



Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg

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To all participants of the
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Sustainable Development

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Invitation for a meeting with the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg DESD-Actors and the World Future Council on Friday, 3rd of April, 2009

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

the city of Hamburg is a cosmopolitan, green and culturally rich town in Germany which plays an active part in the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD).

The initiative "Hamburg Learns Sustainability" was started by the Hamburg Senate in 2005 as a collaborative effort by administrations, institutions, associations and companies. Every year a "Hamburg's Plan of Action" is published, evaluated and continually updated. At the moment it lists about 120 measures from all educational sectors. Further activities include publications, monthly expert meetings and a Round Table every year. In the "Hamburg future weeks" a wide range of events take place to transport the subject sustainability into the public. In 2006, Hamburg was first city in Germany that has been awarded the title "**Official City of the DESD**" due to the outstanding efforts made. (www.hamburg.de/nachhaltigkeittlernen)

Nevertheless, Hamburg also performs groundbreakingly in the climate protection and other environmental areas. For these strains Hamburg received the title "**European Green Capital 2011**" awarded recently from the EU Commission. This testifies a high standard in environment protection and quality of life in our city.



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Hamburg would like to strengthen with pleasure the professional exchange in the field of ESD with people from all over the world. In the focus of interest stand our twin towns Chicago, Leon, Marseille, Osaka, Prague, Shanghai and St. Petersburg but also the partner regions like Eastern Asia, the Baltic Sea area, the Arabian world as well as North Africa, India and Tanzania.

If you are interested to get to know ESD actors of Hamburg city, we would like to invite you for a visit to Hamburg. Core elements of the Meeting will be:

- information on the strains for a sustainable development in Hamburg
- information on the implementation of the UN Decade DESD in Hamburg
- exchange between Hamburg and international stakeholders

At a senate receipt in the Hamburg city hall, **Mr. Maaß, council of state of the Department for Urban Development and the Environment**, will warmly welcome you. Afterwards you will have the opportunity for an exchange with members of the World Future Council, resident in Hamburg, but also to learn about the Hanseatic town Hamburg a little bit.

Funds to support travel from Bonn to Hamburg as well as an overnight stay at a Hamburg hotel can be made available upon request. For further information, please see the attached programme.

We look forward to your **application by 20th of March, 2009**. Please do not hesitate contact us with any questions. At the same time we ask for understanding that we can offer only a restricted number of places. Selected participants will receive a notification immediately after 20 March 2009.

Yours sincerely,



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