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Joint moves forward on global warming

German and British Ministers pledge climate action

London Conference - Thursday 11 and Friday 12 October

Featuring: The Sustainability Debate on Thursday 11 October

Main conference venue: One Great George Street, Westminster

The British and German Environment Ministers have pledged joint action to counter climate change ahead of an international gathering in London on 11 and 12 October to define future policies on energy security and environmental protection.

“Tackling climate change is the defining challenge of our generation,” says UK Environment Secretary **Hilary Benn** in the programme for the German-British Forum’s 12th annual conference *Solutions for Sustainability: Striking the Energy and Environmental Balance for 2012*.

Sigmar Gabriel, German Environment Minister, says, “Britain and Germany are elaborating climate protection programmes that are unique in the history of our countries.”

The conference is organised in partnership with the German-British Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Centre for European Reform, British Chamber of Commerce in Germany and the German Embassy.

The conference and associated workshops feature 50 speakers including **Guy Bousquet**, Director for Sustainable Development at France’s AREVA; **Jonathan Brearley**, Director of the Office of Climate Change, UK Department for Environment, **Nick Butler**, Director of the Centre for Energy Security & Sustainable Development at Cambridge University; **Dr. Paul Golby**, Chief Executive, E.ON UK; **Chris Huhne MP**, UK Liberal Democrat Shadow Environment Secretary; **Prof. Edward Krubasik**, President of European Engineering Industries Association Orgalime; **Matthias Machnig**, State Secretary at the German Environment Ministry; **Dr. Alfred Tacke**, Chairman of German energy company Evonik Steag; **Nicholas Teller**, Board Member at Commerzbank.

Registration and media accreditation: contact Evelyn Mensah at German-British Chamber of Industry and Commerce e.mensah@ahk-london.co.uk. For full details see www.gbf.com. Please note four special business workshops on 11 October.

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