

Workshop 'Embedding the environment in the Post-2015 Agenda'

27-28 January 2014 – Berlin, Germany

Concept note and workshop programme

The workshop aims at strengthening the environmental dimension in the Post-2015 Agenda, thereby providing a platform for national and international experts, in particular representatives from civil society, to exchange perspectives on the environmental dimension in the Post-2015 Agenda, both learning about their interests and strategies as well as capacities and requirements.

Background: Judging by the international debate on the Post-MDG development agenda, the negotiations on sustainable development goals (SDG) as well as the aimed for integration of both processes thus far, the environmental dimension still needs to be strengthened in the Post-2015 Agenda. Although it will be crucial to take into account recent global developments such as threats due to consequences of climate change, the loss of biodiversity, increasing resource scarcity or soil degradation, these issues are not receiving as much attention as will be necessary to ensure their firm placement within the Post-2015 Agenda and one comprehensive set of goals and targets.

Objectives: The 2-day invitation-only event aims at providing a platform for up to 20 distinguished national and international experts, in particular representatives from civil society, to exchange various perspectives on this topic, both learning about their interests and strategies and discussing how the environment should be best embedded in the Post-2015 Agenda. It intends to support and shed light on the participants' respective national discussion processes against the background of recent and forthcoming meetings of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.

The January workshop wishes to initiate a series of activities and events in 2014/15 to develop a stronger voice for environmental concerns in the Post-2015 context, thereby launching an open discussion forum on issues such as:

- What are possible ways to integrate the development and the environment agenda, when formulating a Post-2015 vision, a set of concise goals and targets, a global partnership to mobilise means of implementation, and a participatory monitoring framework for tracking progress and mutual accountability mechanisms for all stakeholders?
- How can the environment be preserved, whilst reducing poverty and promoting economic and social development in the short term?
- How can the ecosystem be conserved, even as human livelihoods are sustained and improved in the long term?

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Programme (as of 17 January 2013)

Day 1, 27 January 2013	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration and coffee
Opening and welcoming	
<i>Session chair:</i> Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi	
09:00 - 09:30	<p>Opening and welcoming remarks: objectives of the workshop Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi</p> <p>Brief introduction: <i>tour de table</i> All participants</p>
Session I: Overview on the environmental dimension in the Post-2015 Agenda	
<i>Session chair:</i> Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi	
09:30 - 10:30	<p>The Post-2015 Agenda: status quo and upcoming milestones Dr. Marianne Beisheim, Senior Associate, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)</p> <p>Short Q&A</p> <p>Perspectives on the Post-2015 Agenda Stephan Contius, Head of Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety</p> <p>Discussion</p>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
Session II: Regional perspectives on the environmental dimension in the Post-2015 Agenda	
<i>Session chair:</i> Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi	

10:45 - 12:15	<p>Asia and the Post-2015 Agenda Tetet Lauron, IBON Foundation (tbc)</p> <p>Latin America and the Post-2015 Agenda Aron Belinky, GVces - Centro de Estudos em Sustentabilidade da Fundacao Getulio Vargas' Sao Paulo Business Management School (FGV-EAESP) (tbc)</p> <p>Africa and the Post-2015 Agenda Dorah Marema, GenderCC (tbc)</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is emerging consensus? - What are potential conflict lines? - How to deal with regional/national priorities/needs and CBDR-issues when aiming at universal goals?
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch break
Session III: Thematic issues well-addressed in international environmental governance	
<i>Session chair:</i> Dr. Marianne Beisheim, Senior Associate, SWP	
13:15 - 14:30	<p>Global governance of biological diversity and the Post-2015 Agenda Veronika Kiss, CEEweb for Biodiversity (tbc)</p> <p>Global governance of climate change and the Post-2015 Agenda Wael Hmaidan, Climate Action Network International / Beyond 2015 (tbc)</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to avoid overlaps and create synergies, e.g. as regards the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) or the UNFCCC? - What are options for including climate change and biodiversity in the post-2015 framework (from stand-alone goal to mainstreaming)? - How can a human-rights based approach be secured?
Session IV: Thematic issues <u>not</u> well-addressed in international environmental governance that could benefit from a Post-2015 Agenda	
<i>Session chair:</i> Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi	
14:30 - 15:45	<p>Planetary boundaries and the Post-2015 Agenda Dr. Imme Scholz, German Development Institute (DIE) (tbc)</p> <p>SDG and the urban dimension Manuel Rivera, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) (tbc)</p>

	<p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are concise goals and targets to fill the gaps in international SD/environmental governance? - Which planetary boundaries/global goods deserve a stand-alone goal or target? - How to integrate planetary boundaries in a cross-cutting way into the other goals? - Any further thematic issues that would have to be addressed specifically?
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee break
Session V: Thematic issues with conflicts and opportunities between environment and development	
<i>Session chair:</i> Dr. Marianne Beisheim, Senior Associate, SWP	
16:00 - 17:15	<p>Agriculture and the Post-2015 Agenda Alejandro Barrios Noya, People’s Coalition for Food Sovereignty (PCFS) / People’s Goals for Sustainable Development (tbc)</p> <p>Integrating development, nutrition, and the environment – lessons learned from water governance in the Wetlands Alliance Delia Paul, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) (tbc)</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are possible ways to deal with potential trade-offs, e.g. with regard to water-energy-food security risks? - How to best integrate these issues and respective targets in a way that enables the maximization of potential synergies and minimization of potential trade-offs?
Session VI: The environmental dimension in the Post-2015 Agenda and the role of the corporate sector	
<i>Session chair:</i> Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi	
17:15 - 18:30	<p>Corporate Sustainability and the Post-2015 Agenda Dr. Jürgen Janssen, Deutsches Global Compact Netzwerk (DGCN) (tbc)</p> <p>German Business and the Post-2015 Agenda Dr. Thomas Koenen, Econsense (Forum for Sustainable Development of German Business) (tbc)</p> <p>Business and the Post-2015 Agenda – a commentary</p>

	<p>Jens Martens, Global Policy Forum (GPF) Europe (tbc)</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are/should be priorities of the private sector? - How to engage business and investors towards SDG? - Are there synergies between the SDG and existing business initiatives, standards, and principles? - What is the role of the private sector as regards financing? - What do businesses expect from governments and NGOs in order to achieve more sustainable and inclusive markets? - What do NGOs expect from businesses?
18:30	Networking reception at Restaurant Esswein

Day 2, 28 January 2013	
09:15 - 09:30	Welcome coffee
Session VII: Strategy session – results and follow-up	
<i>Session chair:</i> Jürgen Maier, Director, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development	
09:30 - 09:45	Introduction and reflection on the first workshop day Jürgen Maier, Director, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development
09:45 - 11:15	<p>Roundtable discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions (suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How should the environment best be embedded in the Post-2015 Agenda? - Finance follows goals – or goals follow financial means? - From CBRD to CBDR + RC – will the Post-2015 Agenda generate a global partnership for means of implementation? - What are appropriate accountability mechanisms and monitoring frameworks?
11:15 - 11:30	Coffee break
Session VIII: Strategy session – design of future process and collaboration	
<i>Session chair:</i> Alexander Carius, Managing Director, adelphi	

<p>11:30 - 13:00</p>	<p>Roundtable discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions (suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are respective capacities as well as requirements and possibilities to further empower and support NGOs, networks, and alliances? - What are collective strategies and activities to strengthen the environment in the Post-2015 Agenda? - What are the important upcoming events and milestones? - What are the next steps?
<p>13:00</p>	<p>Lunch at Restaurant Mizzio's</p>