



# Briefing Notice

## Urban Climate Adaptation: A Discussion with Head of International Adaptation Network

Friday, September 18, 2015  
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
441 Cannon House Office Building

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a staff-only discussion on urban climate adaptation, featuring **Dr. Debra Roberts, head of the Durban Climate Adaptation Charter (DAC) secretariat.**

The DAC network, established at COP-17, includes more than 1,000 local governments, in more than 45 countries, which advance urban climate adaptation, share information and best practices, and collaborate on joint initiatives.

Dr. Roberts will be a representative of the Group of 77 (G77) at the COP-21 climate negotiations taking place this December in Paris. The G77, which has grown to include 134 developing countries, is chaired this year by South Africa, Dr. Roberts's home country. She is also a key participant in the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities program and in the CityLinks initiative funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and administered by the International City/County Management Association.

The briefing will include discussions on:

- The impacts of climate change and extreme weather events on cities and their residents – and on the capacities of city governments to provide services to residents across all sectors in the face of these impacts.
- Policies that can help cities better anticipate those impacts and prepare and respond effectively to them, including identified best practices for urban climate adaptation.
- International initiatives – including the work of the Durban Adaptation Charter network and the upcoming Paris climate negotiations – to advance planning and programs that protect cities and their residents from the adverse impacts of climate change and extreme weather events.

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