



# North American Roundtable on Sustainable Production and Consumption

## Green Economy Multi-stakeholder Dialogue Agenda

Wednesday 2 February 2011 – 9:00am – 12:30pm

Venue: Oxfam Offices Board Room, 39 McArthur Ave, Ottawa, ON, K1L 8L7

8:30am – 9:00am	<i>Arrival</i>
9:00am – 9:30am	<b>Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the North American Roundtable on Sustainable Production and Consumption (NARSPAC) – Jeffrey Barber, Executive Director, Integrative Strategies Forum</li><li>• Purpose and Framing of the Workshop – Philip Vergragt, Senior Associate, Tellus Institute</li></ul> <p><b>Guiding Question:</b> Green economy implies a transformative change of the economy and of society to achieve sustainability. This may have different meanings in the global North and South as well as among different stakeholder groups. In this workshop we focus on North America. Which elements are critical in such a transformation process? Which elements can be positively influenced? Who will be most affected?</p>
9:30am – 10:00am	<b>Green Economy Brainstorm</b> <p>What are the key elements in the Green Economy discussion that are leading to transformation? What assumptions do we need to test or challenge here in thinking about the green economy?</p>
10:00am – 10:15am	<i>Break</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	<b>Green Economy Definitions, Principles and Linkages to Sustainable Production and Consumption</b> <p>Presentation by Jeffrey Barber, Integrative Strategies Forum</p>
10:30am – 11:30am	<b>Breakout Session – Looking through the lens of transformative change</b> <p>What is missing from this picture so far? What is it that we're not seeing? What do we need more clarity about? What ideas can we come up with today that make a difference to the future of this dialogue? What direction can a series of workshop provide that is most useful to contribute to the dialogue?</p>
11:30am – 12:15pm	What are useful ways to <b>move this dialogue forward</b> , including with government, civil society, private sector, academia and in the lead-up to Rio +20?
12:15 – 12:30pm	<b>Next steps and closing reflections</b>

## **ABOUT NARSPAC**

The North American Roundtable on Sustainable Production and Consumption seeks to promote dialogue, understanding and collaboration among different stakeholder groups within North America and with other regions, with the goal of catalyzing the transformation of society to sustainable production and consumption patterns.

### **Partner organizations**

- North American Sustainable Consumption Alliance (NASCA)
- Citizens Network for Sustainable Development (CitNet)
- Canadian Environmental Network (CEN)
- Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI)

Worldwatch Institute and SustainUS are affiliates.

### **Objectives of partnership**

1. To establish a working relationship between the initial four networks and to expand this relationship to include a number of other stakeholder networks as well as representatives of the two countries.
2. To develop a set of communication tools by which to exchange information and promote discussion and collaboration (e.g., email listserve, website, social networking sites, teleconferencing, webinars).
3. To organize a series of workshops, panels and presentations in different locales on agreed topics of interest.
4. To provide qualitative regional input into the CSD, the UN Marrakech Process, the 10 Year Framework of Programs and Rio+20.
5. To raise the level of public awareness, understanding and action.

### **Encouraging public participation**

The North American Roundtable represents a vehicle to support discussions between civil society, academic, and other groups including government and business in North America around sustainable consumption and production. This process-led partnership builds on the discussions and exchanges already taking place formally and informally at the regional level. It is intended to serve as a platform to discuss sustainable consumption and production-related issues to provide input into the UN CSD, the North American Workshops on SCP, the Rio+20 process, and the development of national sustainable development strategies.