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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to inform you that the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs at the American University of Beirut and the League of Independent Activists (IndyACT) are co-hosting a two-day regional climate policy workshop from **14-15 October 2008** at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon, in collaboration with the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Based on your valuable experience and involvement in climate change-related issues, we kindly invite you to come participate in this workshop.

Entitled "Post-2012 Climate Change Policy in the Arab World," the main objective of this workshop is to build the capacity of Arab climate change stakeholders to effectively engage in the post-2012 negotiation process and produce regional climate policy recommendations that will be submitted for consideration at the Arab League's extraordinary summit that will address climate change this January in Kuwait. It is our view that such a workshop is long overdue, considering the lack of active engagement of the Arab world in the current global negotiations for a post-2012 treaty, the potential for climate policy to facilitate key investments in the region, and the vulnerability of Arab states to climate change impacts.

The workshop will be attended by climate change experts, economists, scientists, civil society activists, governmental representatives, policy consultants and negotiators. We hope we can count on your active participation in this workshop, which would be of real substantive value to effectively inform the Arab world's policy position. In order to ensure that all logistical arrangements are in place before the workshop date, we would greatly appreciate if you would confirm your participation by filling out the attached registration form and returning it by no later than **10 September** via email (climate@indyact.org) or fax (+961-1-447192).

Please feel free to email us at climate@indyact.org or call us at +961-1-447192, should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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