**Rio+20 to 2015: a New Architecture for a Sustainable New World**

*Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies*

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***Friday, 1 November 2013***

8:30 - 9:00

***Registration and Breakfast***

**Opening Session: Welcome, Introduction, and Keynote Remarks**

9:00 - 9:15

***Welcome***

**Frances Beinecke**, *President, Natural Resources Defense Council*

**Peter Crane***, Carl W. Knobloch Jr. Dean, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies*

9:15 - 9:35

***Overview and Goals***

**Benjamin Cashore***, Professor of Environmental Governance & Political Science, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies*

**Jacob Scherr**,*Director of Global Strategy and Advocacy, Natural Resources Defense Council*

9:35 – 9:45

***Video Introduction***

**Achim Steiner***, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme*

9:45 - 11:15

***The Challenges and Opportunities of the New World***

Since the first Rio Earth Summit in 1992, there have been profound changes in the world including the rise of the emerging economies, the expanding influence of non-state actors, and the interconnectivity of people through information and communication technologies. What do these changes mean for sustainable development? How are we adapting or failing to adapt in terms of how we organize our societies? What are the conditions and trends of global change that can help inform and invigorate the pace of our timeline towards sustainability? Where are we going in pursuit of sustainability?

**Tom Burke,** *Founding Director, E3G*

**Hans Hoogeveen***, Director General, Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation*

**Thomas Lovejoy**, *Biodiversity Chair, Heinz Center for Science, Economics & Environment*

**Seema Paul,** *Founder CEO, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation; Independent Consultant*

**Nikhil Seth,** *Director, Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs*

Moderator:

**Mary Evelyn Tucker,** *Senior Scholar and Researcher, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies/Yale Divinity School*

11:15 - 11:30

***Break***

**Session 1: The Architecture of Commitments and Partnerships**

11:30 – 1:00

***The World of Commitments and Partnerships***

At Rio+20, there were more than 700 “voluntary” commitments worth over $600 billion to take action on the full range of sustainable development challenges.  These commitments took many forms, including partnerships, initiatives, networks, clubs, coalitions, and alliances.  What are examples of successful commitments and what are the lessons learned to ensure they are durable? How do commitments produce collaborations and synergies for long-term problem solving above and beyond more procedural arrangements? How do multi-stakeholder partnerships and commitments complement the broader international architecture, in terms of how they relate to globally negotiated agreements?

**Celeste Connors,** *Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies*

**H.E. Ronald Jumeau,** *Ambassador for Climate Change and Small Island Developing State Issues, Republic of Seychelles*

**Andrew O’Brien**, *Special Representative for Global Partnerships, U.S. Department of State*

**Glenn Prickett,** *Chief External Affairs Officer, The Nature Conservancy*

Moderator:

**Amir Dossal**, *Founder and Chairman,**Global Partnerships Forum*

1:00 - 2:00

***Lunch***

1:00 – 2:00

***Climate Games - Disaster Risk Reduction in a Changing Climate (Optional Lunch Event)***

As climate extremes begin to rise and greater numbers of the earth's population are vulnerable to hazards, how will we cope with the increasing threat of disaster? Current humanitarian operating procedures focus overwhelmingly on disaster response - will that suffice? Join this *participatory, game-based session*to consider the perspective of disaster risk reduction and share your own reflections. Novel approaches to disaster preparedness, including climate services and financing of risk-based preparatory activities will be proposed and debated. Lunch will be provided to participants.

**Erin Coughlan, Program Officer,** *Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Center*

2:00 - 3:30

***Frameworks for Commitments and Partnerships***

There are a variety of structures, such as registries and action networks, to provide incentives and ensure accountability for commitments and partnerships. What does this new architecture for commitments look like? What are successful practices for soliciting, coordinating and structuring commitments and partnerships? What efforts are underway to encourage and monitor commitments to ensure durability and accountability? What have we learned about commitment architectures from the 2002 Johannesburg Summit and other frameworks for commitments?

**Ken Abbott**, *Professor of Law and Willard H. Pedrick Distinguished Research Scholar, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University*

**Adam Bly,** *Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Seed*

**Jorge Laguna Celis**, *Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development, President of the United Nations General Assembly*

**Edward Mackle,** *Manager, Partnerships and Education, United Nations Global Compact*

**Céline Ramstein,** *Deputy Attaché for Environment & Sustainable Development, Embassy of France in the United States*

Moderator:

**Anastasia Thatcher,** *Private Sector Engagement Lead***,** *Accenture Development Partnerships*

**Session 2: Advancing Actions and Synergies Across Sectors**

3:45 - 5:15

***Concurrent Sessions on Cities, Energy, Forests, and Oceans***

Sessions will involve a series of 8-10 minute rapid-fire presentations, followed by informal questions and networking. Each session will highlight a substantive area of commitments that are tangibly contributing to sustainable development efforts. Individual presentations will examine Rio+20 and other commitments, highlight relevant action networks and progress, and recognize innovative institutions and collaborations in order to generate creative ideas for ensuring action and accountability on sustainable development.

Cities (Kroon Hall 319)

**Don Chen*,*** *Ford Foundation;* **James Goldstein,** *Communitas Coalition;* **Laurie Kerr,** *Natural Resources Defense Council;* **Michael Replogle,** *Institute for Transportation and Development Policy*

Moderator: **Marian Chertow**, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Energy (Sage Hall Bowers Auditorium)

**Hilary French,** *United Nations Environment Programme;* **Emmanuel Guerin,** *Sustainable Development Solutions Network;* **Jasmine Hyman**, *Yale University;* **Julie Ipe,** *Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves;* **Mushfiq Mobarak,** *Yale University;* **Cynthia Scharf**, *Sustainable Energy for All*

Moderator: **Michael Davidson**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Forests (Kroon Hall G01)

**Eron Bloomgarden**, *EKO Capital Asset Management Partners;* **Bruce Cabarle,** *World Wildlife Fund (formerly);* **Kevin Currey,** *Ford Foundation;* **Dan Hammer,** *World Resources Institute*

Moderator: **Michael Stone**, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Oceans (Kroon Hall Auditorium)

**Ambassador Stuart Beck,** *Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations;* **Kate Brown**, *Global Islands Partnership;* **Elliott Harris,** *United Nations Environment Programme;* **Valerie Hickey,** *World Bank;* **Lisa Suatoni**, *Natural Resources Defense Council*

Moderator: **Lia Nicholson**, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

5:20 - 6:00

***Integration and Best Practices***

Concrete lessons about synergies integrating global to local and public to private governance levels will be brought from each concurrent session to the main plenary. How can these interventions be more effective and durable, and what are the outstanding questions and knowledge gaps?

Facilitator:

**Jan McAlpine**, *Director, United Nations Forum on Forests*

6:00 - 8:00

***Reception***

7:45 – 9:30

***Movie Screening: Journey of the Universe (55 minutes)***

Where do we come from? Why are we here?  Journey of the universe explores these sweeping questions through cosmic history, scientific discovery, and humanistic traditions.  A regional Emmy Award winning film created by Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker, the beautifully constructed Journey of the Universe will be introduced by Thomas Lovejoy and followed by a brief panel discussion with Maria Ivanova and Pavan Suhkdev, open to audience participation. Refreshments willbe served.

***Saturday, 2 November 2013***

**Session 3: Towards an Effective Post-2015 Architecture**

8:00 – 8:30

***Opening Remarks***

**Jeffrey Sachs,** *Director, Sustainable Development Solutions Network; Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals*

8:30 – 9:00

***Breakfast***

9:00 – 11:00

***The New Climate Architecture***

At the Durban Conference of the UNFCCC in 2011, parties agreed to establish a universal agreement with legal force by 2015. What does the new architecture of multi-stakeholder partnerships and commitments to action mean for the climate change regime? How can initiatives like the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Summit accelerate a race-to-the-top in catalyzing action on the ground? How do commitments and partnerships from all actors complement and synergize with the multilateral negotiation process and an agreement with legal force?

**H.E. Tomas Christensen,** *Senior Advisor for Partnerships, Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations*

**Christiana Figueres**, *Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (video remarks)*

**H.E. Gustavo Meza-Cuadra,** *Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations*

**Daniel Rochberg,** *Instructor, Emory Department of Environmental Studies*

**Laurence Tubiana**,*Founder and Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations*

Moderator:

**Michael Fotos,** *Lecturer, Political Science and Ethics, Politics and Economics, Yale University*

**Minister Pascal Canfin,** *Minister Delegate for Development, France*

11:00 – 11:30

***Break***

11:30 – 1:00

***The New Development Agenda Architecture***

With the expiration of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015, international processes are underway to define the next global development agenda. How does the new architecture of multi-stakeholder partnerships and commitments to action contribute means of implementation for the new agenda and future Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? How can the vision of a “new global partnership” be realized through goal-specific, durable partnerships among all stakeholders? How can 2015 be the spark for more enduring institutional synergies that address structural issues?

**Steven Bernstein**, *Co-Director, Environmental Governance Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto*

**Joan Bigham,***Managing Director, Global Solution Networks*

**Navid Hanif,** *Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs*

**Elliott Harris,** *Director, New York Office, United Nations Environment Programme*

**Amina Mohammed,** *Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning, Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (video remarks)*

Moderator:

**Maria Ivanova,** *Co-Director, Center for Governance and Sustainability, University of Massachusetts Boston; Member, United Nations Secretary-General’s Scientific Advisory Board*

1:00 - 2:30

***Lunch***

**Session 4: Enabling Environments for Commitments and Partnerships**

1:30 – 2:30

***Education for Building Commitments***

The significance of education, learning, and culture often take a backseat to policy, finance, and technology in discussions of sustainable development solutions. However, decades of experience have demonstrated that truly transformational change requires cultural and educational change and that they can in fact usher great political change. What role are educational institutions playing to inspire greater leadership and ambitious commitments to action? How can we share sustainable development learning and values across disciplines, sectors, and cultures?

**Jean-Christophe Carteron,** *Corporate Social Responsibility Director, Kedge Business School*

**Melissa Goodall,** *Assistant Director, Yale Office of Sustainability*

**Elizabeth Thompson,** *Executive Coordinator, United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development*

**Meghan Fay Zahniser,** *Director of Programs, The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education*

Moderator:

**Kathleen Ng,** *Senior Sustainability Officer, McGill Office of Sustainability*

2:40 – 4:00

***Green Economy and Financing: Creating Appropriate Incentives and Taking Actions to Scale***

The Rio+20 Conference mobilized over $500 billion in commitments from public, private, and civil society actors. This roundtable discussion will explore innovative policy and financing approaches to bring multi-stakeholder partnerships and commitments to scale and deliver long-term, inclusive green growth. How do we provide the market logic and incentives for investments and commitments to green growth? What are the challenges in moving towards a green economy?  What are the structures and enabling environments that foster a race-to-the-top in terms of sustainability investments, partnerships, and commitments?

**Achim Halpaap,** *Head, Environment Unit, United Nations Institute for Training and Research*

**Farrukh Khan,** *Counselor, Second Committee, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations*

**Granville Martin,** *Executive Director, Environmental Affairs, JPMorgan Chase*

**Pavan Sukhdev,** *Founder, Corporation 2020*

Moderator:

**Susan Casey-Lefkowitz,** *Director, International Program, Natural Resources Defense Council*

**Closing Session**

*4:10 - 5:00*

***The Way Forward***

Enhanced collaboration and coordination among interested officials, academics, practitioners and citizens is critical to make synergistic progress toward a new architecture for a sustainable new world. How do we develop architectures that can learn, adapt, act and account in order to address complex problems across multiple levels of governance? What types of structures do we need to allow people and institutions to work together in a more unified manner while allowing diverse actions to flourish in pursuit of transformative sustainable development?

**Elizabeth Thompson,** *Executive Coordinator, United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development*

**Ambassador Csaba Kőrösi,** *Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations; Co-Chair, Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals*