



*Invitation to an informal evening reception during the*



## Governance of Geoengineering: What is it? Why is it important?

*The Carnegie Climate Geoengineering Governance initiative (C2G2) welcomes you to an informal drinks reception to learn about the latest thinking on governance of geoengineering.*

### **Date, time and location:**

**18:30 – 20:30 on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**

Cassia Junior Ballroom, Marina Bay Sands Hotel

### **Why do we need to talk about the governance of geoengineering?**

Three years after the Paris Agreement on climate change, recognition is growing that without a rapid acceleration in action, limiting global average temperature rise to 1.5-2°C might not be achieved through emissions reductions or existing carbon removal practices alone. Scientists are exploring the potential for additional use of large-scale Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) and Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) to limit climate impacts. Limited rules and guidelines exist to govern how geoengineering technologies might be researched, tested or used and substantial knowledge gaps exist around the risks or potential benefits they pose.

**A global conversation is now urgently needed about strengthening governance of geoengineering technologies before they are further developed or deployed.**

### **Why now?**

The recent IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C global warming mentions the need for strengthening governance of these technologies. A draft resolution recently has been submitted for consideration by the 4<sup>th</sup> UN Environment Assembly on the topic of geoengineering governance. This is therefore a timely moment for Member States and Observers to learn more and engage in this important discussion.

### **Speakers include:**

- **H.E. Enele Sopoaga**, Prime Minister, Tuvalu
- **H.E Siim Kiisler**, Minister of Environment of Estonia and President of the 4th UN Environment Assembly
- **Dr. Dechen Tsering**, Regional Director and Representative, UN Environment Programme, Asia and the Pacific
- **Ms. Neth Daño**, Co-Executive Director, ETC Group
- **Mr. Janos Pasztor**, Executive Director, C2G2

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