

## INVITATION

The Centre for Social Markets and Kolkata Municipal Corporation invite you to an audience with **Sir David King, Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government** on Thursday 22nd November. This is a rare opportunity to hear from Sir David who is internationally renowned for his leadership on climate change. The talk will be hosted by the **Mayor of Kolkata**, Shri Bikash Bhattacharya, and Sir David will speak on the theme of:

# Sustainability: challenges for the 21st century

Thursday, 22 November 2007 • 4:00pm - 5:00pm

KMC Conference Hall :  
5, S. N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata-700013, India

**RSVP: By 6:00pm Wednesday, 21 November 2007.**

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Sir David was appointed Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) to HM Government and Head of the Office of Science and Technology on 1 October 2000. The Office of Science and Technology became The Office of Science and Innovation following a merger with DTI's Innovation Group on 3 April 2006. Prior to this appointment, he was head of the Department of Chemistry and Master of Downing College, University of Cambridge. He is a Fellow of Queens' College, University of Cambridge. He continues as Director of Research, at the University of Cambridge.

He advises the Prime Minister directly on scientific issues and in 2001 chaired the Foot and Mouth Disease Science Panel and in 2003 the GM Science Review Panel. He chairs a number of other committees including: the; Chief Scientific Adviser's Committee (CSAC); the Global Science and Innovation Forum (GSIF); and co-chairs the Energy Research Partnership (ERP) and the Council for Science and Technology. He was heavily involved in producing the UK's ten-year Science and Innovation Framework, 2004-2014. He runs the Government's Foresight Programme.

He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1991, Foreign Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2002 and a Knight Bachelor in 2003. He was made an Honorary Life Fellow of The Royal Society of Arts, 2006.

Sir David has received a number of awards including: Royal Society of Chemistry, Medal and Award for Colloid and Surface Chemistry, 1978 (UK); Royal Society of Chemistry, Tilden Lecturer, 1988/89 (UK); British Vacuum Council, Medal and Award for research, 1991; Procter and Gamble 1990 Lecturer (U.S.A.); Texas A&M New Frontiers Lecturer, 1993 (U.S.A.); Dupont Distinguished Lecturer, Indiana, 1993 (U.S.A.); Dow Chemicals Canada Lecturer, 1994 (U.S.A.); Visiting Miller Research Professorship, Berkeley, 1996 (U.S.A.); Liversidge Medal and Lecturer, Royal Society of Chemistry, 1997-8 (UK); South African Institute of Chemistry Catalysis Award, 1999-2000; Schuit Prize and Lecture, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 2000 and The Royal Society Rumford Medal and Prize, 2002. After reading Chemistry at the Witwatersrand University in 1960, Sir David went on to receive his Ph.D. at the same University in 1964. He was awarded a Sc.D. at the University of East Anglia in 1974 and a Sc.D. at the University of Cambridge in 1999. Sir David holds Honorary Degrees from 14 British, European, Australian and South African Universities and is honorary Professor at Qingdao University, China.

Previous academic appointments include: Teaching Assistant, University of Witwatersrand from 1961 to 1962; Shell Postgraduate Scholar, Imperial College, London from 1963- 1966; Lecturer in Chemical Physics, University of East Anglia from 1966 - 1974; Professor of Physical Chemistry, University of Liverpool from 1974 - 1988; and 1920 Professor of Physical Chemistry from 1988-2005, University of Cambridge, from 1988 - present. He has undertaken a number of consultancies for both national and international organisations.

Between 1967 and 2006 Sir David has given over 250 invited lectures at international conferences, symposia, workshops and summer schools on his research. He has published over 450 papers in scientific journals, including twenty in the past year. As Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government, he has given over 300 lectures related to science in government. These include venues throughout the EU, Australia, USA, Japan, China, Russia, Korea, South Africa, India, Brazil, Canada and Singapore. In 2002 he delivered the Ninth Zuckerman Lecture, on "The Science of Climate Change: Adapt, Mitigate or Ignore?", at The Royal Society. He delivered subsequently the Greenpeace Business Lecture, 2004 and the Magna Carta Lecture to the Australian Parliament, 2005. He published "The Scientific Impact of Nations" in *Nature* 430, 311 (2004) and "Climate Change: the science and the policy" in *Journal of Applied Ecology* 42, 779-783 (2005). Contributed to a chapter on 'Climate-change Policy' Edited by Dieter Helm and published by Oxford University Press (2005).