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3rd Nobel Laureate Symposium on Global Sustainability

Transforming the World in an Era of Global Change

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Transforming the World in an Era of Global Change:

Nobel Laureates and Key Experts on Global Sustainability Meet in Stockholm for Planetary Stewardship of our Future

In May 2011 more than twenty Nobel Laureates, several leading policy makers and some of the world's most renowned thinkers and experts on global sustainability will gather for a transdisciplinary high-level meeting at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, to formulate an action plan for planetary stewardship of our future.

On May 16-19, the Third Nobel Laureate Symposium will take place at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm in the presence and with the support of HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

The Symposium is part of a series of meetings initiated in 2007 at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research hosted by the German Chancellor Angela Merkel, followed by a second meeting at St. James Palace under the auspices of the Prince of Wales.

The Third Symposium will take a transdisciplinary approach and adopt a systems perspective on climate change and deteriorating ecosystems by proposing a discussion around how economic, political and social systems can be governed within the boundaries of the planet.

In addition, there will be discussions on the measures needed to ensure sustainable management of our planet's common resources as the need for economic progress continues given welfare development, population growth and poverty control.

"The human pressure on the Earth system has reached a scale which challenges the resilience and the biophysical boundaries of the Earth. By deepening the dialogue around climate and environmental issues from an ecological, economic, social and political perspective among Nobel Laureates and high-level decision makers from business and political life, we seek Planetary Stewardship for global sustainable development", said

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Professor Johan Rockström, Symposium Chair and Director of Stockholm Resilience Centre at Stockholm University, and Stockholm Environment Institute.

A key topic for the discussions will be how societies can be innovative and boost the planet's resilience rather than reducing it. How can we increase biodiversity, be stewards of ecosystems and increase the options for human welfare on Earth?

"We realise that these issues are extremely difficult and complex to grasp and require transdisciplinary discussions on the highest possible level. By inviting Nobel Laureates, leading policy makers and experts on global sustainability, we ensure transdisciplinary discussions on the highest possible level. The Nobel Prize is, after all, awarded to people contributing 'to the greatest benefit of mankind', and most Nobel Laureates share a strong commitment to work for a better world", continued Professor Rockström.

The Symposium will conclude with a memorandum signed by key Nobel Laureates. This will be communicated and handed over to the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability appointed by the UN Secretary General. The conclusions of the Panel will feed into the preparations for the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro and into the ongoing climate negotiations.

The Third Nobel Laureate Symposium on Global Sustainability is being organised by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm Environment Institute, Stockholm Resilience Centre at Stockholm University, Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics and Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research.

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