



## THE DECLARATION ON RIO+20 ADOPTED BY INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAUREATES 10 MARCH 2012 FREIBURG, GERMANY

### Freiburg Call for Action

Twenty years after the first Rio-Convention and forty years after the Stockholm UN-Conference we recognize a failure of this format of intergovernmental process to lead the world towards a just and sustainable future. We, as a group of 63 environmental laureates from 37 countries, represent evidence that solutions exist to the problems the world is facing.

We believe the challenge is to identify and build on the experience that already exists amongst the pioneers of change that this group of laureates represents. This should harness new communication concepts, promote continuous dialogues and be open to all members of society.

Our three day Convention in Freiburg calls upon the Rio+20-meeting to come up with actionable means to achieve sustainable development in the following critical areas:

- We urge governing bodies on all levels, as well as business and civil society, to become pioneers of change and successful social innovators.
- We have to move towards equitable budgets per capita for energy, emissions, land use, water and resources.
- To be sustainable, economic development must reduce overconsumption, be based on an ethical and fair financial system, eradicate poverty, and be in harmony with nature.
- Sustainable Development is a key security issue for all nations and has to be treated and funded as such.

The environmental laureates present at this convention pledge to convene annually in Freiburg to monitor the progress in these areas, and to draw attention to positive examples of change in order to accelerate the innovation process.