

## CONCEPT NOTE

### Background

Climate change, food insecurity, resource constraints, population dynamics, increased migration and mobility, an unsustainable growth, consumption and production model and the financial and economic crises all pose complex and interrelated challenges that must be addressed in a holistic way, reflecting the highly inter-linked nature of the world today. There is considerable urgency in addressing sustainability in the social, economic and environmental spheres.

For the past 18 months European civil society organisations have been deliberating these very issues and discussing what should succeed the MDG framework after 2015 through a series of national level consultation processes and regional level workshops.

As the debate on the EU's position on a post-2015 framework heats up ahead of the UN Special Event in September, Dóchas, Concord and Beyond 2015 are organising an informal evening event to launch the position paper - **'Putting People and Planet First - Business as Usual is Not an Option'**.

### Objectives

The purpose of event, and of the position paper, is to stimulate thinking on critical issues for the post-2015 era and how a global development framework should tackle these. The event will bring together a variety of European policy- and decision-makers and civil society stakeholders for a frank and informal exchange on priorities, prospects and the EU's role in constructing a new global consensus and framework for action.

**Format:** Informal, Chatham House Rules.

### Draft Agenda

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| <p><b>17:00 Welcome</b> - Olivier Consolo, Director of Concord</p> <p><b>17:10 Presentation of Concord-Beyond 2015 European Task Force Position</b><br/>- Tanya Cox, ETF Co-Chair</p> <p><b>17:25 Response</b> - Andris Piebalgs, European Development Commissioner<br/>- Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for the Environment</p> <p><b>17:45 Response</b> - Representative of the Irish Presidency (tbc)<br/>- Representative of upcoming Lithuanian Presidency (tbc)</p> <p><b>18:00 Q&amp;A and open exchange</b></p> <p><b>18:55 Closing Reflections</b> - Olivier Consolo, Director of Concord</p> <p><b>19-20h</b> Refreshments will be served at the end to allow the exchange to continue.</p> |
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The position paper will be provided to all participants in advance of the event to allow for an informed exchange.

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