

We don't need to wait...

## ***Peoples Earth Summit – Launching a Decade of Commitment***

...people around the world finding new ways of thinking and working together to save the planet

A growing number of individuals and groups around the world are engaged in effective local solutions, demonstrating that another world is possible, in the face of the growing evidence of global environmental degradation and social breakdown.

There is an increasing realisation of the potential that lies in bringing these individuals and groups together in methods that facilitate a sharing of inspiration and information.

*“We must be the change we wish to see...” – Mahatma Gandhi*

The Peoples Earth Summit uses the opportunity the World Summit presents to highlight this potential and set a new, proactive and positive direction for the next decade to enable people in all walks of life to lie at the heart of change.

### **A History**

The announcement that the Earth Summit would be hosted by South Africa coincided with the collapse of the Climate talks in The Hague in November 2000. The event marked a realisation on the part of many that international fora can no longer be relied upon solely for responsible decision-making. While negotiations fail, there is increasing energy all around the world to find a new direction. There are huge numbers of effective solutions which in spite of most people being unaware of, exist all over the world. In early 2001, people from South Africa, Africa and other continents met to ensure that the Earth Summit stimulates a creative response and a beneficial and on-going legacy. It was out of this process that the concept of the Peoples-Earth-Summit and its objective to set a positive and collaborative direction has evolved.

### **The Objectives**

To inspire and link activities around the world at the time of the Summit that are celebrating local good practice, as an example of the potential that exists for global collaboration

To bring individuals, groups and networks together in Johannesburg and further afield, to develop tangible initiatives for sectoral and cross-sectoral collaborative working in the future

### **The Principles**

1. Respect for all Life
2. Non-violent resistance to destructive forces as a Responsibility
3. Pro-active support for Alternatives
4. Celebration as the language of Transformation
5. Reaching the People
6. Collaboration to amplify a diverse voice for positive change

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