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The Green Race to Durban and Beyond

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- A debate on comparability, competitiveness and compatibility of climate actions around the world -

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DRAFT AGENDA

10.30-11.00 **Introduction** - **Rebecca Harms**, Co-President of the Greens/EFA group & **Kumi Naidoo**, Executive Director of Greenpeace International

11.00-13.00

I. Speeding up the climate effort (comparability) (2h)

1. *Stabilising the Earth's Climate - the Scientific Dimension*

Rajendra Kumar Pachauri Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

2. *Europe and China: who is faster in implementing climate change policies?*

Dr. Niklas Höhne - Director of Energy and Climate Policy at Ecofys - Climate action Tracker

Moderator **Leigh Phillips** - journalist - EU Observer Special guests

- **Samantha Smith** - Leader of the Global Climate & Energy Initiative WWF- Norway
- **Alfredo Sirkis** - Member of the Parliament, Brazil - Chairman of the Congress Sub-commission

for the Rio + 20 Conference and member of the Foreign Affairs and National Defence Commission.

- **Folker Franz** - Industrial Affairs Director Business Europe
- **Bas Eickhout** - MEP

13.00-15.00 *Lunch with guests* (on invitation only) (2h)

15.00-16.45

II. Embracing the 'Green race' (competition) (1h45)

1. *Greening the global energy supply: which countries are the most attractive for investment in renewable generation?*

Phil Dominy - Senior Executive - Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index **Ernst & Young**

2. *What type of Green economy is needed to respond to global competition and financial crises?*

Professor Jim Watson - Director, Sussex Energy Group; Research Fellow, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. University of Sussex. Brighton

Moderator - **Joshua Chaffin** - journalist - Financial Times Special guests

- **Dr. Lawrence Jones**, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Policy & Industry Relations, Alstom Grid
- **Christopher Burghardt** - Vice President Government Affairs EMEA, First Solar inc.
- **Sharan Burrow** - General Secretary - International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- **Yannick Jadot** - MEP

16.45-18.30

III. From competition to partnership (compatibility) (1h45)

1. *EU expectations for Durban*

Connie Hedegaard, EU Climate Commissioner

2. *Low carbon regimes. European strategies and global partners.*

Claus Leggewie from WBGU (German Advisory Council on Climate Change)

Moderator **Fiona Harvey**- journalist - Guardian Special guests

- **Kumi Naidoo**, Executive Director of Greenpeace International
- **Vicente Yu**- Programme Coordinator of the Global Governance for Development Programme of South Center
- **Jennifer Morgan** - Director, Climate and Energy Program, World Resources Institute
- **Satu Hassi** - MEP

18.30 Conclusions - **Christiana Figueres** - Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC and **Rebecca Harms**, Greens/EFA Co-President

18.30-20.00 **Opening of the photography exhibition 'What would you save in a flood'**
(Altiero Spinelli Building G1/ balcony) and drinks with all participants

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