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The role of universities”

Tropentag and the Logical Framework Made by Agenda21, the UN Calendar of Observances and the 17GlobalGoals

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Abstract

We, you, could all jump further by aligning with the Logical Framework made by Agenda21, the UN Calendar of Observances, the 17GlobalGoals and for the Europeans: the EU Green Capital and the EU Capitals of Innovation, Youth, Culture, Sports.

TropenTag may also be an occasion to reflect where we came from, what we had set-out in the last years update of our organisation's strategic plans, if we are still on track and eventually adjust.

Last year - 2017 - we, some of you, were involved at the @COP23 in Bonn, in: “The Rio Earth Summit +25 year = 2017”; The Second Warning to Humanity by the Scientific Community. On the twenty-fifth anniversary of their “Warning to Humanity”, we look back. These are the facts: Humanity has failed to make sufficient progress. We have unleashed a mass extinction event, the sixth in roughly 540 million years, wherein many current life forms could be annihilated or at least committed to extinction by the end of this century. Never more scientists co-signed a published journal article.

At this Tropentag, we remind everybody that every 10 years - and this since 1972 - the best of humanity gather in what are called the “Earth Summits”. They are supported by the United Nations. Humanity there takes stock of the state of where we as humans and the planet's eco-system are, the facts, the challenges, but also a plan of action not to run into a wall by 2100; hence the name of that plan of action: Agenda21.

It is primordial that your organisation knows how its insights are brought to these Earth Summits, to that Agenda21 plan of action. That you know of the existence of the UN Calendar of Observances. It offers great moments to bring attention to your insights and share them. Idem, the 2015–2030 17GlobalGoals, coming out of Agenda21, offer great occasions to improve the performance of your organisation and motivate you by seeing how you are part of a larger plan and that others are listening to your input.

I wish you a very productive Tropentag.

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