



The Commission held its first meeting outside of Stockholm on 14-15 February, and agreed on the main themes of its work and its report.

Gunilla Carlsson, Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation and Commission Chair, had asked her fellow commissioners to focus on only a few crucial issues, ones that were not getting enough attention in international deliberations.

The Commission chose to focus on

- The human dimension of adaptation to climate change, including issues such as risk transfer techniques and insurance, food security, ecosystem services and rights, including rights to information and self determination
- The need to mobilize resources, especially resources promised but not provided, making sense of the proliferation of funds, sorting out which institutions fund what and involving business
- The international institutional architecture, seeking order out of the current institutional anarchy and connecting the agendas of aid agencies/development ministries, disaster/relief organizations, environment ministries, UN agencies and the multilateral banks, while also linking international, national and local efforts.

These topics will be addressed within the context the links among adaptation and mitigation, poverty reduction plans and Millennium Development Goals, addressing also the gap in trust between North and South.

The Commission meeting followed a meeting of experts, who then presented to the commissioners papers on issues such as present international climate change policy, incentives and constraints, disaster risk reduction, risk transfer, Drylands, cities, social protection, ecosystems and finance.