



Expert Seminar

Pluralism, Bio-Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development

Wednesday 14 December 2011 14:00 – 17:15

Place: University of Humanistic Studies, Kromme Nieuwegracht 29 Utrecht - Room 0:22

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The Kosmopolis Institute of the University of Humanistic Studies in collaboration with the Cross Cultural Foundation of Uganda (CCFU, Kampala, Uganda), has organized an expert seminar on Pluralism, Bio-Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development on the 14th of December 2011.

Within the context of the International Knowledge Program on Pluralism, two expert seminars are planned; the first one takes place in the Netherlands, the second one in Uganda (March-April 2012).

Together, these seminars aim to provide:

- (1) an opportunity for knowledge sharing and dialogue by representatives from a wide range of organizations and institutes currently working on topics of cultural diversity and sustainable development
- (2) a platform to explore possibilities for further collaboration.

Both seminars focus on the question: **Can the link between (bio)cultural diversity/pluralism and sustainable development open new valuable perspectives on sustainable human development?**

Following the two seminars, and in dialogue with Hivos, the Kosmopolis Institute and CCFU will appraise the possibilities of incorporating this focus into the broader knowledge program, possibly in collaboration with other organizations and/or institutes.

Participation in the Kosmopolis/CCFU seminar on the 14th December 2011 is confirmed by representatives from CCFU (Uganda), Hivos, ETC/Compas, WWF, Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, Centre for Religion and Development (Oikos), University of Utrecht, Free University Amsterdam and the University of Humanistic Studies.

Afternoon Program 14th December 2011

- 14:00 – 14.10 Welcome and brief introduction to the Kosmopolis Institute of the UvH and the international pluralism knowledge program by Caroline Suransky (Director Kosmopolis Institute, UvH and co-Chair International Pluralism Knowledge Program)
- 14.10 - 14.25 Introductory round seminar participants
- 14.25 – 14.40 Introduction to the pilot initiative on pluralism, bio-cultural diversity and sustainable development and a response to the seminar question: ***Can the link between (bio)cultural diversity/pluralism and sustainable development open new valuable perspectives on sustainable human development?*** by Henk Manschot (Em. Prof. of Ethics and Senior Fellow Kosmopolis Institute, UvH)
- 14.40 – 14.50 Response to the seminar question by John de Coninck (Co-Director Cross Cultural Centre of Uganda, CCFU)
- 14.50 – 15.00 Response to the seminar question by Wim Hiemstra (Program leader at ETC Compas)
- 15.00 – 15.15 first round of dialogue
- 15.15 – 15.30 coffee/tea break
- 15.30 – 15.40 Response to the seminar question by Willy Douma (Programme Officer for the Sustainable Economic Development Bureau of Hivos)
- 15.40 – 15.50 Response to the seminar question by Cathrien de Pater (Independent researcher and Member of the interdepartmental program on Biodiversity at the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation)
- 15.50 – 16.00 Response to the seminar question by Anick de Wit (Researcher, Free University of Amsterdam)
- 16.00 – 17.15 Dialogue with seminar participants

