



Preliminary Programme International Conference WECE



# Innovation for Sustainability The Crisis as an Opportunity

*The sustainable future exists already  
– locally – how do we make it global?*

**WECE celebrates its 15th anniversary  
and invites to a debate with global and local sustainability leaders**

**Wednesday, 10th of June 2009**

**Location:** The Hague, Theater Concordia, Hoge Zand 42

9:30 Registration

10:00 **OPENING SESSION: THE INNOVATIVE WAY OUT?**

*Welcome by the organizers*

**Dr. Christine von Weizsäcker**, *President, WECE*

**Sascha Gabizon**, *Executive Director, WECE*

10:15 *Keynote address*

**ABOUT THE ROOTS OF THE CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY**

**Prof. Noreena Hertz**, *Economist, leading expert on globalisation and Author of 'The Silent Takeover' and 'The Debt Threat', University of Cambridge, UK*

10:50 Questions, answers and debate with a.o. Dorette Corbey, *MEP, Netherlands*

11:15 Coffee/tea break

11:30 **INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Dr. Jacqueline Cramer**, *Minister for the Environment*

12:15 Lunch Break and opportunity to visit the exhibition

13:45 **Film: Power to the People: South-South cooperation for Off Grid, Pro Poor, Energy Solutions**

14:00 **PANEL DEBATE: Innovative Energy Solutions against Poverty and for Sustainable Economic Development – messages for Copenhagen**

In this panel international experts, scientists, business(wo)men and NGOs will present innovative solutions and discuss barriers and catalysts towards achieving access for all. Can each home and yard be a source of renewable energy, and will there be enough for everybody's needs and greed? What recommendations should we send to the Climate Negotiations in Copenhagen?

**Introduction: REALISING THE POTENTIAL OF INNOVATIVE PILOT PROJECTS TO CREATE SUSTAINABILITY**

**Frans Berkhout**, *Professor of Innovation and Sustainability, Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*

**Participants:**

- Andy Schroeter, "Sunlabob", Laos, Winner of the Sasakawa Sustainability Prize (UNEP)
- Marjan Minnesma, Director "Urgenda" The Netherlands
- Pauline Westendorp, OPGWEKT-NU! The Netherlands
- Ruth Bond, Women's Institute, UK
- Ruud Nijs, Rabobank, Director Corporate Social Responsibility
- Gustaaf Haan, de Zonnefabriek, The Netherlands
- Sabine Bock, Energy Coordinator & Director WECE Germany



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## 10 June 2009, The Hague, Netherlands

### From the floor:

WECF partners from Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, USA, Tadjikstan, Germany

**Discussion moderated by Prof. Frans Berkhout**

15:15 Coffee/tea break with music by Trio Tzivalo

15:30 **PANEL DEBATE: Innovative Water and Sanitation solutions against Poverty and for Sustainable Development – lessons from the IYS**

In this panel international experts, scientists, business (wo)men and NGOs will present innovative solutions and discuss barriers and catalysts towards achieving access for all. Are we failing with MDG7? Are access to safe water and sanitation incompatible? Can excreta be a motor for development? What are the lessons learned from the International Year of Sanitation?

### Participants:

- Elmira Joldosheva, Central Asian Alliance for Water
- Peter de Vries, DGIS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Prof. Gatzke Lettinga, winner of Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize
- Kajetan Hetzer, SNS Bank, Water Fund
- Prof. Jules van Lier, Technical University Delft, Wastewater Treatment
- Prof. Grietje Zeeman, University Wageningen and WECF Board of Trustees
- Ruud Nijs, Rabobank, Director Corporate Social Responsibility

### From the floor:

Dr. Claudia Wendland, Coordinator Sanitation, WECF

WECF partners from Georgia, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan

**Discussion moderated by Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director, WECF**

16:30 Coffee/tea break with music by Trio Tzivalo

16:45 **PANEL DEBATE: Innovation for protection of health, environment and future generations – substitution and precaution as corner stones**

In this panel international experts, scientists, business(wo)men and NGOs will present innovative examples where hazardous technologies and chemicals have been prevented or substituted, costs to humanity avoided, future generations protected, and lessons will be drawn on the need for the precautionary principle and the rights based approach as the corner stones on national and international legislation.

### Participants:

- Ela Priwiecienew, Social Ecological Institute, Poland
- Dick Jung, VROM Ministry of Environment
- Imke Philipoom, Speelgaard Toy Company, Netherlands/Bosnia
- Simone Lovera, Global Forest Coalition, Paraguay/Netherlands
- Sabine Brückmann, Unser Land Germany and WECF coordinator rural sustainable development
- Sonja Haider, coordinator WECF safe chemicals programme
- Christine von Weizsäcker, President WECF Board of Trustees
- Ruud Nijs, Rabobank, Director Corporate Social Responsibility

### From the floor

Fred Butler, non-chemical dry cleaning company

WECF partners from France, UK, Germany, Canada

**Discussion moderated by Maria Buitenkamp, ecostrategy**

17:45 **CEREMONY**

Farewell to Marie Kranendonk, first President of WECF

Welcoming of Christine von Weizsäcker, new President of WECF

Looking back and looking Forward

Music during breaks and reception: Trio Tzivalo

18:15 – 20:00 Reception



Programme



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