



## **Independent Diplomat Communiqué 20 April 2009**

### **Climate Change**

ID's UN Representative, **Dean Bialek**, joined the delegation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in Bonn this month for the first of a series of preliminary meetings leading up to the negotiation and possible adoption of a successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol under the UN Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen this December.

Due to global warming, small island states are increasingly threatened by sea-level rise, coastal erosion, and more frequent and severe natural disasters in tropical zones. Many will be threatened existentially in coming decades. Moreover, small island state delegations to crucial climate change talks are disadvantaged by lack of human and financial capacity, technical expertise, and negotiating experience when compared with their wealthier counterparts. Subject to project funding, ID will continue to work with the Marshall Islands and other small island states on the inside of the negotiations, helping to level the playing field to secure a new agreement that makes deep cuts to greenhouse gas emissions and provides funding for small island states to protect their habitats and communities from the dangerous impacts of a warmer world.

### **ID Leadership**

We are pleased to announce five new members of ID's leadership:

- **Eva Nowotony**, president of the Austrian UNESCO Commission and former Austrian ambassador to the United States recently joined ID's advisory council.
- **Lukas Haynes**, vice president of the Mertz Gilmore Foundation and adjunct associate professor for global affairs and philanthropy at New York University joined ID's board of directors this winter.
- **Parag Khanna**, director of the Global Governance Initiative and senior research fellow in the American Strategy Program at the New America Foundation and author of *The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order* joined ID's board of directors this winter.
- **Jan Krukowski**, president of Jan Krukowski & Company is scheduled to join ID's board of directors in May 2009.
- **David Rieff**, writer and policy analyst whose books include *At the Point of a Gun: Democratic Dreams and Armed Intervention*; *A Bed for the Night: Humanitarianism in Crisis*; and *Slaughterhouse: Bosnia and the Failure of the West*, is scheduled to join the board of directors in May 2009.

### **New Office in New York**

ID is pleased to announce that our New York office has relocated to the heart of the energetic East Village, which is more conveniently located for the United Nations. Our phone number (+1 212-594-8295) and fax (+1 212-594-8430) will remain the same but our new address is as follows:

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