



WORLD STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT 2010

September 20-26, Tübingen, Germany



## FOREWORD

I commend the World Student Environmental Summit for thinking outside the box to provide a platform for the most important stakeholders in climate change; the youth, to make their voices heard. Having participated in the previous summit, I saw the forum successfully contribute to developing solutions to climate change while moulding student skills and promoting local initiatives. Tackling global environmental issues brought about as a result of unsustainable urbanization, industrialization and agriculture has become essential to every nation's economic growth and eco-conservation.

The evidence is now overwhelming that the world would benefit greatly from early action, and that delay would only lead to costs in economic and human terms that would become progressively high. Environmental vulnerabilities brought about as a result of climate change will require people who have the benefit of higher education and the exuberance of youth to collectively act upon ideas brought about as a result of intelligent discussion and innovative thinking.

I'm particularly impressed with the global outreach of WSES and the large number of student representatives from across the world. This promises to be an effective forum for spreading awareness and serving as a stimulant for change that benefits both local and global communities.

**Rajendra K. Pachauri**

Director General of TERI and Chairman of the IPCC  
Laureate of the Nobel Peace Price 2007

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On September 20, eighty students from more than 25 nations of all continents will meet at Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen for the 3rd World Student Environmental Summit.

The 3rd World Student Environmental Summit provides a platform to ask the right questions and come up with appropriate solutions towards an alternative future. We need fundamental changes in order to create a sustainable society which cares about the environmental and social needs of our livelihood and ourselves.

Speeches from renowned national and international experts of science, economy, politics and civil society will address the WSES delegation and create the foundation for committed, high-level dialogue. A synopsis of the discussion will be a proposal for universities, students and governing politicians.

The 3rd World Student Environmental Summit is supported by acknowledged change agents such as Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri, nobel prize laureate and Chair of the IPCC. He has commended the WSES 2010 as an “ideal platform” for the most important stakeholder in climate change: the next generation. The summit’s patron is the former executive director of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Dr. Klaus Töpfer

Be part of the World Student Environmental Summit and facilitate positive change!



Historical Neckarfront  
of Tübingen



## TOPICS 2010

This year the Summit is dedicated to the social, political and economic key elements and conditions to create a sustainable society. We will address four central topics: consumption and lifestyle, energy supply, education and economic development. These topics are inextricably linked with each other and with climate change.

Do we need another summit on sustainability? Has sustainability not become mainstream yet? Communities are starting to think global and act local and some companies incorporate social and ecological criteria in their products. However, the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference did not reach consensus and the loss of biodiversity and international poverty rates urges the youth to take action.

The WSES 2010 has two goals. International participants who are chosen based on their sustainability-related work, leadership and expertise will learn new aspects of politics, economics and civil society. They will be encouraged to think critically and to ask the right questions. Upon return they will be able to put ideas generated during the Summit in practice and become leaders for positive change.

Furthermore, the proposal of the Summit is a cohesive voice of the next generation that will reach a broad audience. The proposal is targeted towards decision-makers in politics, economics and at universities and will be handed to the federal ministry for environment in Berlin in October.

New multidisciplinary approaches in education and research are crucial to understand the complexity of environmental problems and to find adequate solutions. University students are unique because they combine expertise, idealism and practicality. The Summit is fusing this potential to generate precise outcomes and actions.

# SCHEDULE

		ENERGY	ECONOMY	LIFESTYLE	EDUCATION
	21.09.10	22.09.10	23.09.10	24.09.10	25.09.10
8-9	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9-10	Trip to Tübingen	Expert lecture II Climate change and energy supply	Expert lecture III The role of economy	Expert lecture IV Lifestyle and consumption	Groupwork IV
10-11	Public opening ceremony	Panel Discussion	Groupwork II	Groupwork III/1	
11-12	Introduction to Education for Sustainable Development				
12-13	Sustainable Development				
13-14	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14-15	Expert lecture I	Groupwork I	Trip to Tübingen	Groupwork III/2	Final plenary session
15-16	Introduction to Groupwork		Freetime / excursion		
16-17	Initiatory groupwork				Trip to Tübingen
17-18					
18-19	Trip to Sonnenmatte	Dinner	Sponsor's event	Dinner	Celebratory Dinner
19-20	Dinner	Evening meeting III		Evening meeting IV / Groupwork backup	Public closing ceremony
20-21	Evening meeting II	Best practice: students initiatives	Dinner		
after 21	Evening of visions		Trip to Sonnenmatte		Party

20.09. & 26.09.2010 are arrival / departure days. Meals and transfer to airport or railway station will be provided.

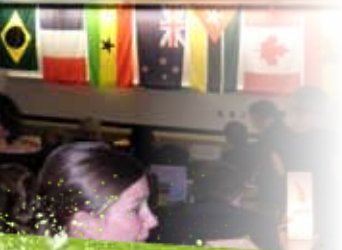


## EXCHANGING IDEAS ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

In 2008, students of Doshisha University in Kyoto organized the first World Student Environmental Summit (WSES) in Japan in the run-up to the G8-Summit. With profound conviction that ecological challenges of our time can only be accomplished together, the 70 participants founded the International Student Environmental Network (ISEN). The ISEN is a platform which allows active students of all branches of studies as well as local university initiatives to cross-link worldwide. It is providing them a common, audible voice.

The annual environmental summit WSES is the network's most important instrument. The focal point of the first Summit in 2008 (11 participating universities) was on innovative technologies for mitigation of climate change, worldwide plans of action for sustainable development and environmental problems. In June 2009 the second Summit took place at University of Victoria, Canada, hosting delegates from 25 universities from 18 countries. The main topics were energy, the role of universities in environmental protection and global responsibility. Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, Nobel prize laureate and Chair of the IPCC as well as Mukesh Kapila, Special Deputy of the International Red Cross, were supporting the Summit with their speeches.

In addition to the exchange of ideas, the main focus lies on the formulation of a position paper to the respective topic. This paper is be handed over to decision-makers in politics and at universities. Thereby, previous proposals have been acknowledged during the UN climate conferences COP or the G8-summit. In 2008, the results were handed over to the Japanese minister of environment, in 2009 to a Canadian deputy and to the Danish minister of energy and environment in the context of the Conference of the Parties.



## OUR RESPONSIBILITY

ISEN Tübingen is considering sustainability as a multidimensional term of justice. Therefore, dealing with resources in a responsible manner is of main importance to the team of the WSES.

To ensure a low-emission journey of the participants, short-haul flights will be relinquished entirely in favour of rail traffic. However, long-haul flights for students from other continents are inevitable. The emissions resulting from these will be compensated by offset-projects.

All necessary print products like this brochure will be printed on 100% recycled paper. Also, the catering for the participants will be chosen from the sustainable point of view. Meals are to consist of regional and organic food mainly, meaning that they stand out due to transportation routes and organic cultivation methods.

To offset the summit's carbon emissions we will collaborate with a professional offsetting company and develop our own carbon offset project in Tübingen. A meadow area in Tübingen will be used to fertilize the soil with biochar, a promising new method of carbon sequestration. We will use it as a starting point for more detailed scientific research on biochar at the University of Tübingen.



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*International Student Environmental Network:* [isen.doshisha.ac.jp](http://isen.doshisha.ac.jp)

*2008 WSES (Kyoto):* [st-summit.doshisha.ac.jp/kyoto/english/english.html](http://st-summit.doshisha.ac.jp/kyoto/english/english.html)

*2009 WSES (Victoria):* [www.2009wses.com](http://www.2009wses.com)