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Outline for Workshop of the World Resource Forum 2011

20th September 2011, 14.00 – 17.30

“Orchestrating global transition?”

Design and implementation of efficient resource policies”

Objectives of the Workshop:

The WS should follow up and deepen the discussion of the plenary session II “How can international and national policies establish a resource efficient green economy”. The workshop will discuss policy options and concrete policy approaches (including good practice examples) aiming at improving the governance of natural resources. The resource policies can be related to various traditional policy areas (e.g. environmental policy, science, technology and innovation policy, trade policy etc) and can be undertaken at different levels of decision-making (e.g. international, national as well as regional and urban). The discussion will address the roles and potential synergies between the different policy areas and levels in pursuing resource policies. The WS should result in concrete policy recommendations (e.g. as a possible input for a final WRF Declaration and as a possible input for Rio +20)

Topics

Part 1) is focusing on international and supranational organizations (OECD, UNIDO, UNEP, EC etc.) and their policy approaches. Part 2) is focusing on the national (maybe regional and urban) level.

The main question of Part 1) is what policies and policy supporting measures can international organizations convey to improve global resource management. The discussion would link with Part 2 of the workshop as the organizations would express their view on what can be expected from other decision making levels / actors, including the role of national resource policy approaches.

Part II will present the national and regional approaches to resource policies, including good practice examples, and discuss the relevance of the international approaches in the national/regional context.

The discussion should lead to policy recommendations on how to integrate various resource policies and approaches undertaken at different levels and how to promote global resource policy with global targets and systemic outlook.

Design of the Workshop

The WS should provide as much space as possible for vivid discussions and engage the participants into moderated debates (debates between speakers and debates between the speakers and the audience).

The presentations/inputs will follow a simple structure:

- CHALLENGES: future challenges related to resources as perceived from different policy levels/perspectives
- STRATEGY: strategic objectives and targets in relation to resources
- POLICY MEASURES: types of resource relevant policy measures that can be deployed/initiated at different levels with a short assessment of their effectiveness
- EXAMPLES: examples of concrete policy measures (good examples) on different decision making levels
- TRANSITION GOVERNANCE:
 - the role of other policy areas
 - the role of other policy levels for the action on the considered level (e.g. a region, country would explain what they expect / how they can benefit from the international level; the International Institution would say what they expect from national and regional level)
 - the role of other stakeholders (e.g. business) for the action on the level
 - DEBATE: how to coordinate efforts in the future to effectively face the challenges / manage the transition (suggestions and debate)

The moderator should engage the audience, e.g. by a “survey” in which people would be asked which level in their opinion is the most relevant for tackling different aspects of resource agenda (e.g. extraction, re-use, waste management, consumption etc). The survey will also include a question which group of stakeholders can take an effective first step / lead this transition (e.g. policy, business, research, NGOs, citizens etc). The audience could also be asked about their reaction to some sensitive and/or innovative solutions (e.g. resource taxation, changes to trade regimes etc).

Workshop titles, inputs and speakers:

“Orchestrating global transition – Part 1: international level”

Date/Time	Sept. 20, 14:00 – 15:30, 16:00 – 17:30	
Workshop Chair:	Harry Lehmann, Head of Division “Environmental Planning and Sustainability Strategies”, German Federal Environment Agency (UBA)	
Workshop Moderator:	n.n.	
<u>Part 1: “Approaches to resource policies – Part 1: International level”</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (20 min): Fritz Hinterberger, President, Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI), tbc • Round table debate with invited experts (60 min) • wrap up, final conclusions (10 min): chair 		
Name 1:	Timo Makela, Director International affairs, LIFE & Eco-Innovation, DG Environment, European Commission	t.b.c
Name 2:	Shaoyi Li, Head of the Secretariat for the International Resource Panel	confirmed
Name 3:	Simon Upton, Director Environment Directorate, OECD	t.b.c
Name 4:	Heinz Leuenberger, Director Environmental Management Branch, UNIDO	confirmed
Name 5:	James Griffiths, WBCSD	t.b.c
Name 6:	Michael Warhurst, Friends of the Earth Europe	confirmed
<u>Part 2: Approaches to resource policies – Part 2: national and regional level</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National approaches 4-5 inputs (each max. 10 min) • Comments/recommendations by the audience (20 min) • wrap up, final conclusions, policy recommendations (30 min): chair, round table (panelists from part 1 and 2) 		
Name 1:	Dajian Zhu, Tongji University, Shanghai.; China	confirmed
Name 2:	Jock Martin, Head of the Integrated Environmental Assessments programme in the EEA	t.b.c
Name 3:	Masafumi Maeda, Vice President, Tokyo University, Japan	confirmed
Name 4:	Anne Mieke, Deputy Head of Division “General and Fundamental Aspects of Ecological Resource Efficiency”, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany	confirmed
Name 5:	Damien Giurco, Research Director, University of Technology, Sydney	confirmed