

Public Panel Discussion

**Sustainability re-loaded?
In the run-up to Rio+20**

Date:	5 June 2012
Time:	18h30 – 20h30
Location:	Kalkscheune, Berlin-Mitte
Target group:	Representatives from NGOs, trade unions, churches, environmental organizations, science, politics and business; young audience (students, Jusos, FES-scholars)

Twenty years after the first „Earth Summit“ the international community will reconvene in Rio from 20-22 June in order to reach international agreement on a new concept of sustainability. But also aside from the Rio summit it is high time to search for new models for development: In many countries a model of growth that consumes both nature and resources has led to rising prices for energy and commodities and has massively damaged environment and climate. Mega cities in coastal areas and complete island states are in danger of extinction; droughts and floods threaten agricultural earnings and the living space of millions of people. But there are also ideas that inspire hope. Together we want to discuss with forerunners and pioneers of thought from all over the world which solutions can be found and how the concept of sustainability can be put into practice.

PROGRAMME

18h30 Welcome

Dr. Roland Schmidt, Director of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Marion Lieser, Director of Oxfam Germany

18h45 Opening Speech

Prof. Dr. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Federal Government on Global Environmental Changes (WBGU), Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

19h15 Fish Bowl Discussion „What is sustainable?“

Fish bowl: 3 seated discussants and 3 empty chairs for other discussants to rotate into the debate

Pre-determined discussants in the fish bowl :

- **Sigmar Gabriel**, Chairman of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)
- **Dr. Vandana Shiva**, Indian Physicist and Environmental Activist, Member of the Club of Rome, Alternative Nobel Prize Laureate (1993)
- **Chico Whitaker**, Co-founder of the World Social Forum in Brazil, Alternative Nobel Prize Laureate (2006)

Rotating discussant:

- **Monika Griefahn**, Deputy Chairwoman of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation (“Alternative Nobel Prize“)

Climate witnesses from the audience, who will participate in the fish bowl discussion:

- **Hauwa Umar-Mustapha**, Coordinator at the Nigerian Tubali Development Initiative and climate witness
- **Zukiswa Millicent Nomwa**, Field Worker at the South African Environmental Monitoring Group and climate witness

NGO representative from the audience, who will participate in the fish bowl discussion:

- **Dr. Günther Bachmann**, General Secretary of the Council of Sustainable Development

German trade union representative from the audience, who will participate in the fish bowl discussion:

- **Jürger Kerner**, Board of Directors of IG Metall

Entrepreneur from the audience, who will participate in the fish bowl discussion:

- **Prof. Dr. Maximilian Gege**, B.A.U.M. (German Association of Environmental Management)

Moderator:

- **Wolf-Christian Ulrich**, ZDF

20h30 Open end: Conclusion and wrap-up

- Environmentally friendly **buffet dinner** (vegetarian and regional) and
- **Sustainable concert**