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## 2° INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE

Venue: Sapienza University of Rome

Organized by Sapienza University of Rome - Interuniversity Research Centre on Sustainable Development (CIRPS), University of Tokyo- Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S), Arizona State University School of Sustainability and United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU- ISP).

### BACKGROUND:

The local and global environmental deterioration, the extreme poverty and hunger of large parts of the world's population, the recent financial crisis are unequivocal symptoms of the urgent necessity for change. The role of science, research and education is fundamental.

Universities represent an important driver of change and have to collaborate with the different stakeholders which include the government, the private sector and civil society.

However the limits of traditional disciplinary approaches to the complex problems that threaten global sustainability are strong. Sustainability science has the ambitious aim of overcoming these limits and link the scientific understanding of human - nature systems with action to achieve sustainability.

The ICSS 2010 is the second edition of the International Conference on Sustainability Science. The first edition of ICSS has been promoted and organized by IR3S of the University of Tokyo in February 2009, as a follow up activity of the Sapporo Sustainability Declaration (SSD) of the G8 University Summit. However the strong international participation and interest of leading scholars of sustainability science reinforced the intention of giving continuity to the initiative.

For this reason CIRPS, IR3S, ASU and UNU ISP have decided to organize the next edition of ICSS that will be hosted in Rome by CIRPS.

ICSS 2010 will focus on the theoretical and practical contribution for structuring the vibrant research arena of sustainability science. On the theoretical side, the attention will be brought to the epistemology, the rationale, the politics, the main challenges and the methodology of sustainability science. International scholars from the leading research institutions will be invited to contribute, debate and present their knowledge, methods and case studies on sustainability science.

A particular effort will be made to attain tangible outcomes that bring an advancement of the knowledge structuring of this field of investigation as well a consolidation and formalization of the Research Network.

For this reason this conference will focus not only on the theoretical framework but will also aim to strengthen the networking, organizational and extra scientific factors that facilitate the consolidation of sustainability science. Therefore, discussions will also focus on how to best overcome current barriers to the development of this new academic field in higher education

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programmes (Bachelor, Masters, PhD) and how to promote the diffusion of a sustainability culture among the next generations.

The involvement of the different stakeholders will be stimulated by two different panels with representatives from the private sector and civil society. Finally strong efforts will be made to strengthen the international network on sustainability science.

The leading research institutions will be invited to define common research agendas, joint initiatives and funding opportunities.

### OBJECTIVES:

The Conference has six primary objectives:

1. Strengthen the framework of sustainability science and identify the epistemological pillars of sustainability science, as well as discuss the methodology aspects;
2. Present case studies of transdisciplinary research practices to address the complexity of human-nature interaction;
3. Review and discuss the current status of high education in sustainability science with regard to diverse visions, approaches, and methodologies used ;
4. Discuss the possibilities and challenges of an effective collaboration civil society, industry, policy makers - academia for a transition towards sustainability;
5. Examine the central issues and challenges of global sustainability giving equal attention to the perspectives of the South;
6. Identify specific and concrete activities and instruments to consolidate the collaboration among research institutions and Networks.

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### PROGRAMME:

June 23: Aula Magna, Sapienza University of Rome, piazzale Aldo Moro 5

#### Morning

09:00 - 09:15 **Welcome remarks** L. Frati, Rector, Sapienza University of Rome

09:15 - 09:35 **Welcome remarks** G. Letta, Under-Secretary of State (invited), A. Tajani, Vice-President of the European Commission (invited), R. Polverini, Governor Lazio Region

09:35 - 09:45 **Message from General Director of Ministry of Environment**  
C. Clini, Director General, Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Italy

09:45 - 09:55 **Opening remarks**  
V. Naso, ICSS2010 Chairman, CIRPS -Sapienza University of Rome

09:55 - 10:10 50 **Key note speech** from H. Komiyama, Mitsubishi Research Institute, former President of University of Tokyo

10:10 - 10:20 **Video Message** from Nobel Prize Laureate E. Ostrom (Indiana University and Arizona State University)

10:20 - 10:50 **Key note speech** from P. Koohafkan, Director of the Land and Water Division (NRL), Food and Agriculture Organization and Miguel A Altieri, University of California, Berkeley

10:50 - 11:20 **Coffee Break**

11:20 - 13:20 **SESSION I:** From complex thinking to transformational change: Epistemological and methodological challenges for sustainability science  
**Chair:** A. Wiek (Arizona State University-GIOS)  
**Co-chair:** F. Farioli (CIRPS-Sapienza Univ. of Rome)  
**Speakers:** B. Ness (Lund University)  
K.N. Farrell (Autonomous University of Barcelona)  
F. Brand (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich)  
P.Schweizer-Ries (Saarland University of Germany)

#### Afternoon

14:30 - 16:30 **SESSION II:** Solution-oriented/transdisciplinary research for sustainable development  
**Chair:** P. Martens (Maastricht University)  
**Co-chair:** S. Macchi (CIRPS -Sapienza University of Rome)  
**Speakers:** D. Lang (Leuphana University of Luneburg)  
P. Moll (University of Bonn)  
C. Thomas (Aberystwyth University)  
M. Swilling (Warwick University and University of Stellenbosch)

16:30 - 17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00 - 19:00 **SESSION III:** Innovation for Sustainability  
**Chair:** K. Takeuchi (United Nations University, University of Tokyo)  
**Co-chair:** K. Fukushi (University of Tokyo)  
**Speakers:** S. Herath (United Nations University)  
N. Heeren (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich)  
V. Naso (CIRPS -Sapienza University of Rome )  
C. Cecchi (Sapienza University of Rome)

19:30 **Buffet**

20:30 **Classic Concert**

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### PROGRAMME:

June 24: Cloister Hall, Faculty of Engineering, Sapienza University of Rome,  
Via Eudossiana 18

#### Morning

08:50 -09:00 Introduction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Conference, S. Grego, Tuscia University  
9:00 - 11:00 **SESSION IV:** Global sustainability governance  
**Chair:** H. Shiroyama (University of Tokyo)  
**Co-chair:** H.Schroedar (University of Oxford)  
**Speakers:** R.W. Scholz (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich)  
V.T. Corpuz (Tebtebba Foundation and United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)  
W. Sachs (Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, and Energy)  
J. Thompson (University of Sussex)  
R. Zondervan (IHDP Earth System Governance Project)  
A. Ulrich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich)  
  
11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**  
11:30 - 13:30  
**SESSION V:** Sustainability science education  
**Chair:** L. Olsson (Lund University)  
**Co-chair:** T. Mino (University of Tokyo)  
**Speakers:** M. Audouin (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research)  
R.W. Scholz (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich)  
N. Frantzeskaki (Erasmus University Rotterdam)  
A.Wiek (Arizona State University-GIOS)

#### Afternoon:

**Open Forum on Sustainability Science**  
14:30 - 16:30 **PANEL 1:** Industry and Academia for a transition towards sustainability  
**Chair:** F. Orecchini (CIRPS-Sapienza University of Rome)  
**Speakers:** J.M. Coicaud (United Nations University)  
A. Brasili (Unicredit Group)  
L. Grimolizzi (Sapio)  
N. Di Giusto (Fiat)  
  
16:30 - 17:00 **Coffee Break**  
  
17:00 - 19:00 **PANEL 2:** People to Science to People: experiences from civil society  
**Chair:** S. Funtowicz (Joint Research Centre European Commission)  
Co-chair: A. Benessia (University of Torino)  
Speakers: C.P. Medina (Farmer-Scientist Partnership for Development, Incorporated)  
G. Bradshaw (Kerulos Center)  
E.F. Raez-Luna (Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia)  
F. Ferri (Associazione Culturale O'Thiasos TeatroNatura)  
V. Turrini (Associazione Culturale O'Thiasos TeatroNatura)  
  
19:00 **Gala Dinner**

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June 25: Cloister Hall, Faculty of Engineering, Sapienza University of Rome,  
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#### Morning

9:00 - 9:30 **Key note speech** J. Jaeger (Sustainable Europe Research Institute )

#### 9:30 - 11:30 **PHD SEMINAR**

**Chair:** M. Yarime (University of Tokyo)

**Co-chair:** A. Wiek (Arizona State University-GIOS)

11:30 - 12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 - 13:00 **PhD Poster Session**

13.30-14.00

**ICSS-ESSG Networking Session**

#### Afternoon

14:00 - 15:30 **SESSION VI: (a): Synthesis and cross-cutting Issues**

**Chair:** J.L. Buizer (Arizona State University)

**Co-Chair** S. van Der Leeuw (Arizona State University)

**Speakers:** M. Yarime (University of Tokyo)

A.Wiek (Arizona State University-GIOS)

A. Cortese (Second Nature Education for Sustainability)

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 - 17:30 **SESSION VI (b): Future of Sustainability Science**

**Chair:** J.L. Buizer (Arizona State University)

**Co-Chair:** S. van Der Leeuw (Arizona State University)

**Speakers:** K. Hara (Osaka University);

R. Melnick (Arizona State University- GIOS);

F. Farioli (CIRPS- Sapienza University of Rome)

17:30 **Open discussion**

18:00 **Announcement of next ICSS** in Arizona and closing remarks.

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