



FEEM and AVSI workshop on

## “HOW DOES CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECT OUR LIVES?”

*A meeting aimed at focusing on the impacts of climate change on the most vulnerable people, especially in developing countries. In the framework of the lessons learned from a project funded by the European Commission in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, in connection with the Agenda for Sustainable Development. With the participation of Columbia University and Haitian Authorities.*

**Milan, Thursday, April 17, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.**

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**How much do we really know about climate change? How does it affect people's lives, especially those of the poorest? What effects can it have on the most vulnerable areas of the planet? Do specific behaviours and strategies exist to reduce or “mitigate” this phenomenon and its effects? How can we coexist with them? What are its impacts on agriculture and local economies?**

Currently, these issues have a particular importance also in connection with the definition of the post-2015 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations and its Members, focused on 3 pillars – social, environmental and economic – which will involve all countries, according to a global approach.

The meeting will focus on the following main points:

- An overview on climate change, projections, causes, effects and life changes due to the situation, by prof. Carlo **Carraro** - FEEM
- Energy poverty and sustainable development, by Massimo **Tavoni** - FEEM
- The experience of a project in Haiti and in the Dominican Republic which has triggered some levers to mitigate the effects of environmental disasters. By Melika **Edquist** - Columbia University, highlighting in particular the linkage between migration and environmental conditions
- “Pic Makaya National Park” and environmental challenges, by agr. Denis **Caton** - Park Director
- European cooperation policies for poverty reduction and sustainable development, by Laura **Giappichelli** - Policy Officer Global Climate Change Alliance
- Suggestions from Dominican experience: OBMICA

The event will be an extraordinary opportunity for the protagonists of the project in Haiti and Dominican Republic (Ministry of Environment and related Agencies) to get in contact with FEEM and Columbia University, which could bring an added value to action plans in the two countries. Besides, the venue is the same as the Representation of the European Commission in Italy, to underline the connections and the cooperation among all the different actors.

The event has also an international relevance: it fits in the process for establishing the post-2015 Agenda; climate change and environment are becoming increasingly important issues in the policies of the major world donor, the European Union; in view of the Italian Presidency at the EU and the upcoming international events in Italy (ICN2 on agriculture and nutrition, EXPO 2015).

The meeting is organized by AVSI and Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, in partnership with the European Union and GVC, OBMICA.

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**Interventions by:** FEEM; Columbia University; Pic Macaya National Park – Haiti; European Commission; GVC, OBMICA; AVSI.

**Working languages:** English, French, Italian. Simultaneous translation available. **Duration:** 2 hour interventions + 1 hour of debate.