On the Road to Copenhagen…

Policy Challenges of Global Climate Negotiations

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This talk will focus on the most contentious issues under negotiation in the lead-up to Copenhagen – including financing and technology transfer to developing countries – and the various proposals on the table to address them. It will examine these in the context of the need for a fundamental transformation of energy systems in both developed and developing countries.

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