



BÖLL FORUM

FORUM 1: Sustainable Cities

FORUM 2: Greens - Between Government
Responsibilities and Fundamental Opposition

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Heinrich Böll Foundation Forum I:
Sustainable Cities (10:00 – 15:00)

Over half of the world’s population now lives in cities. While cities cover only a small portion of the Earth’s surface, they generate the bulk of the world’s carbon emissions today. Cities – and in particular Mega Cities of the South – will be seriously affected by the consequences of environmental destruction. But the opposite is also true: It is in our cities that we can make the progress toward a sustainable development.

The forum deals with Sustainable Cities with regard to Climate Change, Poverty and Urban Governance and aims at contributing to a “Declaration on Sustainable Cities” to be adopted by the Global Greens delegates.

hbs Forum I: “Sustainable Cities” (May 1, 2008)




 time	 topic	 input
10.00	Welcome & Introduction	Gilberto Kassab (<i>Mayor of São Paulo</i>) Ralf Fücks (<i>HBF, Germany</i>) Alfredo Sirkis (<i>Green Party, Brazil</i>)
10:30	Lecture: “The Spirit of Sao Paulo“	Jorge Wilhelm (<i>Architect, Brazil</i>)
11:00	Keynote	Christopher Flavin (<i>President of Worldwatch Institute, USA</i>)
11:30	Keynote	Daniel Biau (<i>UN-Habitat</i>)
13:30-15:00	Workshop 1: Sustainable Cities and Climate Change	Eduardo Jorge (<i>Green Party, Brazil</i>) Denis Baupin (<i>City of Paris, France</i>)
13:30-15:00	Workshop 2: Sustainable Cities and Poverty	Cecilia Martinez Leal (<i>Un - Habitat ROLAC</i>) Raquel Rolnik (<i>PUC, Brazil</i>)
13:30-15:00	Workshop 3: Sustainable Cities and Urban Governance	Gisela Kallenbach (<i>European Parliament, Germany</i>) Juan Manuel Velasco (<i>Iniciativa Verde, Argentina</i>) Ross Mirkarimi (<i>City of San Francisco, USA</i>)
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break	

Heinrich Böll Foundation Forum II:
Greens – Between Government Responsibilities
and fundamental Opposition (15:30 – 18:00)

Forum II addresses the issue of our self-conception as Greens and focuses on two guiding questions. First, how far do political strategies of green parties differ and what do they have in common? Is there something like a global “green ideology”?

Second, what changes occur if Greens engage in parliaments and governments? Does this affect the relationship between Green parties and social movements and how do we deal with conflicts between ‘ethics of conviction’ and an ‘ethics of responsibility’.

hbs-Forum II: “Greens – Between Government Responsibilities and Opposition”

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15:30–16:45	Panel I: The Greens worldwide: Getting a picture	Introduction: Per Gahrton (<i>European Parliament, Sweden</i>) Reinhard Bütikofer (<i>Co-chair, Green Party Germany</i>), Sara Larraín (<i>Programa Chile Sustentable</i>) Juliana Mugure (<i>Green Belt Movement, Kenya</i>) TBC
16:45–18:00	Panel II: From opposition to government responsibility (and back?)	Isabelle Durant (<i>Party Leader Ecolo, Belgium</i>) Miriam Solomon (<i>Convener of the Asia Pacific Greens Network Membership Panel /Co-convener of the Australian Greens Global Issues Group</i>) N.N (TBC)