



## Essential ingredients for a sustainable future – Why do we need independent institutions, and how should they work for the long term?

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> - Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015, [St David's Hotel, Cardiff, Wales](#)**

The programme is centred around a core 24 hours (1-6pm on Day 1 and 9-1pm on Day 2). Optional activities will take place on either side of the core 24 hours, including a tour of The Senedd - the National Assembly for Wales – at 9.30 am on the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Day 1 – Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April		
	Session	Description / Speakers
12.00 – 12.45	<b>Registration</b>	
12.40 – 13.00	<b>Press Conference</b>	
13.00 – 13.20	<b>Opening and Welcome</b>	<p><b>Host Partners:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Peter Davies – Commissioner for Sustainable Futures</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Andrew Charles – Welsh Government</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Catherine Pearce – World Future Council</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Prof. Simon Caney – Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations</i></li> </ul>
13.20 – 13.35	<b>Keynote Address</b> <i>Moderated by Peter Davies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Prof Edith Brown Weiss, Francis Cabell Brown Professor of International Law, Georgetown University Law Centre (via video-recording)</i></li> </ul>
13.35 – 14.20	<b>Panel Session 1:</b> New institutions to drive the change - working with purpose and impact to protect our common future. What works? <i>Chaired by Dr. Paula</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>How to ensure the legislative foundation and legally enshrine the institution?</b> (related to WS1): <i>Jan van de Venis, Director Legal Desk WaterLex; Chair of Committee 'Dutch Ombudsperson for Future Generations', Worldconnectors</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Indicators as tools to measure the long term</b> (related to WS2): <i>Juliet Michaelson, Senior Researcher</i></li> </ul>



	<i>Tiihonen, Committee for the Future, Finland</i>	<p><i>Wellbeing, New Economics Foundation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Stakeholder participation and access, to ensure strong citizen contact, with powers to address their complaints and legal redress</b> (related to WS3): <i>Dr Sandor Fülöp, President of the Environmental Management and Law Association and former Commissioner for Future Generations, Hungary</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Ensuring real power and impact within democratic political systems</b> (related to WS4): <i>Andrea Westall, Strategy and Policy Consultant; Senior Research Fellow, Open University; and Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development</i></li> </ul>
14.30 – 15.30	<p><b>Workshops</b></p> <p>Delegates to choose which of the four workshops to attend</p>	<p><b>Co-facilitators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>WS1: Legal context of model institutions</b> <i>Jan van de Venis</i></li> <li>▪ <b>WS2: Indicators as tools to measure the long term</b> <i>Juliet Michaelson</i></li> <li>▪ <b>WS3: Access and stakeholder mobilization involvement</b> <i>Dr Sandor Fülöp</i></li> <li>▪ <b>WS4: Ensuring real power and impact within democratic political systems</b> <i>Andrea Westall</i></li> </ul>
15.30 – 16.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Reports from workshops written up on large whiteboards by the rapporteurs
16:00– 18:00	<p><b>Panel Session 2:</b></p> <p>Learning from the rich experience of existing examples elsewhere</p> <p><i>Chaired by Derek Osborn: Chair, Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Incorporating the long-term for more peaceful and resilient societies:</b> <i>Robert Neil, Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment, ACT, Australia</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Perspectives from Canada:</b> <i>Julie Gelfand, Commissioner of Environment and Sustainable Development, Canada</i></li> <li>▪ <b>A view from Germany:</b> <i>Dr. Valerie Wilms, Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development, Deutscher Bundestag</i></li> <li>▪ <b>1 year on from Budapest – the network. How can this network work together to champion and spread best policies and learn from each other?</b> <i>Dr Marcel</i></li> </ul>



		<i>Szabó, Ombudsman for Future Generations, Hungary</i>
18:00– 19.00	<b>Evening Reception</b>	
<b>Day 2 – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
	<b>Session</b>	<b>Description / Speakers</b>
8.45 – 9.15	<b>Registration</b>	
9:15 – 9.35	<b>Opening and welcome</b>	<p><b>Summary of day 1 and Introduction to day 2</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to Well-being of Future Generations Act and the National conversation on The Wales We Want</b></p> <p><i>Peter Davies, Commissioner for Sustainable Futures</i></p>
09.40 – 10.00	<p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><i>Moderated by Peter Davies</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Natural Resources, Welsh Government</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Nikhil Seth, Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs</i></li> </ul>
10.00 - 10.15	<b>Press Conference</b>	
10.00– 11.00	<p><b>Panel Session 3</b></p> <p>Identifying the gaps for institutional innovation</p> <p><i>Dr. Jaakko Kuosmanen, Research Fellow, Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Contextualising future generations in the climate negotiations:</b> <i>Dr Tara Shine, Head of Research and Development, Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Shaping the new global goals for a sustainable future, news on the Sustainable Development Goals:</b> <i>Nikhil Seth, Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs</i></li> <li>▪ <b>The contextualisation of future generations in the post 2015 frame:</b> <i>Farooq Ullah, Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum</i></li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Break</b>	



11.30– 13.00	<p><b>Panel Session 4</b></p> <p>Looking to the future – perspectives in practice</p> <p><i>Chaired by Catherine Pearce, Director Future Justice, World Future Council</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Linking future generations to environmental protection, resonance with youth:</b> <i>Elin Harvard, Young Farmers Club Wales</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Research presentation ‘Politics for the Future: Reorienting Political Institutions Towards the Long-Term’:</b> <i>Prof. Simon Caney, Co-Director, Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations &amp; Professor of Political Theory and Fellow and Tutor of Magdalen College, Oxford</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Towards Intergenerational Equity:</b> <i>Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Special Advisor to the Executive Director on SDGs and Post 2015 Agenda, UN Environment Programme</i></li> <li>▪ <b>What are the most effective ways of spreading best policies for future generations?:</b> <i>Marta Subirà, General Director for Environmental Policies within the Ministry for Sustainability and Territory of the Government of Catalonia, speaking as nrg4SD Co-Chair for the North</i></li> </ul>
13.00 – 13.15	<b>Closing</b>	Key conclusions and wrap up
13.15 – 14.15	<b>Lunch</b>	