

WORLD AWARDS MEDIA PRESENTS:



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CONGRESS

Defining our Future:

VISIONS
for a
Sustainable World

Grafenegg Castle
July 23–24, 2009

LET'S CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER.



PROGRAMME

Defining our future: Visions for a sustainable world

Thursday, 23 July, 2009: 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Friday, 24 July, 2009: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

'Reitschule'
Grafenegg Castle, Lower Austria

**Official congress languages are German and English.
There will be simultaneous translation in these languages during the congress.**

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009

10:00 - 11:00 WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING

Erwin Proell, Governor, Lower Austria

Georg Kindel, Founder and Chairman, Save the World Awards

Opening Presentations:

Megatrends Defining Our Future

Magda Stoczkiewicz, Director, Friends of the Earth Europe (tbc)

The Road from Copenhagen

Alexander Likhotal, President and CEO, Green Cross International

11:00 - 13:00 FIRST SESSION: CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

The Challenges of a Changing Earth: In Search of a Fair Future

Helga Kromp-Kolb, Professor, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna

Ensuring Environmental Sustainability: The Role of Biodiversity

Hubert Weiger, President, Friends of the Earth Germany (tbc)

Coping with Water Scarcity: Every Drop Counts

Jan Sendzimir, Research Fellow, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Towards Clean Energy: Strategies to Combat Climate Change

Stephan Pernkopf, Agricultural Counsellor, Office of the Provincial Government, Lower Austria



LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 SECOND SESSION: ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

Global Economic Crisis: A Catalyst for Sustainable Change?

Jill Jäger, Partner, Sustainable Europe Research Institute

The Changing Eco-System: CSR - a possible solution?

Robert Slameczka, Board of Directors, respACT

Eco-social Market Economy: The Right Path for Equity and Posterity?

Josef Plank, CEO, RENERGIE Raiffeisen Management Company for Renewable Energy Ltd.

Fair Trade: A Chance for the Future?

Edeltraud Novy, Board Member, FAIRTRADE Austria

COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 18:00 THIRD SESSION: HEALTH & SOCIETY

Hungry for Change: Envisioning a Sustainable Food System

Dr. Vandana Shiva, Alternative Nobel Prize Winner

Genetic Engineering in Plant Production: Maintenance of the Right to Self Decision!

Franz Raab, Executive Director, Provincial Chamber of Agriculture of Lower Austria

Our Footprint on the Environment: Green Lifestyles

Eike Wenzel, Senior Future Consultant, Zukunftsinstitut (tbc)

Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way we Make Things

Michael Braungart, Founder and Director, Environmental Protection Encouragement Agency

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009

10:00 - 11:30 FOURTH SESSION: POLITICS & HUMAN RIGHTS

Rwanda: How the Genocide happened

Esther Mujawayo-Keiner, Founding Member, AVEGA and Women's World Award Winner 2009

Natural Resources and Environment: Implications for Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building

David Alix, International Water Programme Director, Green Cross International



Environmental Rights and Intergenerational Justice: A Chance for Change?

Heinz Patzelt, Secretary General, Amnesty International Austria (tbc)

Fighting Climate Change: The Role of Civil Society

Wolfgang Pekny, Director, Platform Footprint

COFFEE BREAK

**12:00 - 13:30 CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION
YES WE CAN?! VISIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD**

Moderator:

Corinna Milborn, Journalist and Author

Jill Jäger, Partner, Sustainable Europe Research Institute

Percy Schmeiser, Alternative Nobel Prize Winner

Wolfgang Pekny, President, Platform Footprint

Wolfgang Kromp, Professor, Institute of Risk Research, University of Vienna

Bernd Lötsch, Director, The Natural History Museum Vienna

CLOSING SESSION

To be announced

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