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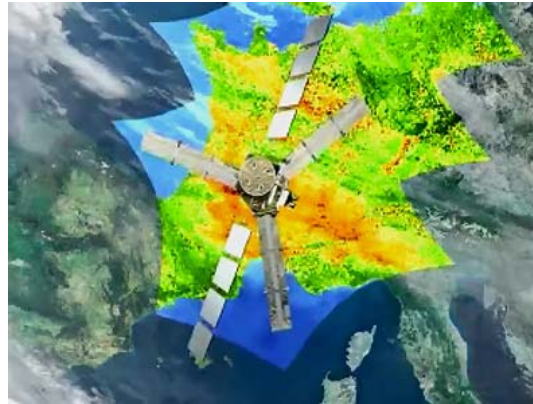
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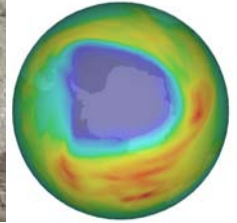
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Background

2009 is a crucial year in the international effort to address climate change, with various meetings organised by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) taking place throughout the year, culminating in the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 15) in December in Copenhagen. In this context of the UN Climate Change Conference taking ground-breaking steps towards an effective international response to climate change, satellite applications' potential as instruments for dealing with climate change have to be highlighted before, during and after the COP 15.

Coinciding with this year's EISC Annual Conference (XI. EISC) where Parliamentarians involved in space matters come together to discuss global challenges, this joint PSC-ESPI Event aims at exploring new ways for dealing with climate change and at showing new perspectives for the use of satellite applications in this context. It will raise awareness of opportunities around the UN Copenhagen Climate Change conference for using satellite applications to achieve international climate change objectives, thereby putting both UK and European attempts into the context of the international ambitions.



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14:30-14:45 Welcome and Introduction by the Co-Chairs

Ian Taylor, MP, Chairman of PSC
Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Schrogl, Director, ESPI

14:45-16:00: Dimensions of Dealing with Climate Change

ESA's Climate Change Activities

Mark Doherty
Head of the Exploitation and Services Division,
ESA, Earth Observation Directorate

Space and Climate Change in the United Nations

Prof. Dr. Mazlan Othman
Director of the United Nations Office
for Outer Space Affairs

Using Space in Support of Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

Prof. Shaun Quegan
The National Centre for Earth Observation
and the University of Sheffield

International Regulatory Aspects of Space and Climate Change

Prof. Dr. Lesley Jane Smith
Solicitor & Partner, Weber-Steinhaus &
Smith; Professor of Law,
Leuphana University, Lüneburg

16:00-17:00 Panel Discussion and Dialogue with the Audience

with the Co-Chairs as moderators



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