challenges faced in other regions, with some participants saying that they gained “*more knowledge, more insight, better understanding of [the] challenges of developing countries*” and had a “*greater understanding of Australian climate policy and regional challenges in Asia*”.



*Ms. Wan Portia Wan Hamzah from the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia.*



### **Media and Community Outreach:**

- High quality roundtable discussion between over 25 delegates from a range of countries
- A public forum featuring perspectives from internationally acclaimed Professors Ross Garnaut and Tim Flannery. This forum was attended by over 150 people from a range of backgrounds, including attendees from Energy Australia, the Victorian Government, CSIRO, Sustainability Victoria, the Bureau of Meteorology, EPA Victoria, The Climate Education Association, Climate for Change, DSDBI and The Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries
- Conference attended by media representatives from Green Magazine, Carbon + Environment Daily, and Stock & Land (Fairfax)
- Video recording linked on AIIA website
- Podcast available on the AIIA website
- Four issues brief articles published on the Australian Outlook blog.



*From front to back: Ms. Cathy Alexander, Mr. Scott Wyatt, Professor Wang Run, Professor. Ross Garnaut & Professor. Tim Flannery.*



## **Participants**

### Europe

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### Australia

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*Workshop participants at the welcome dinner*