
Innovative Thinking towards Fair Natural Resources Sharing

Thursday 15th March 2012
9.15 – 16.30

Venue: The Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, large auditorium
Entrance: Rue Vautier 29, 1000 Brussels - Belgium

This conference plans to address one of the main themes of the up-coming UN CSD Rio+20 Summit: “Green Economy in the context of Sustainable Development and poverty eradication.”

Up to now the preparation debates have stressed the absolute importance of social equity and global justice as key concern in shaping a Green Economy worldwide but no concrete proposals were made so far for a fair share of the natural resources worldwide.

PROGRAMME

09:15-09:45 Registration of participants / Coffee & tea

09:45-10:00 Welcome Address
Opening Introduction - “On the way to Rio: where are we?”
by Ms. Leida Rijnhout, Executive Director of ANPED

10:00-10:15 Introduction by EESC Representative -
by Mr. Pedro Narro, Member of Sustainable Development Observatory

10:15-10:30 Introduction by EU Danish Presidency -
by Mr. Anders Rune Bjerrum, Special Advisor to the Minister on Rio+20

10:30-11:00 “Reversed Development Aid”
by Dr. Francine Mestrum, researcher and activist

11:00-11:30 “MDGs, SDGs: Towards a future international sustainable development framework?”
by Ms. Denise Auclair - CIDSE

11:30-11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45-12:15 “Millennium Consumption Goals”
by Thomas Brose – Climate Alliance

12:15-13:00 Panel debate: “Will Rio+20 pave the way for a more just world order?”
moderated by Ms. Laura Shields, Freelance Journalist
• OECD – Mr. Earnán O’Cleirigh, Development Assistance Committee
• Belgian Directorate General for Development (DGD) – Ms. Renata Vandeputte
• CONCORD - Sally Nicholson, WWF

13:00-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30-15:00 “Global management of Resource use”
by Mr. Joachim Spangenberg - EU Commission Resource Efficiency expert

15:00-15:30 “Quotas for resource use”
by Ms. Veronika Kiss – CEEweb

15:30-16:15 Panel debate: “Can we learn to live well while respecting the Earth’s ecological limits?”
moderated by Ms. Laura Shields, Freelance Journalist
• EU Commission DG Environment – Mr. Jakub Wejchert
• ETUC – Ms. Kirton-Darling Judith
• UNEP - Mr. Chris Vanden Bilcke, Head of Liaison Office to the EU
• EEB – Mr. Jeremy Wates, Executive Director

16:15-16:30 CONCLUSIONS,
by Ms. Leida Rijnhout
REGISTRATION

Although this is an open event, it is necessary to register for this meeting by completing and returning before 9th March 2012, the attached registration form by e-mail: (leonardo@anped.org).

HOSTS

ANPED, EEB, CIDSE, CEEweb, in partnership with EESC (European Economic and Social Committee)

PARTICIPANTS

This meeting, aimed at effectively advancing the sustainable development agenda, is intended to offer an opportunity for representatives from government, major groups (of non-governmental stakeholders as defined by Agenda 21), international organizations and experts to collaborate on concrete proposals and inspire new ways of thinking, which will lead to other, more sustainable, paths for development and well being for all.

OUTCOME

The conference results will be reflected in a Call to Action outcome document, to be presented in the 3rd UN CSD preparatory Intersessional meeting, which will take place from 26 to 27 March in the United Nations Headquarters, in New York. The document will make recommendations for specific programmes and actions for governments and civil society towards fair share of natural resources.

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