

Rio+20 Pre-UNDPI Conference Dialogue in Bonn

Millennium Consumption Goals

How the rich can make the planet more sustainable

Date: 2 (Friday) September 2011 **Time:** 6.30-8.00pm PM

Venue: Old Town Hall (Room: historic “Gobelin Saal”), Markt, Bonn

Human consumption which drives modern economies is built on unsustainable consumption, production and resource exploitation. This has led to multiple crises threatening the future survival of humanity. Climate change is now considered the ultimate threat multiplier which will exacerbate the formidable problems of development we already face – like poverty, hunger, illness, water and energy scarcities, and conflict.

Millennium Consumption Goals (MCG) could help make our development path more sustainable, by focusing on the 1.4 billion people in the richest 20 percentile of the world's population. They consume over 80% of global output, or 60 times more than the poorest 20 percentile. Instead of viewing the rich as a problem, they should be persuaded to contribute to the solution.

The event is convened prior to the UNDPPI Conference in Bonn and will focus on some possible MCG target areas and the dialogue will also highlight the relevance of MCG in achieving overall sustainable development goals, especially how MCG will complement MDG for the poor.

Distinguished Guests: Mr. Jergen Nimptsch (Lord Mayor of Bonn), Dr. Achim Steiner (Executive Director-UNEP)

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Mohan Munasinghe - Chairman, MIND-Munasinghe Institute of Development; Professor of Sustainable Development, University of Manchester, UK; shared the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace (Vice Chair of IPCC-AR4)

Moderator: Mr. Uchita de Zoysa - Executive Director, CED-Centre for Environment and Development; Convener of the 'Climate Sustainability PLATFORM'; Author- It has to be CLIMATE SUSTAINABILITY.

Panel on MCG & Green Cities: Mr. Thomas Brose (Climate Alliance), Mr. Stefan Wagner (City of Bonn), Representative (City of Frankfurt)

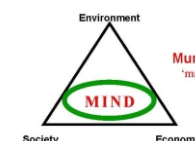
Panel on MCG & Rio+20: Dr. Philip Vergragt (SCORAI), Dr. Victoria W. Thoresen, (PERL), Mr. Nick Nuttal (UNEP), Mr. Bjarne Pedersen (Consumers International)



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