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Plenary 8 (THU 2.1): Global Forum on Risks and Sustainability

There is consensus about the critical role that Europe, China and the United States play and their responsibility within the context of addressing climate change and human development particularly with regards to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Whether it is about technological innovation for climate change mitigation, providing the basis for carbon markets and international agreements such as the UNFCCC, or financing of development and climate change adaptation measures - without these three players and their concerted effort progress will not be made and adaptation mechanisms for Africa, the Small Island States and other regions almost impossible to implement. If COP 16 fails, are there alternative mechanisms to achieve a global climate deal? What is the role and responsibility of Europe, China and the US in achieving global sustainable development? How can consensus driven cooperation among these powers be obtained?

Moderator:

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Panellists:

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Ambassador Walter Fust led the Global Humanitarian Forum from May 2008 until end of March 2010, following 15 years as the Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC). Fust is President of Globethics.net/Geneva. He serves as a board member of the International Forum of Federations (Ottawa), a global network on federalism and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina/Egypt. He also serves as a member of the boards of the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CODA), the International Risk Governance Council Geneva (IRGC) and philanthropic foundations. He is a member of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Agenda Council of Humanitarian Assistance and a member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA 2010 - 2014).

Fust worked in banking and public administration before entering the Swiss Diplomatic service in 1975 with Geneva as a first assignment, followed by Baghdad and Tokyo. From September 1983 until the end of 1984 he served in the European Integration Office (EFTA/EU). From 1985 and 1986 he served as personal advisor to Federal Councilor Dr Kurt Furgler, Minister of Public Economy and President of the Swiss Confederation (1985). In 1986 he was appointed as Managing Director of the Swiss Office for Trade Promotion (OSEC) and from 1990 to 1993

he served as Secretary General of the Ministry for the Interior with national responsibility for science and research, environment, culture, social affairs and public health, among other portfolios. Born in 1945, Fust studied at St. Gallen University, graduating with a Masters in political science.

Jaeger, Carlo



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Carlo Jaeger, born 1947 in Switzerland is a professor for economy at the University of Potsdam, Germany. At the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research PIK, he is head of the department on „Transdisciplinary Concepts and methods“. Carlo studied sociology and economy in Berne, Switzerland and Frankfurt, D. He was a professor at the ETH in Zurich, at the Universities of Zurich, Frankfurt and the TU Darmstadt. Carlo Jaeger is the Chairman of the European Climate Forum, which has been initiated by the PIK and which is an association with members from universities, NGOs and the private sector, and which concentrates on solutions for global environmental problems. Together with Shi Peijun, Carlo is Co-Chair of the Integrated Risk Governance Projects (www.irg-project.org). His current interest in research is focused on climate change and financial markets.

Jansen, Roland A.



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Roland A. Jansen, from The Netherlands, holds a degree in Business Administration (lic.oec.HSG) from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Mr. Jansen is CEO of Mother Earth Investments AG (Switzerland). The company manages assets in natural resources for banks, private clients, pension funds and family offices in several funds and certificates. He publishes his research bi-monthly in the Mother Earth Commodity Analysis Report.

Mother Earth Investments AG also develops jatropha plantations in West Timor (Indonesia) and China to produce biodiesel and biokerosine.

He is the author of „Profits from Natural Resources“, John Wiley & Sons, New York, (1998) where he forecasted correctly the end of the commodity bear markets and the start of a new supercycle upwards.

He is appearing regularly on Bloomberg Television to give his views on commodity trends. He is also a regular guest speaker at conferences and universities around the world.

Mr Jansen serves as a honorary consul for The Netherlands in Liechtenstein. He is fluent in Dutch, English, French, German and Swiss German and has a working knowledge of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

Liu, Yanhua



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Prof. Liu has made distinguished contributions to organizing and carrying out researches in many fields, such as global environmental change, land use and land cover change, disaster prevention and reduction, and synthetic control of vulnerable ecological system; Prof. Liu published dozens of papers on the domestic and international journals; and Prof. Liu led, designed, organized and participated in a series of projects to promote domestic/ international scientific and technological cooperation research.

Pickl Stefan



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Prof. Dr. Stefan Pickl studied mathematics, electrical engineering, pedagogy and philosophy at TU Darmstadt and EPFL Lausanne 1987-93. Dipl.-Ing. '93, Doctorate 1998 with award. Assistant Professor at Cologne University (Dr. habil. 2005; venia legendi "Mathematics"). Chair for Operations Research at UBW Munich since 2005. Visiting Professor at University of New Mexico (USA), University Graz (Austria), Naval Postgraduate School Monterey, University of California at Berkeley.

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Vice-chair of EURO working group "Experimental Economics", chair of advisory board of the German Society for Operations Research (GOR), advisory board of the German Society for Disaster and Emergency Management. International Research Programs, 80 publications, international Best-Paper-Awards '03, '05, '07.

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Ortwin Renn serves as full professor and Chair of Environmental Sociology and Technology Assessment at Stuttgart University (Germany). He directs the Interdisciplinary Research Unit for Risk Governance and Sustainable Technology Development (ZIRN) at Stuttgart University and the non-profit company DIALOGIK, a research institute for the investigation of communication and participation processes in environmental policy making. Since 2006 Renn has been elected Deputy Dean of the Economics- and Social Science Department. He also serves as Adjunct Professor for "Integrated Risk Analysis" at Stavanger University (Norway) and as Contract Professor at the Harbin Institute of Technology and Beijing Normal University. Ortwin Renn has a doctoral degree in sociology and social psychology from the University of Cologne. His career included teaching and research positions at the Juelich Nuclear Research Center, Clark University (Worcester, USA), the Swiss Institute of Technology

(Zuerich) and the Center of Technology Assessment (Stuttgart). His honours include an honorary doctorate from the Swiss Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich) and the “Distinguished Achievement Award” of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA). Among his many political advisory activities the chairmanship of the State Commission for Sustainable Development (German State of Baden-Württemberg) is most prominent. Renn is primarily interested in risk governance, political participation and technology assessment. He has published more than 30 books and 250 articles, most prominently the monograph “Risk Governance” (Earthscan: London 2008).



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