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HOW THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS CAN HELP

IIED Side Event at Rio+20

Better Lives, Smaller Footprints: How the SDGs Can Help

Date: Monday, 18 June

Timing: 09.30 – 11.00. Please come to room T9 at 9.00 for preparatory discussion.

Venue: RioCentro Convention Center - Room T9 – click here for map

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Language: English

Panellists: **Camilla Toulmin,** Director, IIED

Ambassador Gyan Acharya, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations and Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) - invited

Heather Grady, Vice President, Foundation Initiatives, Rockefeller Foundation

Tara Shine, Head of Research and Development, Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice

Aim: **This event presents lessons and insights from IIED's Ideas Fair held the previous two days.** IIED's focus on solutions which make a difference brings a grounded perspective to debate on how the Sustainable Development Goals can be designed to work most effectively in practice. Fair Ideas has demonstrated the broad range of tried and tested sustainability solutions from innovative business models, and urbanisation that improves lives, to transforming economic systems which work for people and planet. Following the Rio Summit, there will be a need to pilot SDG approaches in a few specific places. Panel presenters will bring their insights, from a range of themes and perspectives, to shaping SDGs from the ground up. How can these goals build effectively on broad and diverse contexts and have universal value?

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Agenda:

09.00	Panellists and chair assemble in Room T9
09.30	Welcome and introduction by Camilla Toulmin, Director of IIED (session chair)
09.40	Three 10 minute presentations by each of the panellists
10.10	Questions from the floor.
	Camilla as Chair of the Panel will ask for a round of short questions – not lengthy statements.
	There may not be time for every panellist to answer every question so the chair will direct questions or panellists can indicate their preference for answering. As there may not be time for a second round it would be good to take a reasonable number of questions first time round. Please ask people from the floor to give their name and organisation
10.40	Sum-up: 'take-away' messages on post-Rio action from panel members and chair

Questions the chair will use to initiate discussion will include:

*What are your main expectations for the Rio + 20 Summit?

*What are the major changes between the challenges on the agenda at the 1992 Summit and now?

*How can Sustainable Development Goals help achieve real improvements over the next 20 years?

*How best to build SDGs onto the institutional framework established by the MDGs?

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