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I. Governance for Sustainability: The Big Picture

Objectives and Background

As the 21st century advances, the world faces increasing challenges to economic prosperity, human wellbeing, and environmental integrity – directly impacting life chances for upcoming generations. We recognize the problems but still struggle to secure fast, fair and inclusive progress towards a more sustainable future. It is clear that existing governance arrangements—the way we make decisions, allocate resources and account for actions — are not equipped to deliver the long-term decision-making and active public engagement needed to put humanity on a sustainable track.

In June 2013, 50 emerging and established decision-makers, innovators and practitioners of various disciplines from 26 countries on four continents convened at Salzburg Global Seminar to address the complex challenge of sustainability and inject fresh systems thinking into the rapidly-evolving policy landscape. Building on their diverse backgrounds, the participants sought to:

- propose creative elements for a new framework to meet the global sustainability challenge;
- identify concrete steps for target audiences;
- establish an intergenerational network of experts, critical thinkers and doers that are dedicating their lives and careers to drive change forward.

The Session was held at a time of great urgency. Scientists routinely alert the global community to the crossing of planetary boundaries and potential tipping points; the world population has exceeded seven billion and is heading to nine billion before 2050; more people are affected by the realities of climate change while poverty, unemployment and financial troubles persist, and climate change acts as a “threat multiplier”.

At the same time, new opportunities and collaborations are opening up as human ingenuity is deployed more actively than ever before to address these issues. These trends and pressures form the backdrop to the international community’s quest for a new environment and development framework after 2015, including the commitment to adopt
universal Sustainable Development Goals for the post-Millennium Development Goals era and to conclude a new climate change instrument.

The Salzburg Global Session used short introductory presentations on various issues and perspectives related to sustainability governance to stimulate discussion, challenging the group to go beyond standard thinking. In-depth small group work on issues prioritized by the participants as being of particular interest generated fresh ideas, which were later shared with the plenary. This interactive process led to the framing of a call for action, in the form of a Salzburg Statement on New Governance for Sustainability entitled “Finite Planet, Infinite Potential”.

The Chatham House Rule was followed throughout the Session to create an informal atmosphere and to give participants the opportunity to speak their thoughts freely. In the report that follows, no attribution is made of the ideas presented to specific persons, except in the case of the opening public lecture. Additional attributable material, including voice and video recordings, has been posted online at www.salzburgglobal.org/go/515 following the explicit consent of the individuals involved. The program of the session is attached in Appendix I, while Appendix II contains the names and brief biographies of all participants.

The Salzburg Global Seminar would like to thank the session chair and panelists for donating their time and expertise to this collaborative project.

The report summarizes the main themes discussed and points raised in the course of the Session. It presents a synthesis of the priority topics that emerged, both through small group work and in plenary.
The Bailey Morris-Eck Lecture on International Media, Economics and Trade

Shifting Finance to Achieve a Low Carbon Economy

David Runnalls Senior Fellow, Sustainable Prosperity; Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation; Distinguished Fellow and former President, International Institute for Sustainable Development, Canada

The Session’s substantive part was kicked off with a lecture endowed by Bailey Morris-Eck, a member of Salzburg Global Seminar’s Board of Directors. The distinguished speaker was David Runnalls, a veteran in the field of sustainability and former head of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD; see Appendix II for his full biography). With experience spanning the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972 to the two Rio Conferences in 1992 and 2012 respectively, as well as nearly all landmark policy events in between, David has had an exceptionally comprehensive overview of successes and failures in sustainability governance to share with participants.
David Runnalls pointed to the fact that although many multilateral environmental agreements have been negotiated globally, the system that has emerged has never addressed sustainability challenges effectively enough. A major reason for this has been the inability to reach agreement on integrating environmental concerns into mainstream economic policy, even though the need to do so was already stressed by the Brundtland Commission in the late 1980s. Instead, by the time of the first Rio Conference in 1992, governments had left the environment-economy idea behind only to reinforce the North-South divide, with the countries of the Global South agreeing to the environmental agenda proposed by the North in exchange for development aid, access to markets and debt relief. Although hopes were raised at Rio 1992, history reveals that the North did not keep its part of the deal, thus laying the foundations for very limited progress ever since.

David Runnalls stressed the ever-increasing urgency of climate change, a concern finally being acknowledged by world leaders and non-environmentalists, as recently heard in speeches by US President Obama and IMF chief Christine Lagarde. He referred to recent figures by the International Energy Agency, an organization with strong connections to the energy industry, showing that global average temperature may increase by as much as 5.5°C, compared to the maximum of 2°C set in Copenhagen in 2009. The cost of non-action can be massive, as pointed out by the Stern report. The integration of sustainable development with economic development is essential if we are to switch to a green or low carbon economy, which would significantly reduce emissions. Prices need to reflect the true energy costs, including natural capital-related “externalities”, while finance and investments need to be directed to sustainable production and clean technology development.

There was no hiding the fact that the cost of transition to a low carbon future would be high, about 2 to 2.5% of global GDP. This, however, was no excuse to forgo the UN goal of universal energy access for all by 2030 - which would add only marginally to global carbon emissions, while helping billions move out of poverty. The long-term benefits of acting now and investing the necessary capital creatively, would far outweigh any ‘savings’ from non-action, which would carry huge social and economic cost. As food for thought for the coming days of discussion, Mr. Runnalls shared his views on how this could be achieved, including measures such as the following:

- Shift away from the pay-the-polluter principle to the-polluter-pays principle, and terminate environmentally harmful subsidies;
- Encourage and promote sustainable public procurement, which has a significant macroeconomic impact;
- Price carbon properly, e.g. through a carbon tax (several good examples already exist around the world);
- Leverage public funding against private sector financing in green funds;
Promote sustainable private investments, e.g. in renewable energy, making greater use of risk insurance and public funds as facilitating tools;

Promote sustainable and financially attractive investments with long-term returns through sovereign wealth funds;

Introduce, promote and mainstream green bonds to make investments attractive and available to investors who are not particularly interested in or knowledgeable about environmental finance.

Most of these ideas have been or are currently being tested. According to David Runnalls, what is needed is political will and a better understanding of the business and social opportunities involved in order to mainstream them in practice. Green growth is possible and the low carbon economy will be beneficial in the long-term, from not only an environmental but also an economic perspective. The ongoing financial crisis provides an excellent window of opportunity for change. Necessary financial reforms and the promotion of sustainable development actually go hand-in-hand in many respects. Both imply moving away from an over-emphasis on short-term thinking. To that end, credit rating agencies should start also considering environmental solvency as they rate companies and countries alike.
He concluded by expressing disappointment that the sustainability agenda has not been significantly advanced over the past several decades, with the exception of decisive action to address ozone depletion. We quickly need to raise the funds necessary to implement the transition to a low carbon, green economy and deal with over-consumption soon enough. If we do not act now, we do not have a viable future. The technology is there: many businesses and emerging economies like China are noticing the opportunities.

Responding to questions, David Runnalls agreed that vested interests are a problem, but pointed to the critical role that governments—rather than industries—must play in setting a robust, regulatory baseline for e.g. emission control. We need courageous political leadership. As long as there is a lack of perceived urgency and public concern pushing for change, these issues will not be given political priority, and governments will not act. Experience has shown that despite opposition at the start, initiatives such as carbon taxes have gradually been accepted and have become an important part of the tax base. Public opinion needs to be mobilized, and thinking and acting in unsustainable ways needs to become ‘politically incorrect’ across all stakeholder groups.

At the multilateral level, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) plays an essential role despite its dysfunctionalities due to the requirement for consensus. For global progress, it is critical for the US and China to get on board. An alternative possibility would be to identify other international fora where the countries with the largest emissions can reach agreement.

Lastly, with regard to the many international agreements made since Stockholm 1972, David Runnalls highlighted that some of the established secretariats do work well, such as for CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora). He considered that UNEP’s (United Nations Environment Programme) major problem is its lack of funding. The large number of agreements and secretariats remains a challenge as well as the lack of geographical concentration of and coordination among them. More synergies are needed at regional and global levels.
II. Pathways for Action

Wanted: A 21st Century Compass

Finding an effective form of sustainability governance, and better connecting different levels and stakeholders, is one of the key issues of our time. Many participants see our current system as dominated by neoclassical economic thinking and ideas that have simply been overtaken by reality. In the interests of global peace and security, we need to frame a systems approach that recognizes the connections between the societal, environmental and economic challenges we face, and then addresses them through integrative policies.

To help us decide what the next steps should be and in which direction we should go from here, we need a 21st century compass that provides a clear and compelling long-term vision for sustainable growth and wellbeing. This compass should bring us back into the environmentally safe and socially just space for humanity, between the outer boundaries of planetary resilience and the inner boundaries of society that limit our options.
Participants identified eight connected elements for change:

- We need to appreciate the value of all kinds of capital, including human and natural capital. Only when we understand how both planetary and social systems work can we find ways to get back into the safe and just space for humanity.
- We need to put less emphasis on national boundaries and move towards a more regional and global mind-set. The challenges and resource constraints we face go beyond national interest and are often global in their nature.
- We do need, however, to take social boundaries seriously and treat human rights as the social foundation on which we stand.
- Sustainable development requires that planetary boundaries be respected. We need to move beyond the discourse that views them as a threat to development, and understand that innovation and economic opportunity can flourish within these limits.
- There is an urgent need for us to move beyond our own mental boundaries and bravely think in new, interdisciplinary, systemic ways. Sustainability is not separate from economics, education or politics. It is an integral and integrating part of all this.
- We are failing because we cannot resolve the massive challenges we face simply by adjusting our existing institutions and governance structures. Rather, major structural, radical, and transformational change is needed to move from short-term to long-term solutions.
- Those countries and other actors that understand the need for urgent action should become champions of sustainability at the local, national, regional and global level.
- Above all, our values and attitudes that drive short-term choices need to change.
New Actors and New Behaviors to Lead the Transition

Much of the discussion on sustainable development and climate change has been seen from a Western perspective, with development models dominated by a Western narrative. In 2050, however, people from the West will amount to less than 10% of the world’s population. For example, we have already entered the ‘Asian century’ with billions of hard-working people in that part of the world eager to live the promised “American dream”. They are courted with mixed signals - told on the one hand to keep consuming and producing to keep the world’s economy afloat, and on the other hand not to emulate the Western model of consumption because it is unsustainable.

Development paths chosen by Asia and other regions undergoing rapid transformation matter to the whole world. If their growth policies are rooted in unsustainable consumption and production, the cumulative impacts may trigger massive social, economic and ecological damage – hurting their own citizens most directly.

Participants shared their experience from four continents and identified key points that can guide governance frameworks at different levels:

• Western behaviors should not be adopted by the rest of humanity without critical thought. Rather, Asia and other parts of the world can foster regulation
and innovation frameworks that deter unsustainable consumption and growth patterns.

- Over-consumption is the core problem of sustainability. Building on the premise that the consumer is king and instilling a sense of entitlement to consume, traditional capitalism can encourage people to “buy things you don’t need with money you don’t have to impress people you don’t like”. If we continue to live, promote and encourage this kind of thinking, it will have catastrophic consequences.

- Freedom is not equivalent to a right to have more and more. Restraint will have to be the new norm of the 21st century, with rules and state intervention for the common good. The notion that rules are intrinsically bad is contradicted in practice by such previously-opposed policies as compulsory seatbelts and smoking restrictions in certain places.

- Prosperity for all has to be centered on basic rights to food, water and sanitation, security, basic housing with energy, and access to health and education.

- The sustainability challenge not only needs global thinking and local action, but also local thinking and local action. By disseminating practical knowledge to promote proactive engagement, individuals can better manage their own environment and businesses through formal and informal education and training programs.

- Sustainable development requires the participation and empowerment of all parts of society including women, younger generations and marginalized groups such as the unemployed.

- Women account for 51% of the world population and cannot be left behind. Yet women are still underrepresented in decision making at all levels, and women and children are 14 times more likely to die as a result of natural disasters. However, it is important to remember that women are not only more vulnerable to threats such as climate change, but also powerful actors of change in their families and communities. Governance for sustainability needs to mainstream gender considerations at all levels of policy making.

- The sustainability paradigm calls for a new type of leadership, moving away from the single charismatic leader to more participatory leadership forms. There is potential to create a more favorable climate for sustainability based on values such as trust, empathy and willingness to help others.
New Economics for Sustainability

Re-designing governance for sustainability depends first, on having a good understanding of the system to be governed and second, on having clarity about the goals to be pursued. However, a key problem is that the mainstream understanding of the economy is based on a 200 year out-of-date model which assumes it is a closed system tending to equilibrium — akin to Newtonian physics. In practice, the 21st century economy is an open, complex, adaptive, and ever-evolving system. Inconvenient though this insight may be - especially for today’s economics departments in universities - it needs to be at the heart of new economic thinking, and hence at the heart of attempts to create effective economic governance.

Participants explored ways to move away from a narrow focus on GDP and consumption and look to new, inclusive growth and prosperity definitions and to models that consider externalities and value environmental and social assets. Several real world examples prove that it is possible. Even the fact that GDP per capita is much the same in the United States and the countries of Western Europe, yet US carbon emissions are more than twice as high, shows that there are many ways to grow.

“I realized at Salzburg, that the prevalence and significance of “Bottom up approach” is highly important whereby lot of actions and initiatives happening on ground are at grassroots level (community), which needs encouragement and appreciation from society at large in order to scale up and replicate them in other regions.”

Keshav Jha
Drawing these lessons learnt together, participants highlighted the following steps for change:

- **We must ensure that environmental issues are integrated into macro-economic policy making to get sustainability taken seriously. Systems thinking is necessary to bring the now-parallel debates together.**
- **Future generations must be explicitly factored in to decisions we make today. ‘Business as usual’ is leaving an ever-expanding financial and ecological debt for our children and grandchildren.**
- **Risk assessment and management are of crucial importance. Even though we may not understand the risks fully, the precautionary principle must be embedded in decision making frameworks. Scientific analyses are already sufficiently comprehensive for us not to delay effective preventive actions.**
- **Putting a price on nature could help make visible the value of the natural capital on which our livelihoods and economies depend, and support more sustainable and balanced use of natural resources. Many interesting initiatives on the valuation of ecosystem services are under way, such as the World Bank’s WAVES (Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services) project and the UNEP-hosted TEEB (The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity) initiative. Recent proposals for the future Sustainable Development Goals include the goal to “publish and use economic, social and environmental accounts in all governments and major..."**
companies”. Countries should see this as an opportunity to become leaders in an innovative field of legislation.

- An “IPO for the Earth” is a creative thought experiment that invites investors to look at the value that ecosystems provide to society. If the Earth were an enterprise it would be valued against its assets, capabilities and liabilities. It would have a strategy and there would be metrics to assess strategic progress. The ‘Earth Enterprise’ would be owned by all people around the world: its shares would be governed by an agency that would reinvest any income in ecosystem services, social infrastructure and other objectives that would benefit the planet. A planetary enterprise of this kind would value abundance, vitality and global interdependence and acknowledge the value of its people as its primary economic motors.

- However, some participants were concerned that expressing the value of the Earth and natural capital in monetary terms could create wrong impressions and have adverse effects. Many species and ecosystems, and certainly the planet as a whole, are literally invaluable and have intrinsic as well as use value. There are major challenges, risks and unclear implications in valuing natural capital and making it an integrated part of the financial economy.

- Proponents of sustainability must therefore be innovative, focus on a positive vision of the world, and focus their arguments on concrete economic opportunities arising from sustainability investments, instead of becoming defensive when confronted with the high cost of action.

**Earth IPO – what is it?**

- A lens through which to view the critical question of our time – is a sustainable future valuable to humanity?

- A creative thought experiment to explore the dissonance between economic price and sustainable value and answer the following questions:
  - Is the Earth a good investment?
  - Could investors value the Earth as a going concern?

Re-directing Money and Finance

A thriving complex system—like a forest—has a balance in its life forms between producing efficiency and producing resilience. Though it is little acknowledged, the global financial system is also a complex system, but it is geared to producing efficiency, not resilience. This makes it highly vulnerable, as seen in the global crash triggered in 2008. In reforming financial systems governance to support social justice, ecological integrity, and economic stability, one innovative pathway would enable us to practise biomimicry and construct a new system that combines efficiency and resilience.

The link between the economy and sustainability is the monetary system. Financial flows and stability are critical issues when promoting sustainability, yet the financial system on we have come to rely is currently highly unstable. Rethinking the monetary system is thus a prerequisite for sustainable development.

We tend to hold the monetary system as self-evident and without realistic alternatives. This hinders us by supporting short-term thinking as “the rational way” and promoting vested interests incompatible with sustainable development. By taking a step back, looking at what money really is, as well as how and by whom it is created, one can better understand the flaws of the system, its limitations, instability and non-neutrality.

- While natural ecosystems are sustainable, effective and resilient by default, the monetary system is mono-cultural and structurally unstable, characterized by boom and bust cycles.
- Diversity and interconnectivity are structural variables that correlate with resilience, also when it comes to networks like the monetary system. When we push efficiency too far, the systemic balance is disturbed.
- Money is just a standard measurement, a medium of exchange and one way to store value. It is not the only possible currency and it is not neutral.
- The current system based on a series of single national currencies has led to the concentration of wealth and the devaluation of social capital. Competitive behavior has overcome cooperation, and growth has become compulsory as we have let ourselves become hostages of compound interest.
- The solution could be in introducing complementary currencies that would link unmet needs to unused resources. Rethinking the monetary system would be a way of encouraging a large scale change in behavior. Systems are effective at changing behavior without using force.
Participants discussed a range of existing systems with multiple currencies. These include the neighborhood currency Toreke in Ghent, Belgium and the Fureai Kippu sectoral currency for elderly care in Japan. Dual currency banking can help reduce poverty, an example being the Swiss WIR Mutual Credit. Other good examples are the “ecocitizen” incentives program in Curitiba, Brazil and Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes in Africa, which have introduced currencies for sustainability and conservation. A simple but demonstrative example of a successful alternative, large-scale currency is the airline mileage system that is effective in making use of spare capacity in air traffic.
Population Growth and Sustainability

The world population reached seven billion in 2011 and is estimated to continue rising to 10 billion by the year 2100. Providing adequate nutrition, housing, health care, education, and employment for all these people, who tend to crowd into megacities, while maintaining the integrity, health and productivity of ecosystems, is a major challenge that crosses sectoral and government divides and affects public, private and third sectors.

Population growth is highly relevant to sustainability, yet many still do not dare speak about it openly and honestly because of cultural and religious sensitivities. Imaginative ways have been found to make “information and means” available to allow women and couples to influence the number of children they wish to bring to the world. However, talking openly and agreeing on family planning and the use of contraceptives is still quite difficult in international fora and within national governments. Some key points made by participants include:

- The world cannot handle 10 billion consumers on a ‘business as usual’ basis. The risk of increasingly intense poverty, misery and violence is real. Population growth is an elephant in the room that we simply cannot ignore anymore.
- It is not about defining the optimum population size; it is about adapting population to the earth’s capacity.
- Population growth, consumption patterns, emissions reductions, women’s rights and sustainable use of resources are all interlinked. Population growth is high where women’s rights are low. Education of girls remains an important tool for population management.
- Research shows that there is a connection between increased urbanization and reduced growth in population. Additionally, research has shown a connection between access to clean water and population size. Conversely, research has not been able to confirm the often assumed connection between religion and population growth.
- What can we learn from societies that have lower fertility today? What were the underlying social forces that had an impact and what was the role of the government? China’s one-child policy has been drastic, and its effects are hotly debated. The country will soon face a new challenge in the form of a distorted age structure that requires new proactive policies for social protection and elder care.
• The political difficulties in dealing with population growth are still very much present. At Rio+20 in 2012, demographics were treated in only three paragraphs in the final statement. We need to dare talk about issues such as reproductive health and family planning, including contraceptives, and we need to address the fact that population growth is most intense in developing countries.
• While we need to address the social, economic and basic survival needs that often lead people in less well-off countries to have more children, one cannot wait for the solution to be presented by external actors, through foreign aid or otherwise. Champions of change are needed both inside and outside governments, inside and outside countries, to drive sustainability forward and bring hope for the future.
Driving Sustainability into Education

To successfully mainstream sustainable development to become a way of life and business, each and every citizen must be part of the change process. A way to universally involve all people and build awareness is to include sustainability and global citizenship in education. Education influences thinking and shapes the values of a person; universities prepare graduates to go out to the market place where they promote sustainability values in their future positions as employees, managers and leaders.

The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), launched at Rio+20 in 2012, asks universities to teach sustainability as a core module across all disciplines, and to serve as good examples for their students and the world by reducing their institutions’ own ecological footprint, greening their supply chains and using green procurement practices. Over 300 universities have already signed up for HESI and take part in training sustainability practitioners.

Based on lessons learnt and continuing gaps, participants identified the following priorities for action:

- Sustainability needs to be integrated into all levels of education starting from preschool, and into the informal education sector to reach those who are not able to attend formal education. Making training modules available to all people is absolutely critical.
- Standardization of sustainability education: there are no common metrics and criteria that define what sustainability in education is, or how to evaluate a sustainable university.
- Sustainability needs to be made part of university and business school rankings to effect change in the system. Today MBA programs are ranked e.g. based on the increase in graduates’ salaries. Sustainability can be turned into a strategic advantage in business schools.
- Special attention needs to be paid to training the economists of the future, so that they design and promote an economic system that reflects nature and the values of humanity. Economists have to be helped to become team players, working on an equal footing with other disciplines and scientific fields for sustainability.
- Universities can act as incubators/micro-states to experiment with sustainability initiatives. They can stimulate critical thinking about the subject matter, separating fiction from fact, and questioning biases and stereotypes. Importantly, they offer avenues for cross-functional dialogue and integration, so that future accountants acknowledge environment, and future environmentalists recognize asset valuation.
• Sustainability education should be taught in modern ways making use of educational tools that have a large outreach potential. Social media could, for example, be a powerful teaching tool. A creative idea could be to develop an online simulation game that allows people to compete with each other in a playful way while at the same time being taught about sustainability practices.

• Although we are global, we still retain our local uniqueness: sustainability education must always reflect and account for the needs of the community it serves.

“I must state from the onset that I have never participated in an event of this nature, and very rarely felt as empowered to speak and think as clearly and critically as I did over the last four days. All our conversations were sincere, passionate and determined and I was truly privileged to interact with so many intelligent and humble people.”

Richard Peters
III. Roles and Goals for Bringing About Change

Drivers of Change

At the Individual Level

Most importantly, in order for sustainable development to become reality, all people of the world must start taking on a dual citizenship: one of their own country and one of the planet. Each one of us has to do her/his part to make our world more sustainable, transforming our mind-sets and behavior in the process.

New Idea:
“Sustainability Barcode
We need to grab available opportunities to kindle personal affinity by linking sustainability to issues that are important to individuals, emphasizing the benefits that sustainability implies, and raise awareness that everyday consumer choices matter. We could capitalize on the desire of consumers to be associated with the best and politically correct. A barcode application could thus be introduced that would inform the customer of the history of the products that they are about to buy. An easy traffic light system would help the consumer to understand the level of sustainability.”

At the Local Level

The grassroots, NGO, city and community levels are crucial promoters of sustainable development. History has shown that where community participation has been missing, change efforts have failed. The consequences of problems like climate change and biodiversity loss are also quickly and urgently noticeable locally. Yet local communities are rarely consulted when policies are designed. Although much of the implementation takes place locally, there are often not enough resources to administer sustainability projects and to fulfill the local potential. Corruption in local governments also hinders progress.
Community empowerment and participation can be enhanced by electronic information sharing between communities around the world as well as information campaigns to mobilize people and involve communities in policy making. The links between national and local governments need to be strengthened, with information being delivered in local languages. Education to increase literacy should be supported to pave way for dialogue, increased understanding and knowledge. Bottom-up approaches need funding and recognition to succeed.

**New Idea:**

“Rethinking Climate Change Ambatement Priorities
When it comes to climate change policy, there is large potential for increased emissions reductions, as well as room for improvement in cost efficiency, if initiatives and efforts were put in a different order of priority. The political focus has been almost exclusively on regulating the energy and automotive industries, leaving areas of great emissions reductions potential, such as the building and light industry, to go unnoticed. To release the significant emissions reduction potential in the construction industry, benchmarking tools should be developed for all types of buildings, new and old. Experts in the building industry should receive education on how to construct energy efficient buildings, while old houses should be checked for possible restoration needs. Choices should be limited and incentives should be increased to choose energy efficient technology when building private residences. In addition, taxes and subsidies should be shaped to channel attention to efficiency.”

**At the National Level**

Multiple conversations must be enabled among various stakeholders for new thinking on governance for sustainability to take root at the national level. Such conversations need to take a broad approach to sustainability and include actors such as various government agencies, city mayors, sub-national government officials, business and finance actors, scientists, religious leaders, civil society activists, artists, and even military planners.
National dialogues need to elaborate the overall country vision, as well as specific goals for different sectors with clearly-defined respective roles in implementation. Resources should be allocated accordingly, and public finance should be used to incentivize the use of private capital to promote sustainability efforts, fill financial gaps, make technology available for the poor, and implement agreed global goals. Clear monitoring mechanisms should be established for accountability purposes.

New Idea:

“Enlist the Military in the Cause of Sustainability
The military now play critical roles in humanitarian assistance and peacekeeping, in addition to preparedness for and actual warfare. They could make a real difference and stimulate broader action on climate change and sustainability if they greatly reduced their “carbon footprint”, their energy usage, and their long, vulnerable supply lines.”

At the International Level

Our slow progress in tackling environmental challenges over the last 40 years - and the fact that during this time, many problems have become much worse - shows that waiting for a global agreement on key threats may not be the wisest thing to do. There are serious problems of coordination between institutions, prolonged negotiations, diluted agreements, and challenges related to implementation and monitoring. There is confusion as to what needs to be done at which level of governance and by whom. For climate change, all countries are covered by the same framework despite different levels of emissions and different ecological footprints.

These inconsistencies need to be addressed and long-term thinking adopted, combining top-down and bottom-up approaches, as well as commitments by all actors at all levels. The UN system needs to be made more effective, with large and small powers doing their part to that end. Coalitions of the willing, including those who understand the importance and urgency of issues such as climate change, should agree on higher standards and sign up to legally binding commitments, leaving other countries behind. Small groups of powerful ministers, such as finance ministers, should meet informally to build trust and discuss issues informally. Salzburg Global Seminar would be an ideal, neutral institution for such initiatives.
New Idea:

“Think Locally, Act Globally?
While recognizing that the challenges of sustainability require us to “think globally and act locally”, the more effective way to find workable solutions in keeping with human nature may actually be to “think locally and act globally”! Top-down policy formulation and compliance obligations should at least be complemented with bottom-up ideas and services provision by encouraging relevant stakeholders to get actively involved. Intelligent and innovative use of digital and social media should be considered in this regard.”

For Future Generations

We have to create and strengthen the legal and institutional guarantees for a systems-based, precautionary, long-term approach to governance for the common good. Establishing innovative, independent, powerful representations for future generations has been shown to be a promising option in some countries. A future-generations focus should be implemented at all levels of governance so that decisions made today include an assessment of how they impact generations to come.
Setting and Achieving Goals for Sustainability and Good Governance

Since the 1972 Stockholm Conference, governments and other stakeholders have gathered at regular intervals to discuss issues of sustainability. Although several Multinational Environmental Agreements (MEAs) have been signed in the process, the effectiveness and legitimacy of the system of governance that has emerged has been seriously compromised by a lack of coordination between institutions, prolonged negotiations, diluted agreements, and challenges related to implementation and monitoring.

Developed countries have not lived up to their financial undertakings, leaving developing countries without the assistance necessary to tackle challenges such as climate change and poverty and accentuating the North-South divide. Progress in developing countries, for their part, was often marred by problems in organization and weak application of the rule of law. Efforts to develop new universal paradigms - such as the Green Economy at Rio+20 – were resisted as forcing a uniform and inflexible model on all. At times, relatively extraneous issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and controversial topics such as sexual and reproductive rights have complicated the global talks and hindered them from moving forward.

To break the impasse we need to:

- **Focus on helping — not lecturing — each other.** Development philosophy needs to be redefined in both the North and the South to engage public, private and third sector stakeholders and make sustainability compelling and truly wanted. Opportunities need to be systematically highlighted instead of just the obstacles.

- **Focus on the topic being discussed.** Intergovernmental negotiations on sustainable development should not be routinely overshadowed by external dynamics that do not need to be part of every discussion.

- **Get the right people round the table.** Bringing into the negotiations those who actually understand and can implement whatever actions are to be decided at the local, national and international level is critical. Typically, however, negotiations are led by diplomats and ministries of foreign affairs.

- **Break down silos** to promote coherence and coordination within the UN and national systems. The different pillars of sustainability are deeply integrated but nearly always dealt with in a fragmented way by sector specialists and different public authorities.

- **Make the case for a collective vision of new governance** in the new Sustainable Development Goals, based on integration, implementation and coherence. This can serve as a supportive, normative, and guiding framework for developing and
developed countries, ensuring coherence of governmental action beyond national borders by setting clear priorities.

- **Promote clear and measurable targets** that cover all three pillars of sustainable development. The few global/macro-level/national targets will need to be disaggregated into national and sub-national targets, given the differentiated picture at each of these levels.

- **Assess the financing gap** in relation to achieving each of the post-2015 goals, to identify possible sources of financing (public and private).

- **Regularly monitor** progress regarding all aspects covered by the post-2015 goals and strategy. Reliable evidence instruments and analyses such as cross-national indices are necessary. These can play an important role for media, NGOs and civil society to assert pressure on laggards and countries that are not behaving in accordance with the agreed future goals.

- **Uphold the relevance of the rule of law** as an important framework condition and enabler for sustainable development, in line with recent research, reports and resolutions. The use of rule of law, good governance and other indicators are key to holding actors accountable.

- **Extend the rule of law to cover the whole supply chain**, as regards the private sector perspective and consequent responsibilities. Currently, some multinational companies are able to overcome regulation by moving production to countries where proper rule of law is absent and the local population is too frequently exploited.

- **Empower civil society and the media** to hold government and other powerful actors accountable. This is a major way of circumventing the institutional path dependencies and vested interests that undermine the rule of law.
A Call for Action

Reflecting key elements of discussions during the four-day workshop and taking into consideration all three dimensions of sustainable development, participants jointly developed the Salzburg Statement on New Governance for Sustainability — “Finite Planet, Infinite Potential” (available for download and further dissemination at http://www.salzburgglobal.org/mediafiles/MEDIA70751.pdf and printed on the next page).

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A CALL TO ACTION

We, citizens of many countries and of the world, share our one and only planet with more than seven billion others. We call for leadership, justice and imagination at all levels to find ways to preserve the Earth and enhance prosperity and wellbeing for all.

We face a daunting future. Unless we change course, we will condemn our children and grandchildren to an uninhabitable planet. We must act with urgency, inspired by individual and collective wisdom, to address critical challenges such as climate change, population growth and biodiversity loss. We have to support and sustain life, now and into the future.

We need innovative approaches to governance that reflect the complexity and interdependence of sustainability challenges and that safeguard human dignity, gender equity and the common good.

This Statement is addressed to leaders of governments and international organizations, business, religion, civil society, science, education and the media, and to individuals.

Ten priority actions can transform life chances and opportunities for current and future generations throughout the world:

1. Move beyond narrow short-term thinking and vested interests, especially in decisions concerning food, water and energy security.
2. Encourage and reward social and technological innovation for a low-carbon economy that addresses the needs of all.
3. Support and replicate, on a sound evidence basis, dynamic and inclusive initiatives by cities and local communities.
4. Engage civil society, business, and sub-national authorities in decision-making and partnerships for action.
5. Stop subsidies to polluters, put a price or tax on carbon, and ensure that markets value natural capital.
6. Use economics, finance and trade systems in new ways that compound rather than discount future value, encourage sustainable lifestyles, and enhance global prosperity, equity and resilience.
7. Integrate assessment of climate and disaster risks, and supply chain viability, in infrastructure and other investments.
8. Agree on common goals and indicators to accelerate and measure progress.
9. Invest in exchange of knowledge and best practices, and in education for sustainability at all levels.
10. Embed the rule of law and accountability in all decision-making and implementation, nationally and internationally.

Together, women and men of all nations, races and creeds, we have the knowledge and means to avert the grave threats facing humanity. The global transformation required may not be fast, easy, simple or cheap – but it is perfectly possible.

We offer two proposals for urgent consideration:

- **Establish innovative, independent and powerful representations for future generations** to align today’s policies and actions with the long-term common good.
- **Convene open and inspiring exchanges at neutral fora**, such as Salzburg Global Seminar, to build trust and confidence between high-level decision makers and stakeholder groups, and look for new thinking and breakthrough ideas.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY MEETING
From the Organizers
From the Session Chair
From the Facilitators

BAILEY MORRIS-ECK LECTURE
Shifting Finance to Achieve a Low Carbon Economy
David Runnalls,
Senior Fellow, Sustainable Prosperity; Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation; Distinguished Fellow and former President, International Institute for Sustainable Development

MONDAY, JUNE 24

DAY 2  SYSTEMS CHALLENGES AND LEVERS FOR CHANGE

Adapting Policies and Institutions to meet the Systematic Challenges of the Modern World
Martin Lees,
Gorbachev High Level Task Force on Climate Change; Vice Chairman, Conference on Affordable World Security, Washington; former UN Assistant Secretary-General; former Secretary-General of the Club of Rome

Sustainable Development: Constraints, Austerity and the Role of the State
Chandran Nair,
Founder & Chief Executive, Global Institute for Tomorrow
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The 21st Century Compass: A Safe and Just Space for Humanity
Kate Raworth,
Senior Visiting Researcher, Environmental Change Institute, Oxford University; former Senior Researcher, Oxfam GB

Getting round Blockages in Multilateral Processes
Nikhil Seth,
Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

A Case Study: Climate Change Abatement Priorities
Edward Krubasik,
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Getting Beyond Short-Termism
Gabriel Quadri,
Presidential Candidate, Mexican Generla Elections 2012; Founder, SIGEA Environmental Organization

Tackling Barriers to Participation and Engagement
Pichamon Yeophantong,
Oxford-Princeton Global Leaders Fellow, Global Economic Governance Program, University College, Oxford University

FIRESIDE CHAT

In Search of Global Sustainability: From Stockholm to Rio to Rio+20 and Beyond
Richard Gardner,
Professor Emeritus of Law and International Organization, Columbia University; former US Ambassador to Italy and Spain

A View From the South
Peter Odhengo,
National Coordinator, Greening Kenya Initiative

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DAY 3
BUILDING BLOCKS FOR NEW GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE

Leveraging Money and Markets for Sustainability
Bernard Lietaer,
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Aligning Science, Risk Management and Decision-Making
Gil Omenn,
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Strengthening Rule of Law and other Sustainable Governance Indicators
Daniel Schraad-Tischler,
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Valuing our Planet as an Appreciating Asset: An IPO for the Earth?
Joss Tantram,
Founding Partner, Terrafiniti LLP

Driving Sustainability into Education, including Business Schools
Elizabeth Thompson,
High-Level Consultant to the United Nations on the post-2015 development agenda; former Executive Coordinator, Rio+20; former Energy and Environment Minister of Barbados
Ensuring Sustainability for Present and Future Generations
Janos Zlinszky,
Director, Sustainable Development Academy, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe;
Senior Research Fellow, Peter Pazmany Catholic University Budapest
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Have a safe trip back home!
Appendix II

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The following summaries were provided prior to the session beginning and can be accessed at [www.salzburgglobal.org/go/515](http://www.salzburgglobal.org/go/515)

Gardner, Richard N. “Negotiating Survival: Four Priorities After Rio.”


Nair, Chandran. “Sustainable Development: Constraints, Austerity and the Role of the State.”

Pitkänen-Brunsberg, Jannica. “Driving Sustainability into Education, including Business Schools,” summary, Aarhus School of Business and Social Sciences, Aarhus University, Denmark.

Quadri de la Torre, Gabriel. “Some Preliminary Loose Thoughts: Politics and Business; Public Goods and Equity: Barriers to Participation and Engagement; New Economic and Social Actors.”

Raworth, Kate. “A Safe and Just Space for Humanity: Can We Live within the Doughnut?” summary, Environmental Change Institute, Oxford University, 2012.

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Tantram, Joss. “Earth IPO: Is the planet an appreciating asset?”.  

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