

IDGEC-SSC 8: Conducting Synthesis

June 27-29, 2006

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

AGENDA

Venue: Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Participants:

SSC members: Agus Sari, IDGEC SSC Chair (Pelangi), Joyeeta Gupta (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Song Li (World Bank), Yasuko Matsumoto (Kyoto University), Sebastian Oberthuer (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Oran Young (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Other invited participants: Frank Biermann (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Leslie King (University of Manitoba), Louis Lebel (Chiang Mai University), Lis Mullin (IHDP), Andreas Rechkemmer (IHDP), Falk Schmidt (IHDP) Heike Schroeder, IDGEC Executive Officer (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Apologies: Jyrki Luukkanen (Finland Futures Institute), Simon Tay (SIIA)

Tuesday, June 27 – Joint meeting with the IDGEC Synthesis Planning Group

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| 9:00 – 9:10 | Opening Session (Agus Sari) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome remarks• Adoption of the agenda |
| 9:10 – 10: 50 | Report of Planning Group meeting outcomes to the SSC (Leslie King*) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Synthesis content and format (conference program, gaps, report from captains, programmatic links)• Synthesis logistics (local arrangements, budget, funding)• Dissemination, outreach, and training (publications, talks, pre-conference workshop, media representation at conference)• New directions (state of the process, New Directions at the Synthesis Conference, 2007 Amsterdam Conference) |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:00 – 12:50 | Synthesis Science (Oran Young*) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linkages to New Institutionalism• Broader IHDP context• With a view to drafting text for <i>Science/Nature</i> article |
| 13:00– 21:00 | Lunch, field trip and dinner (details t.b.a.) |

Wednesday, June 28

9:00 – 10:50 **Future of IDGEC – New Directions – How Can the SSC Facilitate?**
(Frank Biermann*)

- Research agenda
 - Earth System Governance
 - Methodological approaches
 - Institutional architectures
 - Agency beyond the state
 - Allocative effects of institutions
 - Vulnerability, resilience, and adaptation
 - Institutional change
 - Thematic foci
 - Trade and environment
 - Water governance

10:50 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:50 **Future of IDGEC – New Directions – How Can the SSC Facilitate?**
(Frank Biermann*) –CONT.

- Possible forms and arenas
 - IDGEC II as IHDP project or Crosscutting Theme incorporated in all IHDP and ESSP joint projects?
 - Series of conferences/workshops
 - Funding issue
 - Regional base(s), possibly an axis (North-South)
 - IPO vs. no IPO
 - Partnerships

12:50 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:50 **IHDW - Institutional Dimensions of Global Environmental Change: Water, Trade, and Environment** (Louis Lebel*)

- Syllabus
- Science-Policy Forum
- Trainers

15:50 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:50 **Science-Policy Interface** (Song Li* and Agus Sari*)

- Report from CSD
- Role for IDGEC in CSD process
- Other fora
- IISD/ENB *MEA Bulletin*

19:00 *Dinner*

Thursday, June 29

- 9:00 – 10:50 **Trade and Environment workshop** (Leslie King*)
- Content
 - Goals and outcomes
 - Venue and participation
 - Linkage to IHDW
- 10:50 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 12:50 **Marie Curie Summer School series 2006-2009: Emerging Theories and Methods in Sustainability Research – 2007 Summer School on Institutional Analysis of Sustainability Problems** (Oran Young*)
- We were asked by IHDP SSC member to provide input
 - Interest to IDGEC in context of New Directions/next phase of research on institutions?
 - Content & trainers
- 12:50 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Conclusion** (Agus Sari)
Summary, decisions, actions, and next steps
- 14:45 – 16:45 **Workshop** (details t.b.a.)
With members of the Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 16:45 - **Institute-wide “borrel”** (small drink party) with Dutch cheese, drinks, and the famous Dutch bitterballen

* Session chairs may turn over to others for input on specific sub-items.