

Civil Society and the Knowledge Community: Dialogues around Institutional Frameworks for Sustainable Development (IFSD)

Side event at Rio+20 Summit

Date and time: Tuesday, 19th June 2012 - 17:30 – 19:00

Venue: P3-F, RioCentro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Objective: To stimulate discussion around the following topics and provide the tools and space for productive brainstorming on the future role and direction of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the Knowledge Community in the context of IFSD.

Target audience: Academia, civil society, research organizations, UN organizations, government representatives and policy makers, representation from both developed and developing countries.

Agenda

17:30	Welcome Address: <i>Dr. Leena Srivastava</i> , Executive Director, The Energy and Resources Institute, and Vice-Chancellor, TERI University
17:35	Launch of the Poverty in Focus: remarks by <i>Dr. Lindiwe Sibanda</i> , Chief Executive Officer and Head of Diplomatic Mission, FANRPAN
17:40	Panel discussion: moderated by <i>Leisa Perch</i> , IPC-IG – 10 minutes for each panelist <i>Ms. Masego Madzwamuse</i> , Programme Manager, Economic Justice Unit, Open Society Institute of Southern Africa – Topic: Economic and ecological justice frameworks for sustainable development <i>Mr. Mairon Bastos Lima</i> , Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Amsterdam/Earth Systems Governance Team - Topic: The Governance of Biofuels: Lessons for the Collective Role of Public and Civil Society Institutions <i>Dr. Joan Martinez-Alier</i> , Professor of Economics and Economic History and researcher at ICTA, at the Autonomous University of Barcelona - Topic: Eco-justice and civil society <i>Mr. Harjeet Singh</i> , International Coordinator, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Adaptation, ActionAid – Topic: Enhancing the role of CSOs and knowledge community for democratic participation in decision making <i>Ms. Leisa Perch</i> , Policy Specialist and Team Leader, Rural and Sustainable Development, International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG), Poverty Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP – Topic: The role of CSOs in monitoring and ensuring the effectiveness of climate finance
18:30	Open discussion (moderated)
18:50	Closing remarks: by <i>Shilpi Kapur</i> , TERI, and <i>Leisa Perch</i> , IPC-IG