

Report on the Special Event
“Climate Change Negotiations: Road to Copenhagen
Tuesday, 13 October 2009

During the special event organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the panelists provided different perspectives on the best way forward to address the climate change challenge at Copenhagen and beyond. The panelists presented interesting discussions on key elements for agreement at Copenhagen, including mitigation, adaptation, technology and finance. There were also questions by delegates concerning issues to be discussed at the summit in December.

The discussion was moderated by the Chairperson of the Second Committee, H.E. Mr. Park In-

of real success in Copenhagen. With these words the Chairperson gave the floor to Dr. Orr.

Dr. Orr referred to the achievement made at the September General-Assembly summit in New York, saying that the quality of engagement of the world leaders was felt during the summit and there is hope that their gathering will accelerate the pace of negotiations in advance of the UN climate change conference in Copenhagen. Such achievements include the Japanese Prime Minister's announcement of creating a carbon market to cut its greenhouse gas emissions and the readiness of China to do more as promised by the Chinese President as well as the readiness of the EU to do more. It shows that leaders of the world are engaged internationally and domestically. However, he also pointed out that there is still a lot of work to be done between now and Copenhagen and the pace of negotiations is not commensurate with need.

He also talked about the recent Bangkok climate change discussions, stating that the question of a single or two-track instrument was discussed. He stated that it is an issue of substance and not only form and that the Kyoto Protocol and LCA need to be brought together. He also underlined the need to get to the specifics of financing and not only to have general commitments.

Dr. Orr also talked about a very high level

He argued that there should be creation of a strong regime for measurement and review of what countries are doing and a registry