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Copenhagen was a setback for attempts to limit greenhouse gas emissions and a failure for EU foreign & climate policy. Three months before Cancun is a good time to consider what innovative contributions the European Union can make ahead of Cancun. One key to success lies in reviewing the way climate change is addressed by the development community. Abrupt climate change, with its increase in flooding, droughts, severe storms and food shortages, is doing direct damage to developing countries at the very moment when they need practical fast action rather than more rhetoric. There are a number of new ideas that can make a difference in the immediate future if only the EU has the intellectual clarity, courage, and leadership to inject them into the political debate now.

16:45-17:00  Registration

17:00  Welcome by Wouter VEENING, President, IES

17:05-17:45  Environment & Development: A New Approach Ahead of Cancun

Tom SPENCER, Vice Chairman, Institute for Environmental Security
Why Abrupt Climate Change matters for development policy. Beyond CO2: Fast Action on Black Carbon, the Montreal Protocol, bio-sequestration, etc.

Panel discussion
- Jo LEINEN, MEP (S&D), Chairman, EP Environment Committee
- Tony LONG, Director, European Policy Office, WWF

17:45-18:15  Development: the Security Dimension

Air Marshal AK SINGH (Ret), Director, Environment & the Armed Forces Project, Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi / Chairman, IES Military Advisory Council
Development & Security in South Asia. The message from the global military to Cancun.

Panel discussion
- Michael STOPFORD, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Strategic Communication Services, NATO
- Edward ROBINSON, Office of Nirj Diva, MEP
- Rafael JIMENEZ-AYBAR, Secretary-General, GLOBE EU

18:15-18:30  Debate & Conclusions

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