

## Serving People and Planet: Principles and Policy-Levers for a Global Transition of our Economies

Strategy Workshop with International Think Tanks on Goals for the  
Rio+20 Earth Summit in 2012

St. Mary RC Church, 10-08 49th Avenue, Long Island City  
New York  
8-9 January 2011

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011

20:00                      Optional dinner and informal gathering  
*Meeting place: lobby of the Murray Hill Suites Hotel, 139 E  
39th Street, 3 blocks from Grand Central Station.*

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – the THINKING day

Part I: Setting the Scene, Chair: Felix Dodds (Stakeholder Forum)

*This opening session serves to define common principles for the global transition to a fair, high well being economy fit into the carrying capacity of our planet. These can serve to focus our message on what needs to change most urgently and provide a flexible frame for complementary yet diverse implementation proposals. Particular focus should be put on common ground and differences between "Northern" and "Southern" partners<sup>1</sup>.*

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<sup>1</sup> Although it is very difficult to maintain the "bipolar" world view: but we can speak in terms of the "Global North" and "Global South", the "have's" and the "have nots".

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and Introduction of Participants
09:30-09:45	Setting the Frame - The current status of debates around the Green Economy and Rio+20 – Leida Rijnhout (ANPED)
09:45 – 10:00	Stirring imagination - received principles for future economies by Maja Göpel (WFC)
10:00 – 11:15	Group work to define common grounds: <i>Which principles define most clearly our vision?</i> <i>What are knowledge/policy gaps to achieving these principles?</i> <i>Who do we need to engage with in order to achieve them?</i> <i>Which cultural and social differences need attention?</i>
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee</i>
11.30 – 13:00	Definition of up to 7 Principles for a Future Economy
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Part II: From Principles to Policy Priorities, Chair: Felix Dodds (Stakeholder Forum)

*This session serves to map out the structural changes and policy levers that are necessary to achieve the principles for the future economy defined in the previous session. This includes reflections about which institutions could be reformed and where possibly new institutions are needed, and which governance level seems most promising. Also, which additional research may be required to convince policy-makers.*

14:00 – 14:15	From principles to policy priorities – introduction Maja Göpel (Guiding questions)
14:15 – 16:00	Group work to define common grounds: <i>Which structural barriers are we up against?</i> <i>Which policy proposals or changes are crucial?</i> <i>Which institutional changes are most important on the global level - and on national levels?</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee</i>
16:30 – 18:00	Discussion and conclusion of priorities (in short statement to be delivered during the Intersessional 10-11 January).
18:00 – 19:00	Definition of Policy-Levers to stimulate the global transition and identification of evidence to promote them.
20:00 – 22:00	<i>DINNER</i>

## Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – the ACTING day

Part III: Strategy for delivering our Proposals, Chair: Joachim Spangenberg,

*"Like all revolutionary new ideas, the subject has had to pass through three stages, which may be summed up by these reactions:*

- (1) 'It's crazy - don't waste my time.'*
- (2) 'It's possible, but it's not worth doing.'*
- (3) 'I always said it was a good idea.'"*

Arthur C. Clarke

*This session serves to share information between needed strategies for mobilisation around Rio+20. How may the agreed principles become part of these plans and be the baseline for participation? Is there potential for a common platform, coordinated efforts?*

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| 10:00 - 10:20 | Presentation of prepared core messages for public statement for the Intersessional Meeting January 10 & 11   |
| 10:20 – 10:45 | Presentation of Transition 2012 idea– Building a Coalition and Movement for Change, by Hannah Stoddard (Stakeholder Forum)   |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | <i>coffee break</i>  |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | Discussion: <i>How can we create our own coalition, based on the agreed principles? What are the synergies between the different plans for mobilisation around Rio+20? What is already happening?<br/>How can we create a coalition that is resilient to some of the challenges coalitions often face (power relations, financial constraints, especially for Southern civil society groups, grassroots practitioners v.s. national/ international policy campaigners)? And what counts more: quantity or quality?</i> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | Building the coalition "The Global Transition 2012" – how to organise and how to establish the 7 leverage points as "ethical and political basis" .  |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | Publication of position papers (concretise the principles)   |
| 14:45 – 15:30 | Practical issues: Forming a team, advisory committee, division of tasks, fundraising, ...  |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | Toast to the agreed principles and future plans  |