



**NGO Strategy Dialogue
on Energy and Climate, Agriculture and Food Security
towards the Great Transformation**

1 - 2 November 2012, Bonn/Germany

As we are aware, the world is rapidly changing. Geopolitical power is shifting and planetary boundaries become more and more obvious. To tackle today's multiple crises of climate change, food, energy and resource insecurity, poverty, and inequality, a fundamental transformation is required towards a just society characterised by access to sustainable energy and the right to food. While first signs of a sustainable transformation appear to be underway in some parts of the world, other unsustainable trends are visible and growing.

Which role will civil society play in shaping the 'Great Transformation'? We see civil society actors as key agents in strengthening the transformation process. Civil society can influence policy-making and shape the awareness of the general public and specific constituencies, such as consumers, workers and food producers. Moreover civil society can start translating vision into reality. However, there is little cross-cutting debate within international civil society on their different roles and common strategies to bring about the necessary transformation.

The Dialogue on Transformation Conference, organised by Germanwatch in cooperation with the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) and supported by Stiftung Mercator will highlight multiple strategic approaches including grassroots, international, regional and national perspectives to engage with policy processes and build momentum for the needed transformation towards a just society characterised by access to sustainable energy and the right to food in the context of planetary boundaries.

Representatives of food and climate civil society organisations from around the globe are invited to interact in strategy debates and focused working groups on 1st and 2nd November in Bonn, Germany. Based on the analysis of the challenges and best practice the dialogue aims to develop synergies of diverse strategies towards a necessary transformation on the way to an alternative energy and agriculture paradigm.

This main conference will be continued with a meeting on the 3rd of November with international representatives from different regions. During the smaller regional meeting, further strategies will be developed. We will cover travel costs for about 40 experts from the global South.

The NGO Dialogue is supported by an international steering group. The steering group members are:

Jun Borrás TNI (Transnational Institute), Netherlands/Philippines; **Marie Clarke Brill** ActionAid USA; **Sunita Dubey** Friends of the Earth South Africa; **Candido Grzybowski** IBASE (Brazilian Institute of Social and Economical Analysis), Brazil; **Hans Rudolf Herren** Biovision Switzerland; **Wael Hmaidan** CAN-International, Lebanon; **Orion Kriegman** The Widening Circle, Tellus Institute, USA; **Srinivas Krishnaswamy** Vasudha Foundation, India; **Lina Li**, GreenovationHub, China; **Jennifer Morgan** World Resources Institute, USA; **Michael Narberhaus** Smart CSOs Lab, Germany; **Emmanuel Ndione** ENDA Tiers Monde, Senegal; **Tilman Santarius** Germanwatch, Germany, **Shefali Sharma** Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, USA

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Thursday, 1 November 2012 (Venue: Wissenschaftszentrum, Bonn)

- 9.00-9.45 Arrival and first interaction of participants
- 9.45-10.30 Welcome by the moderator of the conference
Welcome Notes - Towards a Sustainable Great Transformation
 Tilman Santarius, Germanwatch
 Jim Harkness, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)
 Bernhard Lorentz, Stiftung Mercator
Short Film Premiere: Impulse (Michael Hennemann, ecosign);
 Germanwatch script competition 2012 (Special Award)
- 10.30-12.00 **Views on Transformation Visions and Narratives on Access to Sustainable Energy and the Right to Food**
 Interactive **Debate and Exchange** with:
 Input from Jennifer Morgan, World Resources Institute
 - Joanna Kerr, ActionAid International
 - Daniel Mittler, Greenpeace International
 - Mamadou Goita, ROPPA, West African Farmers Network
 - Bill Hare, Climate Analytics*
 Moderator: Christoph Bals, Germanwatch
- 12.00-12.15 **Introduction of Working Groups and Best Practice Examples**
- 12.15-13.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30-15.00 **Alternatives that Make a Difference**
 "Best Practice" policy strategies, campaigns and projects from the food/agriculture and energy/climate sector from around the world
- 15.00-15.30 **Coffee Break**
- 15.30-17.45 **Parallel Cross-Cutting Working Groups**
 Innovative discussion on potential conflicts and strategies for climate protection, access to sustainable energy and the right to food
A) The Climate and Food Crises
 What needs to happen to address adaptation and mitigation?
B) What role for biomass in food and energy
 Moving from silo thinking to systemic thinking?
C) Unsustainable subsidies in Energy and Food
 What are the main drivers and how can we create a shift?
D) Common Movement towards Climate Policy Transformation
 Can there be a China - India - EU Alliance?
E) Agriculture at the Crossroads -
 How to translate IAASTD-Report conclusions into reality?
F) Energy Transition "Energiewende"
 As important step of the Great Transition
G) How to Democratize Production
 Energy and Agricultural Cooperatives
H) Power Politics
 Breaking down Corporate Power and Market Concentration in food and Energy
I) Planetary Boundaries and the consumption challenge
 Transform Demand in global consumption patterns
J) Open Slot

Guiding questions: What are key collective strategies for climate protection, sustainable energy and the right to food? What common ground already exists and how do we constructively deal with on-going conflicts?

- 17.45-18.30 **World Café** on Working Group Results
- 19:00 Meeting both in front of Wissenschaftszentrum and GSI for collective transit with public transport to the Reception of City of Bonn
- 20.00 **Transformation in the City**
Reception hosted by the City of Bonn
Welcome by Jürgen Nimptsch, Lord Mayor of the City of Bonn
Short Film Premiere: *What am I?* (Benjamin Toussaint, lost sense media) Germanwatch script competition 2012 (Special Award)
Short Input: Jeans and Eggplants - Courage for Transformation
Kartikeya V. Sarabhai, Director, CEE India
Reply by Christoph Bals, Germanwatch, Policy Director

Friday, 2 November 2012 (Venue: Wissenschaftszentrum, Bonn)

- 9.00-10.00 **Strategies for a Sustainable Transformation**
Interactive **Debate and Exchange** with:
- Lina Li, GreenovationHub, China
- Kathrin Gutmann, Freelance Climate Strategy Expert, Germany
- Cândido Grzybowski, IBASE, Brazil
- Hans Herren, Biovision Switzerland
Moderator: Tilman Santarius, Germanwatch, Member of the Board
- 10.00-10.20 **Coffee Break**
- 10.20-12.30 **Parallel Cross-Cutting Working Groups**
Strategies towards achieving access to sustainable energy and the right to food in the context of planetary boundaries
Examples of topics: see day one
Guiding questions: How can civil society actors from the food, climate and energy sector better collaborate on common challenges? What is an intelligent mix of new grassroots and international/regional policy strategies for access to sustainable energy and realizing the right to food in the context of planetary boundaries?
- 12.30-14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00-16.00 **Working Group Outcome Discussion: Strategies and Next Steps**
Panel of Working Group Rapporteurs with Taking Home Messages: Prioritization of key strategies and discussion of next steps
- 16.00 **Wrap up and Outlook:**
Christoph Bals and Michael Windfuhr, Germanwatch
- 16.30 End of Conference**

* to be confirmed

Deepening Collaboration and Collective Strategies with International Participants from Key Regions and Countries

(by special invitation only)



Saturday, 3 November (Venue: Gustav Stresemann Institut, Bonn)

Acting - Negotiating - Alliances: In order to follow up the strategies developed and identified during the conference, the regional meeting will discuss how to implement CSO strategies with a special focus on the role of key regions and countries such as Africa, Brazil, China, EU, India, and MENA with selected participants from each region.

- 8.45-9.30 **Introductions:** Synthesis from day 1 and 2 and framing for day 3
Kelly Rigg, GCCA/tcktcktck
Michael Windfuhr, German Institute for Human Rights
- 9.30-11.00 **Working Groups on areas of collaboration: Identification of relevant strategies and alliances for the great transformation**
- Agriculture
- Climate Change
- 11.00-12.30 **Working Groups on areas of collaboration: Identification of relevant strategies and alliances for the great transformation**
- WG 1 and 2 (topics to be decided)
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-14.30 **Regional and national synergies between access to energy and right to food actions: Strategies and collaboration**
Regional and national working groups on deepening strategies and alliances
- 14:30-15:00 Coffee break
- 15.00-16:30 **Connecting the Dots and Next Steps: Mapping the Multiple Strategies and Ideas of Collaboration at different levels; Charting concrete next steps**
- 16.30-17.00 **Synthesis and see you soon!**

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