that target short- or long-term emissions reductions; biofuels and competition for land use; and the potential of biogas in India at the household level, but limitations at larger scales.

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Shaping post-2012: linking systems, targets and strategies, and encouraging less-developed mitigation and adaptation sectors

Presented by BCSE

Lisa Jacobson, Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), highlighted the importance of: concluding negotiations on a global climate agreement; a legally binding post-2012 international framework; and mechanisms to ensure a stable long-term market for low carbon technology development.

Jeff Moe, Trane, US, noted that while the building sector is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions, green building is a significant and cost-effective mitigation source.

Steve Sawyer, Global Wind Energy Council, stressed that the CDM is key for the wind industry and should be expanded and strengthened, highlighting supporting evidence from China.

Robert Tippman, EcoSecurities, summarized emissions reduction targets across various countries, as well as approaches to meeting those targets.

Siobhan O'Keeffe, EcoSecurities, highlighted the benefits of linking together various emissions trading schemes, including market expansion and increased market liquidity. She identified key design features to consider when linking schemes, including: the level of caps; monitoring, verification and reporting standards; and allowance allocation methods.

Colin Moore, EcoSecurities, discussed the un-tapped mitigation and carbon credit generation potential in the agriculture, forestry and rural energy sectors, and provided examples of CDM projects in these sectors that also resulted in co-benefits for biodiversity and health.

Alejandro Kilpatrick, The Global Mechanism, introduced a proposed joint initiative with the FAO that promotes mitigation and adaptation activities in the agricultural, forestry, and other land-use sectors. He said the initiative would target rural farmers and engage the private sector in order to help developing country actors to access financial and technical assistance, and facilitate matching potential investors with rural needs and interests.

Participants discussed: carbon price incentives for clean building development; governmental promotion of clean energy development; linking sub-sovereign emissions trading schemes; private bilateral contracts; and voluntary markets.

Jeff Moe, Trane, US, stressed that an international treaty needs to include clear policy signals, and that governments should adopt policies that drive green building as a significant source of greenhouse gas mitigation.

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Women in the forest – no fairy tale

Presented by Life e.V.

Isolde Alber, Artist, shared the story of Amrita Devi and Bishnoi martyrs, who, in 1730, sacrificed their lives to protect forests in Jodhpur, India.

Racheal Nampinga, Ecowatch Africa, described how women's initiatives have helped protect forests and generate diversified income sources through: the introduction of indigenous species and nurseries; ecotourism promotion; reduced fuel use for cooking; and fish farming.

Ana Filippini, World Rainforest Movement, explained how the introduction of monocultural forests has led to the eviction of indigenous peoples from their land worldwide, and how women in Brazil are protesting to recover their land from private companies.

Anna Pinto, Centre for Organisation Research and Education, argued that "we have the development paradigm backwards" and that instead of enlarging options, we are reducing them to suit market needs. She outlined how some CDM projects are negatively impacting women and forests.

Simone Lovera, Global Forest Coalition, cautioned against proposals to reduce emissions from deforestation (REDD) in developing countries. She noted that women are the losers of market systems as they least contribute to deforestation but do not reap the benefits of averting it and lack marketing and language skills.

Gotelind Alber, Genanet, stressed that women's participation is essential to forest conservation and that market-based approaches are harmful.

Participants discussed land ownership rights and the need to broaden the scope of views acknowledged in the climate negotiations to encompass women's knowledge and contexts.

Anna Pinto, Centre for Organisation Research and Education, stressed the need to recognize that women and men experience deforestation differently and that co-existence with forests is not equivalent to forest management

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US Action: carbon markets and policy

Presented by the BCSE

Lisa Jacobson, Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), emphasized that parties in Bali should agree to launch a new negotiating round on a post-2012 framework and conclude these negotiations by 2009.

Irving Mintzer, MEG LLC, described US state and regional initiatives to address climate change, stressing that US states are looking to the Bali process to sustain momentum in mitigating climate change and investing in clean technologies.

Angela Beehler, Wal-Mart, highlighted Wal-Mart's long-term aspiration to be entirely supplied by renewable energy.

Lisa Beal, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), explained that INGAA's modeling of likely impacts of federal climate-related proposals shows that offsets will be critical to their non-disruptive implementation.

David Schnaars, Solar Turbines, argued that increasing energy efficiency is a natural and powerful first step to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and can be implemented using available technologies.

Kenneth Mentzer, North American Insulation Manufacturers Association, stressed the need for awareness raising and financial incentives to overcome resistance to energy efficiency, particularly in the building sector.

Aimee Barnes, EcoSecurities, and Anna Lehmann, 3C Group, highlighted concerns regarding quality and standards in the US voluntary carbon market, which could impact the inclusion of offsets in a future compliance market.

Participants discussed Wal-mart's responsibility to influence consumer behavior and linking voluntary and compliance carbon markets.

Angela Beehler, Wal-Mart, announced that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works passed the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act on 5 December 2007

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