

Plenary Hall
Monday, 31.05.2010 | 10:30 – 12:00

Plenary 1 (MON 2.1): The Global Crises - Causes and Implications

Our time is dominated by a variety of global crises. Just to name three, a global economic crisis (e.g. financial crisis, weak economies in many countries, EURO crisis), a global environmental crisis (e.g. climate change, land degradation, loss of biodiversity) and a global humanitarian crisis (famine, poverty, excessive exposure to natural hazards, social unrests, fragile states, etc.). In how far are these three crises interlinked? What are the implications of these crises on society as a whole and in particular on the global risk community? What implications do we have to expect on the MDGs? What is the need for action (from an international, national, personal perspective)? What happens if COP16 will fail also? What is beyond the MDGs? What can/should be expected from RIO+20? Do we need another convention – e.g. a global risk convention, a convention on risk, safety and sustainable development? What does this mean for the IDRC Davos 2010 Conference? What questions should the conference address and be able to provide answers and suggestions – for COP 16, for RIO+20, etc?

The three key-note lectures will address the current state of affairs and provide input for an intensive debate through the week.

Moderator:

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Ida Koppen has worked as an expert in mediation, negotiation and facilitation since 1989. She is a registered mediator in the Canton of Geneva, Switzerland; Senior Practitioner Consultant with the Consensus Building Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Vice-President of the Sustainability Challenge Foundation in the Netherlands; and external Faculty member at TiasNimbas Business School at Tilburg University. She has Dutch and Italian citizenship. Her working languages are English, French, Italian, Dutch and German. Her consulting work focuses on conflict management and facilitation in the context of sustainable development and environmental policy. Past projects include Local Agenda 21 for the City of Spoleto, Italy; Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue at PrepCom IV in Bali of the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development for the UN Commission on Sustainable Development; International Consultation on Education for Sustainable Development in Göteborg, Sweden; mediation in *Laag-Holland* (Low-Holland) and *De Groene Uitweg* (The Green Way-out); facilitation of the ENCORE network (Environmental Conference of the Regions of Europe).

Since 1994, she is a permanent member of the Faculty of the International Programme on the Management of Sustainability. She was Director of the Regional Programmes on the Management of Sustainability in Dakar, Senegal in 2006 and 2008. From 1999 until 2002 she was Professorial Lecturer of Negotiation Techniques and Environmental Conflict Management at the Johns Hopkins University Bologna Centre. Since 2006, she teaches Negotiation Skills and Techniques at the UNEP/University of Geneva/Graduate Institute

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Environmental Diplomacy in Geneva.

She holds degrees in environmental studies (BA, Honors College, University of Oregon, 1980) and in law (JD University of Amsterdam, 1985). She did postgraduate research and training at the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) and, as Fulbright Scholar, at MIT and at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. She is a member of the Swiss network of mediators for international child abduction.

Panellists

Go, Delfin Sia

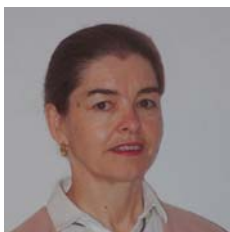


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Delfin Go is Lead Economist in the World Bank's Development Prospects Group, and the lead author of Global Monitoring Report 2010: The Millennium Development Goals After the Crisis. He was formerly in the Office of the Chief Economist of the Africa Region at the World Bank, where he focused on macroeconomic issues, aid effectiveness and management, and the exercise on Country Policy and Institutional Assessments (CPIA). He has also undertaken analytical work on macro-micro linkages for probing the distributional consequences and the impact on growth, poverty, and MDG indicators of alternative macroeconomic frameworks, external shocks, levels of aid flows as well as the composition of public expenditure. Go has also served as the World Bank's Country Economist and PREM Cluster Leader in Southern Africa (South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Namibia) and for Zambia.

Go started his career at the World Bank as a Research Economist involved in research relating to investment and growth in developing countries, trade liberalization, public expenditure analysis, macro-fiscal performance, external debt and adjustment problems, and tools for fiscal analysis. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University.

Nauen, Cornelia E.



Principal Policy Officer, International Cooperation (INCO), Research Directorate General (DG RTD), European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Dr. Nauen holds a PhD in marine ecology from Kiel University, Germany. She worked in FAO's Fisheries Department starting in the late 1970s in relation to the species identification programme (biodiversity) and on pollution issues (consumer safety levels in and advisories). In 1986, she joined the European Commission, where she worked in development cooperation and, since 1999, in international science cooperation.

Major achievements comprise EU-ACP policy dialogue around the development of an ACP-EU Fisheries Research Initiative associated also with the development of FishBase, the largest web-based archive on global scientific knowledge on all fishes and several major conferences setting more integrated research agendas focused on sustainability.

In the same vein, she spent several years dedicated to integrated water research. In this context, she supported a major international review of 10 years of international water research co-sponsored by the EU led to new insights on how to bring research more effectively into the policy arena. Biodiversity and sustainability research and how to increase its impact in societal problem solving have been constant concerns in Dr. Nauen's professional work and feature in her publications. She now focuses on developing S&T relations between Europe and South America, where addressing risks associated with extreme events are high on the (bi-)regional agenda.

Rahmstorf, Stefan



Professor Potsdam University and Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Potsdam, Germany

Stefan Rahmstorf is a physicist by training, and professor of Physics of the Oceans at Potsdam University as well as head of department at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research. He obtained his PhD in oceanography in New Zealand and has worked at the New Zealand Oceanographic Institute as well as the Institute for Marine Science in Kiel (Germany)

Rahmstorf is a member of the Academia Europaea and of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU). He is also one of the lead authors of the 4th Assessment Report of the IPCC. In 2007 he became an Honorary Fellow of the University of Wales and in 2010 a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union. He has published over 60 scientific papers (14 of which in Nature and Science) and co-authored three books. Available in English is Our Threatened Oceans (2009, with Katherine Richardson) and The Climate Crisis (2010, with David Archer).



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