

Consultations for WDR2010 - Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change: World Bank and CSO Approaches

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Speakers: CHAIR: Phil Hay (Adviser, WB), Marianne Fay (Co-Director, World Development Report on Climate Change, WB), Harold Alderman (Adviser, WB), Douglas Brown (Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, World Vision), Byrd Dorrett (Director, Program Quality Support Department, Catholic Relief Services), Walter Grazer (National Religious Partnership for the Environment).

This session will start with an overview of the challenges ahead to reduce the magnitude of climate change as well as its impact, with the discussion based on findings from the draft World Development Report on climate change. The relationship between climate change, weather shocks and nutrition in developing countries will then be discussed. Thereafter, two civil society organizations (CARE and Catholic Relief Services) will discuss their programs to help the poor cope with shocks related to climate change. The last presentation will focus on the role to be played by civil society organizations in advocating for policies in developing countries to reduce the risk of climate change and help fund programs in developing countries to deal with the impact of climate change.