

# Green economy roadmaps

How can Rio+20 deliver fair and green economy roadmaps that will deliver one planet living?

*A BioRegional side event at the UNECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Rio+20 Conference*



Green economy roadmaps are anticipated as one of the main operational outcomes of Rio+20, but what would be the key components of these roadmaps?

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**13.15–14.45**

XVIII, Palais des Nations,  
8-14, Avenue de la Paix,  
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

**Sustainable lunch will be served at this event**

At this side event the Government of Switzerland, BioRegional and the UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP) will present different frameworks and approaches to the implementation of roadmaps.

These presentations will be followed by a short workshop that will offer participants the opportunity to discuss the different approaches presented, and draw out clear recommendations for the UNCSD 2012 on key components needed to deliver green economy roadmaps that can achieve one planet living.

## **Speakers include:**

**Farooq Ullah** *Head of Policy and Advocacy* Stakeholder Forum (Chair)

Welcome and introduction

**Daniel Ziegerer** *Acting Head of Global Affairs* Federal Office for the Environment, Government of Switzerland

The Government of Switzerland outline their proposal for an international green economy roadmap, examining what is needed at both policy and practical levels for sustainable implementation.

**Cheryl Hicks** *Team Leader* Sustainable Lifestyles, Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production

Highlights from the WBCSD's report 'Vision 2050' which lays out a pathway to world in which nine billion people can live well, and within the planet's resources, by 2050.

**Sue Riddlestone** *CEO and Co-founder* BioRegional Development Group

How BioRegional and partners have used One Planet Living action plans and roadmaps to deliver sustainability with multinational retailers, local authorities, sustainable communities, and individuals.

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## One planet living - a practical solution

One planet living is a positive vision of a world in which we are living happy, healthy lives within the natural limits of the planet - wherever we live in the world - having left sufficient space for wildlife and wilderness. At BioRegional we know that one planet living is possible.

Working with partners we've developed inspiring, real life examples of sustainable communities and businesses which show one planet living in practice. From this experience we've developed a simple approach and sustainability framework based on ten principles, which enables others to implement one planet living.

### An international framework

The one planet living framework is being formally used in projects and initiatives in 12 countries: Australia, Canada, China, France, Greece, Ireland, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, UK, United Arab Emirates and USA. An on-line toolkit, available since 2010, has been used in at least 40 other countries.

-  Zero carbon
-  Zero waste
-  Sustainable transport
-  Sustainable materials
-  Local and sustainable food
-  Sustainable water
-  Land use and wildlife
-  Culture and heritage
-  Equity and local economy
-  Health and happiness

Globally, the rate at which we are consuming resources and pumping out pollutants is racing way ahead of the planet's ability to replenish or absorb them. To put this another way, we are now consuming the equivalent of 1.5 planet's worth of resources each year – whatever way you define sustainability, this is not it. The proof is all around us, from the impacts of climate change, disappearing forests, over-exploited fisheries and the loss of biodiversity on a massive, and rapid scale.

Around the world people consume at different rates. If everyone in the world lived like the average European we'd need three planets to support us and yet a citizen of Bangladesh only uses the equivalent of a third of a planet. We clearly need a more equitable spread of the world's natural resource use.

BioRegional is an award-winning international social enterprise which works with partners around the world to demonstrate that a sustainable future is attractive, affordable and achievable. Contact:

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Executive Director  
United Nations Environment Programme

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