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LISDAR: Investing in a sustainable world

Liechtenstein Congress on Sustainable Development and Responsible Investing 2010 - 15 - 18 September in Vaduz

VADUZ - Liechtenstein launches a new global platform for sustainability in investment, infrastructure and regional management - to help respond to mounting global ecological, economical and social crises.

Each day 200,000 more people live on this planet. A supportive, even survivable and sustainable future equitably supporting all is inconceivable when following the present, destructive path to destruction through reliance on dangerous and depleting energy resources and other practices. The Liechtenstein Congress on Sustainable Development and Responsible Investing brings together more than fifty thinkers and practitioners from universities and industry to help guide us to opportunities and developments towards a sane and safe world founded on renewable prosperity.

A dramatic turn to sustainable practice is being embraced by many leaders of economy and society, across all domains, emphasises organiser Professor Peter Droege of the Liechtenstein's premier institution of higher learning. Missing are broad communications and research platforms to explore opportunities and successes in an accessible way. The principality of Liechtenstein is neutral, central and offers an exquisite corporate, learning and research infrastructure - the best place to inaugurate LISDAR.

International excellence

World leading thinkers and practitioners will offer their insights in lectures and high-level workshops: top-ranking experts from Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as well as the Universities of Geneva, St. Gallen oder Savoie join nearly fifty corporate leaders from eight countries on the three conference days:

- the future of the financial industry,
- the future of property, infrastructure and regional investment and design; and
- the future of agriculture, forestry and regional energy and currency systems.

Liechtenstein head of government Klaus Tschüscher, foreign minister Aurelia Frick and environment minister Renate Müssner are joined by, among many others:

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- **Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**, coauthor of the new report to the Club of Rome «Factor 5» - a convenient truth.
- **Jeremy Leggett**, CEO of SolarCentury and author of «The end of the oil age».
- **Lorenz Reibling**, Chairman Taurus Investment Holdings, Boston
- **Peter Rogers**, Professor of Regional Planning, Harvard University.
- **Tony Ciochetti**, Director, Center of Real, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- **Fritz Kaiser**, CEO, Kaiser Ritter Partner and pioneer in responsible investing strategies.
- **Chris Lee**, Head of Olympic Sustainability, London 2012.
- **Rolf Wüstenhagen**, Good Energies Chair, University St. Gallen.
- **Martin Beniston**, IPCC climate researcher at the University of Geneva.

The three-day Congress is not only for decision makers, politicians, bankers and investors but indeed all those who care about responsible economic and environmental policy and practice.

More information can be found under: www.lisdar.li or www.hochschule.li.

Fact box

Liechtenstein Congress 2010

Wednesday 15. September, 18 – 20 h

«Opening addresses and reception»

Thursday, 16. September, 9 – 18 h

«Responsible investing: Future financial horizons»

Friday, 17. September, 8 – 17.30 h

«Sustainable Development: Property and infrastructure»

Saturday, 18. September, 9 – 18 h

«Regenerative Regions: Nachhaltige Nutzung lokaler Ressourcen» (German)

The Congress takes place at the University Hochschule Liechtenstein, Fürst-Franz-Josef-Strasse, Vaduz, Fürstentum Liechtenstein.

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