

U.S. Climate Policy

– The Next Four Years

Time: Wednesday, November 14th, 10 am – 12:30 pm

Place: Grand Hotel, Oslo

Tuesday November 6th is election day in the United States. At this event we will explore the consequences of the election for U.S. climate policy. We have invited two renowned American experts to present their analysis and predictions.

Nigel Purvis is President of Climate Advisers, a consultancy specializing in U.S. and international climate policy. Nigel was a leading climate diplomat in both the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations.

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Kevin Kennedy is Director of the U.S. Climate Initiative of the World Resources Institute, an American think tank engaged in environment and climate issues.

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Program

09:30 Coffee

10:00 Opening by **Bård Vegar Solhjell**, Minister of the Environment

10:10 **Nigel Purvis:**

The Impact of the U.S. Elections on Climate Policy

- Could President Obama deliver climate results in his second term? - or President Romney become a surprise climate champion?
- Will the switch from coal to gas and existing regulations keep U.S. emissions in check even if Romney wins?
- Will the United States lead or block a new global climate treaty?

10:40 **Kevin Kennedy:**

California in the lead – The role of states in U.S. climate policy

California is continuing its long leadership role in environmental policy in the U.S. by implementing a comprehensive climate program. California will be launching its cap-and-trade program in 2013.

What does California's approach mean for climate policy and for emissions in the U.S.? What role are other states playing on climate policy? What does California's plan to link its cap-and-trade program with Quebec's mean for emissions trading in the U.S. and Canada?

11:10 An exchange of views with the audience will be launched by comments from several discussants, including

Henrik Harboe, Chief climate negotiator for Norway, Ministry of the Environment

Arild Underdal, Professor, University of Oslo, and Director of the FME-centre CICEP
Strategic Challenges in International Climate and Energy Policy

Closing remarks by **Hæge Andenæs**, Director General, Head of Department for International Cooperation at the Ministry of the Environment

12:00 Lunch buffet