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"WHAT'S NEXT? – POLICY RESPONSES TO THE IPCC FOURTH ASSESSMENT REPORT"**

According to the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (IPCC AR4) greenhouse gas emissions are projected to increase unless further policy measures are put in place. The warming of the planet is now unequivocal and it is almost universally accepted that human activities are responsible for it. If current trends of temperature increase are not stopped, major adverse changes in the climate system with potentially dangerous impacts on ecosystems, food supply security and water resources are to be expected. With the policy instruments currently available for mitigation, emissions will continue to increase with severe consequences for humans, entire ecosystems and the economic development.

In view of this report, a major effort needs to be made to extend, advance and implement policies and instruments capable of substantially reducing emissions. Due to the urgency of the problem, a global and inclusive agreement should be negotiated to provide confidence and direction for the business community and for developing countries.

The adoption and approval of the IPCC AR4 synthesis report is scheduled for November 16, during the 27<sup>th</sup> session of the IPCC in Valencia. On November 23 the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety (BMU), the German IPCC Coordination Office and the European Climate Forum (ECF) are pleased to convene climate experts, policy makers, NGOs and business representatives to identify the necessary steps needed to avoid dangerous climate change and to favor a sustainable transition towards a decarbonized economy.

More specifically, we will discuss the implications of the IPCC AR4 synthesis report for policy approaches. Furthermore we aim at identifying key elements for the next international negotiations at the United Nations Climate Conference in Bali, starting December 3, and for the post 2012 process.