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Attachments: 2015.12.15 Summary of Paris Climate Change Conference by IISD.pdf

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Dear Friends of the Ethics and Ecological Economics Forum,

The theme of the First EEE Forum of 2016 is “After the Paris Climate Change Conference, What Lies Ahead?” We will meet on **Monday, January 11th**, from 2:00 to 4:15pm. Space has been requested at the Iliff School of Theology. **I will confirm location details next week.**

Our time together will be split roughly in half around two related topics. In the first hour, we will review and discuss highlights of the Paris Conference and implications for the future. Following the basic design of the Conference structure, we will consider goals, principles and procedures generated for both the near-term (2016-2020) and the post-2020 period. After a brief break, we will step back and reflect upon a number of competing narratives that are in play concerning “What Lies Ahead?”

In preparation for our first hour on the 11th, I’ve attached a 50-page Summary of the Paris Conference, prepared by the International Institute of Sustainable Development. Nearly all of this document is descriptive, including the Agreement itself (pp. 3-24) and highlights from individual sessions leading up to the Agreement. I especially recommend reading the first three pages of the Summary, which includes “A Brief History of the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol,” and “A Brief Analysis of the Paris Climate Change Conference “ (pp. 44-47).

During the second hour, we’ll examine some commentaries about the Paris Conference from other sources as well as other narratives to address climate change that operate *outside of* the “best efforts” framework among nations of the Paris Agreement. Some examples: William Nordhaus’ “climate club” concept; and greater business-oriented leadership. If you wish, please forward notable examples of other commentaries on the Paris conference—or other competing narratives--to me and/or briefly share on the 11th.

As time permits, we’ll also highlight future EEE Forum themes in the months ahead.

As always, your RSVP is requested but not required. Feel free to forward this invitation to others who may be interested.

I look forward to a vigorous discussion regarding the outcome of the Paris negotiations and future opportunities (and obstacles) to addressing climate change.

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P.S. Thanks to Dr. Paul Belanger, this information, plus archived Forum meetings and associated attachments, are available on the EEE web page at http://denverclimategroup.com/?page_id=683.