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OPEN MEETING INVITATION

1. You are invited to a meeting on Tuesday June 15, 2010 from 09.30 to 16.00, under the auspices of FIIG, at which the WORLD FUTURE COUNCIL will be presented, in particular its programme

FUTURE FINANCE: BREAKING THE FUNDING DEADLOCK.

2. **This open meeting will take place in the Flory Auditorium, John Knox International Center (27 Crêt de Pregny, Grand Saconnex, Geneva).** Please register by sending an email to c.ritchie@fiig.org. Lunch will be available in the John Knox Center Cafeteria, one minute from the Auditorium.

3. The World Future Council was established in 2007 with two pillars:

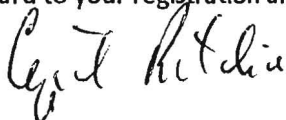
- a. To be a voice for future generations against non-sustainable actions that threaten their rights and livelihood
- b. To work with policy makers to spread best-policy solutions to urgent global challenges.

In its short existence the World Future Council has already played a decisive role in effecting legislative change in several countries on Renewable Energy policies. It has also brought the issue of "Crimes against Future Generations" into the international public and legal discourse.

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4. A further major programme is **FUTURE FINANCE**, examining ways to break the dominance of finance over the real economy; to promote lending to sustainable projects in the real economy; to promote the resilience of small and medium-sized companies. The focus of **BREAKING THE FUNDING DEADLOCK** is on finding ways to create new money to finance climate security and climate justice. The World Future Council argues that such new money can be created against performance, using underutilized productive resources and unemployed labour in the first instance to harness the unused renewable energy potential.
5. The World Future Council approach is not an alternative to fees on uses and abuses of the global commons (e.g. a Tobin Tax) or to conventional aid. It sees the creation of new money as having potentially huge implications (including funding the MDGs). It is not a technical matter (à la IMF issue of Special Drawing Rights). It is a political proposal affirming the right of all humans to a share of the earth's riches, without having to beg or plead for their share. In this sense it is based on pre-distribution rather than re-distribution.
6. In conformity with its commitment to future generations, the World Future Council seeks to present its **BREAKING THE FUNDING DEADLOCK** programme and show how it would reconnect economics with lives, creating living economies. It is addressing itself to civil society organizations and business-based groups whose missions and agendas are also oriented to serving sustainable and equitable growth. The June 15 meeting is thus about awareness-raising, engagement and advocacy, empowerment, blueprints and feasibility. Your attendance will enlarge the knowledge base: your own and others!
7. Much more information can be found on www.worldfuturecouncil.org.
The presenters on June 15 will be:
- Jakob von Uexkull, Founder of the World Future Council (and before that, Founder of the Right Livelihood Awards)
 - Stefan Biskamp, Manager of the Future Finance programme.
- The meeting will be held in English, but questions can be posed (and answered) in German.
8. We look forward to your registration and your participation.

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