



Post Rio+20: Implications for International Environmental Governance

Lecture and Discussion with Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

Invitation | 23 April 2013 | 6 – 7.30 p.m.

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The decisions and mandated by Heads of State and Government at Rio+20, will define the future of International Environmental Governance for the coming years and decades. Taking the past four decades as a timeline much has been achieved in laying the foundations for a more sustainable future. The Global Environment Outlook 5 (GEO-5), UNEP's flagship report and scorecard for the planet, shows that we are not succeeding in catalysing the pace of change that is needed to arrest environmental degradation and resource depletion. Sustainability and equity – the defining parameters of our age – all too often remain an aspiration rather than transformational in guiding the economic and development choices we make. GEO-5, launched on the eve of Rio+20, found that we are making significant progress in only four of the 90 most-important internationally agreed goals for the sustainable management of the environment and improvement of human well-being. What are the implications for the future global agenda, for multilateralism, and for UNEP within it? What is the future role of ministers responsible for the environment within the sustainable development agenda, in today's geo-political reality of multiple challenges and transitions? Environmental solutions of the 21st century must not only address the environmental change phenomena but also respond to the economic realities, challenges, needs and the imperatives of the social agenda of equity, employment and human well-being.



Achim Steiner has served as UNEP Executive Director since 2006. Before joining UNEP, he served as Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and prior to that as Secretary General of the World Commission on Dams. His professional career has included assignments with governmental,

non-governmental and international organizations worldwide. He worked at grassroots level and at the highest levels of international policy-making to address the interface between environmental sustainability, social equity and economic development. He holds degrees from the University of Oxford and the University of London and has studied at the German Development Institute in Berlin and the Harvard Business School.



Introduction and Moderation

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Registration

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