

## Seminar on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (*Rio+20*): Vavasour Room Aviva Stadium, 25 October 2011.

In June 2012 Brazil plays host to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD). The Conference - *Rio+20* – which will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Earth Summit) takes place from 4-6 June 2012. The overall objective of the Conference is to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development. It will assess progress made to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the previous major summits on sustainable development, and address new and emerging challenges

The goal of *Rio+20* is to take stock, promote what works, adopt concrete goals and targets, and lay a foundation for a future of prosperity, peace and sustainability.

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government is organising a Seminar in the Aviva Stadium, on 25 October, as part of a wider consultation process, to inform Ireland's contribution to the *Rio +20* preparatory process.

Preparations for *Rio+20* are taking place against a background of new and emerging global challenges - economic, environmental and social. Financial, energy and food crises continue to affect communities the world over and the poorest communities are frequently among those most seriously affected.

The seminar will take place in the Aviva Stadium, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 on 25 October 2011 and the Department is inviting a broad range of stakeholders to participate in this important process.

In order to reserve a place please complete the attached registration form and return to Kevin Greene, Room 227, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Custom House, Dublin 1 or email to [RIOPLUS20@environ.ie](mailto:RIOPLUS20@environ.ie) before close of business on 18 October 2011. **There is no charge of this event.**

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## Seminar Timetable

- 09:00** Registration:
- 09:30** Introduction and opening remarks:  
**Frank Convery**, Seminar Chairperson  
**Pat Macken**, Principal Officer, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government
- 09:45** Outputs of Rio+20 Consultation  
**Sheila George**, Comhar, National Sustainable Partnership
- 10:05** An EU perspective  
**Dr Jakub Wejchert**, Policy Officer, Multilateral Environmental Agreements, processes and trade issues Unit, International Affairs Directorate, DG Environment
- 10:35** An Environmental Perspective  
**Michael Ewing**, Environmental Pillar
- 11:00** Break tea/coffee
- 11:25** Ireland's Overseas Development Programme  
**Thomas Tichelmann** Irish Aid
- 11:50** Role of Development NGO in furthering Sustainable development  
**Ray Jordan**, Dochas/CEO of Self Help Africa
- 12:15** Sustainable development from a Local Authority perspective  
**Frank Dawson**, County Manager Roscommon Co. Co.
- 12:40** Open Forum
- 13:00** Summary and close of Seminar
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