



Briefing Notice

Update from the Marrakech Climate Change Summit

Monday, December 12, 2016

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Room G11 Dirksen Senate Office Building

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) invites you to a briefing discussing the outcomes of the recently concluded international climate change summit (COP22) in Marrakech, Morocco. The summit drew representatives from more than 190 countries to discuss the implementation of the historic Paris Climate Agreement, making it a vital discussion that will impact everything from global commerce and foreign relations to electricity generation and agriculture.

The speaker for this forum is:

- **Christo Artusio**, Director, Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State

Countries ratified the Paris Agreement at a rate unprecedented for an international treaty of such magnitude, allowing it to enter into force on November 4. Over 110 nations accounting for nearly 80 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions have joined the growing coalition that has already ratified the agreement and are working to limit manmade climate change. The United States remains a key leader in advancing climate solutions on the international stage. During COP22, it announced a cross-cutting domestic plan for meeting its obligations under the Paris Agreement. The presentation will delve into core components of America's long-term climate strategy, how the proceedings at COP22 may influence that strategy, and the important ongoing partnerships between the United States and other nations to pursue climate-related goals.

At the Department of State since 2001, Christo Artusio currently leads its Office of Global Change. He is an expert in international climate diplomacy and the United States' role in climate treaty negotiations. The Office of Global Change focuses on addressing a variety of international climate change issues by pursuing collaborative solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions both domestically and internationally. The Office operates under the guidance of the Special Envoy for Climate Change Jonathan Pershing.

This event is free and open to the public.

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