

First Session of the Brian Williams Memorial Lecture on Sustainable Urban Transport and Energy Policy

PROGRAMME

Date: Tuesday 3 May 2011
Time: 5.15 – 7 pm
Venue: Columbia University/New York City, Avery Hall/Room 114,
(access to the campus at 116th Street /Broadway)

Introduction and Opening Remarks

*Mr. Christian Schlosser,
Chief, Urban Transport Section, UN-Habitat*

Keynote Lecture

Mr. Elliott Sclar,
Director, Centre for Sustainable Urban Development,
the Earth Institute, Columbia University/New York

*Perspectives on Achieving Progress towards Sustainable
Urban Transport and Energy - Experiences from the Past
and Perspectives for upcoming global Dialogues*

Question and Answer Session

*Following the Lecture there will be a reception
to which participants are cordially invited*

Background to the Event

In the context of the 19th Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, UN-Habitat establishes the annual *Brian Williams Memorial Lecture on Sustainable Urban Transport and Energy Policy* in commemoration of long-time staff member Mr. Brian Williams, who passed away on 3 October 2009.

The inaugural session will be held on 3 May 2011 at 5.15pm at Columbia University in New York City (Room 114, Avery Hall, enter the campus at 116th Street and Broadway or Amsterdam Ave).

A pioneer in his field, Brian Williams headed UN-Habitat's activities in Urban Transport and Energy Policy for many years. Until his untimely death, he promoted sustainable urban transport, energy efficiency in buildings and renewable energy projects in urban settings in developing countries at a time when these topics were only popular among experts in the development field and innovative cities in developed countries.

To honor his legacy within the organisation and beyond, UN-Habitat has established an annual lecture series, which will be implemented in conjunction with major events such as UN-Habitat Governing Council, the World Urban Forum or other international congregations to enable a large number of participants from the urban transport and urban energy community to attend. UN-Habitat will nominate renowned international experts in the field as keynote speakers for the lecture series.

The first lecture will be performed by Mr. Elliott Sclar, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Urban Development, the Earth Institute at Columbia University/New York. Mr. Sclar is recognized globally as an expert in sustainable urban transport and was also Brian's University Professor at Columbia University.

Further information on the lecture can be obtained from UN-Habitat by e-mail christian.schlosser@unhabitat.org or by phone (+254-20-762-5043) or locally in New York from the Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Earth Institute at Columbia University (phone: +1-212 854-1897).