

T.C. Chan Center to Host the United Nations Environment Programme - Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative's 2011 Fall Symposium

International Building Industry Leaders to Promote Policies and Practices for Sustainability



The T.C. Chan Center for Building Simulation and Energy Studies will host the United Nations Environment Programme-Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative (UNEP-SBCI) Fall Symposium, taking place on October 27th and 28th, 2011, at the University of Pennsylvania. Designed to promote sustainable and green building practices around the world, the two-day symposium will focus on "Promoting Policies and Practices for Sustainability."

This week's high-profile UNEP-SBCI event will bring leading experts from around the world to discuss and encourage implementing tools, technology and policies to create sustainable building practices on local and global scales. Esteemed speakers and panelists will include international leaders from multinational companies, research institutes, governments and non-profit organizations from countries such as Japan, Jordan, Portugal, Brazil, Canada and the U.S.

UNEP-SBCI event speakers and panelists include:

- Mayor Michael Nutter of Philadelphia
- David Miller, Former Chair of C40 & Former Mayor of the City of Toronto
- Michelle Moore, Federal Environment Executive, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President
- Roger Platt, U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)
- Marcus Lee, Urban Development -- Cities and Climate Change Finance, Economics and Urban Development -- The World Bank
- HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, President of El Hassan Science City and the Royal Scientific Society, Jordan
- Mohammad Asfour, Chairman, Jordan Green Building Council
- Carol Eicher, Business Group Vice President, Dow Building and Construction
- Arab Hoballah, Chief, Sustainable Consumption and Production at UNEP
- Dr. Ali Malkawi, Founder and Director of the T.C. Chan Center

"The T.C. Chan Center is honored to host the UNEP-SBCI Fall Symposium, as this international event shares our commitment to creating healthier, productive and energy efficient strategies that will lead to high performance buildings and sustainable environments," said Dr. Ali Malkawi. "The T. C. Chan Center develops new knowledge, tools, processes, techniques and offers continuing education for professionals involved in building energy and technology. We have delivered our research and consulting services to help regions as far as Qatar and as close to home as Philadelphia, and look forward to sharing our knowledge and recommendations at the symposium."

Three technical sessions will also be held during this year's symposium covering:

- Measuring and Reporting Progress in Sustainable Buildings;
- Strategies for Improving Building Performance; and,
- Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Buildings and Communities.

This symposium and the content generated will feed into the upcoming UNFCCC COP-17 and the UN Commission on Sustainable Development's RIO+20 conference. The event will stream live via the T.C. Chan Center Web site, with access available through the following link: www.tchancenter.com/unep-sbc/ . Select presentations will also be available for download following the symposium.