Side event at the CSD-19 Intergovernmental Preparatory meeting – Organized by ANPED & World Future Council

Ombudspersons for Future Generations as Sustainability Implementation Units

Addressing challenges to SD implementation raised in the Synthesis Report:
- Bring long-term orientation into policymaking
- Improve transparency, monitoring and enforcement on SD goals
- Avoid policy incoherence and increase citizen participation
- Reinvigorate SD as a matter of Intergenerational Justice

... learning from existing examples to improve IFSD at all governance levels.

How does an Ombudsperson for Future Generations work?

The benefits: far-sighted policy making that enhances the well-being of current and future generations

The arena: Political silo-thinking and short-termism

Intelligence   Incentives   Solutions   Challenge

The Guardian as an ombudsperson conveys citizen concerns to the legislating units
The Guardian as an interface creates incentives for integration and prevents policy incoherence
The Guardian as an advisory body recommends solutions
The Guardian as an auditing body traces conflicts of interests and roadblocks to implementation

Assimilation unit (Guardian activity to alert and motivate agents of change)
Content unit (Guardian content activity)

Guardian for Future Generations

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UN HQ Conference Room: (NLB)
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1:15–2:45 PM

Open discussion with:
Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior Adviser, ANPED – Chair
Ivana Savić, Organising Partner of the UNCS&D Major Group Children & Youth / Rio+20s – Sustainable Development as Intergenerational Justice
Albert Recknagel, Head of Child Rights Department, terre des hommes – Ecological child rights and intergenerational justice
Sándor Fülöp, Hungary’s first Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations – Experiences of an Ombudsperson
Halina Ward, Director of the Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development – emerging coalitions on long-termism in policy-making
Maja Göpel, Director Future Justice at the World Future Council Foundation
Ombudspersons to give a voice to future generations

Questions and answers