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Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Activities

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Civil Society Voices on Rio+20 – Perspectives and Recommendations from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America

Workshop
(English/Portuguese/Spanish)

18/06/2012
09h00-12h00

Moderators:
Nina Netzer, Friedrich Ebert-Foundation, Berlin
Tina Hennecken, Friedrich Ebert-Foundation, São Paulo

Towards a Green Society? Participation for Social Change

Debate
(English/Portuguese/Spanish)

18/06/2012
12h00-14h00

Partner:
UNRISD

Launch of the Report of the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives

Presentation
(English/Portuguese/Spanish)

18/06/2012
14h00-16h30

Partners:
Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Social Watch, DAWN, Third World Network, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Global Policy Forum Europe, terre des hommes

Moderator:
Hubert René Schillinger, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation

Right to development, economic crisis and sustainability – a leftist approach

Debate
(English/Portuguese/Spanish)

19/06/2012
09h00-12h00

Partner:
Fundação Perseu Abramo

Sustainability as a Global Development Model? International Perspectives and National Strategies

Panel Discussion
(English/Portuguese/Spanish)

19/06/2012
14h00-17h00

Side events Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation at the UN Conference Rio+20 Riocentro Convention Center

Launch of the Report of the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives

Presentation

16/06/2012
11h30 -13h00

Venue:
Riocentro, Room T-8

Moderator:
Jens Martens, GPF

Sustainable Development in an Unequal World

Panel Discussion

20/06/2012
17h00-18h30

Venue:
Riocentro, Room T-4

Moderator:
Ernst-Ulrich von Weizsäcker, Co-Chair, Progress Forum, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation; Co-Chair International Resource Panel

The Rio+20 Summit takes place at a moment where debates on sustainable development are receiving increasing attention in science and policy-making, but also in civil society. However, the interests and expectations which are being directed at the Summit by civil society actors on the one hand and political decision-makers on the other vary considerably in some cases. Against this backdrop, FES has hosted five regional preparatory conferences in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America to formulate regional positions on key topics of Rio+20 by civil society actors, trade unions and progressive parties. Perspectives and recommendations are to be presented and discussed in this workshop.

Speakers: **Cheikh Guèye**, ENDA Tiers Monde, Senegal; **Venkat Ramanayya**, Youth for Action, India; **Béla Galgóczi**, Senior Researcher, European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), Brussels; **Silvia Tamayo**, Municipal Counselor La Paz, Bolivia; **Mongi Smaili**, Secrétaire Général du syndicat de base des enseignants de l'Institut supérieur de Gestion de Tunis, Tunisia; **Munetsi Madakufamba**, Programme Director and Deputy CEO, SARDC, Zimbabwe; **Gurmit Singh**, Director, Centre for Environment, Technology & Development, Malaysia; **Yves Lador**, Earth Justice, Permanent Representative to the UN, Geneva; **Yaritza Espinoza**, Environmental Activist, Panama; **Randa Fouad**, President of the Arab Media Forum for Environment and Development, Egypt.

Active citizenship and contestation have a crucial role to play in transforming relations of power and patterns of inequality underpinning poverty and unsustainable growth, and are thus central to the Rio+20 negotiations. This workshop, entitled 'Towards a Green Society? Participation for Social Change' will be a lively debate around the 'green economy'-concept, emphasizing on the role of collective action, civil society, broad-based participation and coalition building. We will also use this event to launch two of the UNRISD/FES short films on the issue.

Speakers: **Peter Utting**, Deputy Director, UNRISD, Geneva, **Laura Rival**, University of Oxford, **Nicola Bullard**, Focus on the Global South, **Thais Brianezi**, University of São Paulo.

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20 years after the Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro will once again become United Nations territory and host heads of State who are to discuss the future of development. The 1992 Earth Summit built consensus on the concept of "sustainable development" – environment-friendly, socially responsible and resource saving. Nonetheless, apart from this conceptual agreement very little progress has been made to transform political agendas accordingly. The interrelated crises we are witnessing today – climate, financial, economic and social justice crisis – are crystal clear indications of the limits of the present development path. Against this backdrop, the activity will bring together representatives from progressive political parties and social movements from Europe and Latin America. Guests will discuss a leftist proposal on how to accomplish the shift to a development path that is driven by social well-being, economic stability and environmental preservation.

Speakers: Political parties and social movement representatives from Latin America and Europe.

In recent years we have experienced a combination of a global financial crisis, a food crisis, volatile oil prices, accelerating ecosystem degradation and an increasing number of climate-induced extreme weather events. These multiple and inter-related crises have fuelled the discourse on sustainable economic and social models in different regions and among a great variety of actors. Based on national development plans of their countries, speakers from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America discuss key aspects of sustainable development models such as the relation between growth and environmental protection, the role of the state and the market and the impacts a sustainability transformation will have on economy and society.

Speakers: **Giorgio Romano Schutte**, Federal University of ABC, Brasil; **Sergey Afontsev**, Institute for World Economy and International Relations, Russia; **Martin Allespach**, Head of Basic Policy Issues and Strategic Planning, Board of Directors, IG Metall (Metal Worker's Union), Germany; **Siphamandla Zondi**, Executive Director Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), South Africa.

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Inequality presents an unprecedented challenge to our present model of development. This reality is insightfully summarized in the vision statement of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability: "Today our planet and our world are experiencing the best of times and the worst of times... Inequality between the world's rich and poor is growing, and more than a billion people still live in poverty. In many countries, there are rising waves of protest reflecting universal aspirations for a more prosperous, just and sustainable world." In this event, world leaders past and present will discuss solutions to satisfy the urgent need of millions of people worldwide who need sustainable development.

Speakers: **Laura Chinchilla**, President of Costa Rica (2010-present) (tbc); **Michelle Bachelet**, Executive Director, UN Women; President of Chile; (2006-2010); Member, Club de Madrid; **Gro Harlem Brundtland**, Prime Minister of Norway (1986-1989 and 1990-1996); Former Member, UN Secretary-General's Highlevel Panel on Global Sustainability; Member, Club de Madrid, **Sharan Burrow**, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation; **Anthony Lake**, Executive Director, UNICEF; **Mary Robinson**, President of Ireland (1990-1997); Member, Club de Madrid; **Angel Gurría**, Secretary General, OECD.

Partners: Club de Madrid, Republica de Costa Rica, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC).

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