

Environmental Fiscal Reform — the Key to Achieving a Green Economy

Monday, 18.06.2012, 3.00 pm-4.45 pm German Pavillon • Parque dos Atletas for poverty alleviation and pro-poor investment, contribute to deficit reduction, shift the tax burden away from labour and income tax, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create jobs, stimulate innovation, incentivise a shift towards renewable energy and enhance energy efficiency.

They are a must for providing the framework for a green economy and can make a key contribution to sustainable development.



Invitation/Agenda















# **AGENDA**



- Welcome and short film presentation
- Keynote speech
  Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, President, Federal
  Environment Agency (UBA), Germany

## **ROUNDTABLE-TALK**

- Subsidy reform and pro-poor investment in Costa Rica
   Mr. René Castro Salazar, Minister of Environment, Energy and Telecommunications, Costa Rica
- Proposal of an Asia-wide carbon tax in the context of Green Growth
   Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, Director, Environment and Development Division, UN-ESCAP
- Lessons from experiences in Europe and emerging economies
   Mr. Kai Schlegelmilch, Vice President, Green Budget Europe (GBE)
- The Environmental Investment Fund in Namibia
  Mr. Benedict Libanda, CEO, Environmental
  Investment Fund, Namibia

### **FLASHLIGHT**

 Green Economy and EFR: expectations for Rio+20 from the NGO perspective
 Mr. Jürgen Maier, Head of the German NGO Forum on Environment and Development, Germany

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Contribution of German Development
 Cooperation to EFR
 Mr. Heiko Warnken, Head of Division Environment
 and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, Federal
 Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Develoment
 (BMZ), Germany

# **Q&A-SESSION**

Facilitator: Ms. Silja Dressel, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany

#### **PARTNERS**

- Green Budget Europe (GBE)
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- German NGO Forum on Environment and Development,
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