

Invitation

Side Event Intersessional Rio+20

Tuesday 27 March 2012

1:15 – 3:00 PM, Conference room : ECOSOC, United Nations (North Lawn Building), New York



Women's Critical Perspectives on the 'Green Economy'

Background: There is concern that proposed Green Economy roadmaps might be used and misused to green-wash existing unsustainable economic practices that lead to inequities and infringe on the rights of effected peoples and future generations. Should Rio+20 not fundamentally aim to transform the current economic paradigm?

Objective: The side event will highlight practical examples of rights-based approaches to ensure women are not negatively impacted by Sustainable Development policies. The event will also highlight the role of women in initiatives and projects that do contribute to genuine sustainable livelihoods, and contribute recommendations to the UNCSD process on how such initiatives can be supported.

Programme

1:15 Welcome

- Sascha Gabizon, Director, WECF International, organising partner for the Women's Major Group
- Tess Vistro, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)

1:25 – 2:00

- Isis Alvarez, Global Forest Coalition, Colombia "Potential impacts on women of the proposed expansion of the 'bio-economy' and the need for appropriate support for sustainable, women-driven initiatives that enhance food sovereignty and ecosystem restoration"
- Rachel Smolker, Biofuelwatch, USA The importance of genuinely sustainable renewable energy policies for women, and the risks of industrial bio-energy production for women's food systems and livelihoods
- Neth Dano, ETC Group, Philippines What are Green Technologies? The need for independent technology assessment and monitoring, the example of Geo Engineering and Ocean Fertilization.
- Dena Hoff, La Via Campesina, USA Sustainable agriculture and rural development are important themes for the Rio+20 conference. What are the perspectives of women peasant movements themselves on sustainable agriculture and "the green economy"?

2:25 – 3:00 Specific improvements for the Rio+20 Zero Draft.

Discussion with all participants and panellists

- Christine von Weizsäcker Ecoropa / WECF, closing and conclusions

Delegations: Please indicate your interest to participate before 22 of March with:

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