This is an invitation to participate in the

**Kick-off Meeting to create a World Forum of Universities**

This key event will be held in Freiberg (Germany) from **11-12 June 2012**.

General awareness of sustainability in relation to raw materials has grown considerably in many countries, albeit partly in different directions. We - the TU Bergakademie Freiberg and the Mining University St. Petersburg - think that it is high time for an international debate. We are calling for a discussion on how the influence and position of the universities of resources around the world could be strengthened in society, industry and politics, and how we could further improve international education in sustainability issues. Therefore, we propose creating a World Forum of Universities of Resources on Sustainability.

**We invite you for an initial meeting to discuss this idea with Universities of Resources from all countries. The meeting will be held in Freiberg (Germany) from 11 – 12 June 2012.**

What are our goals for this initial meeting?

1. **Discussion of Possible Joint Topics for the World Forum**
   - New raw materials awareness in society, economy, science and politics (Which lessons can be learned from modern raw materials countries?)
   - Propagation and matching of educational standards for sustainable development (best practice examples)
   - International exchange and internships of students and lecturers Risk management, identification and evaluation of risks, approaches for avoidance of environmental hazards
   - Environmental and social standards in education

2. **Discussion of Possible Strategies / Roadmap of the World Forum**
   - Definition of joint topics
   - Definition of joint aims and objectives
   - Definition of a mission for the World Forum, e.g. education of highly qualified and responsible experts, strengthening the position of Universities of Resources in their responsibility, for sustainability within the raw materials sector

3. **Discussion of Possible Activities of the World Forum**
   - Organization of annual or bi-annual conferences (each time on another continent) and regional thematic workshops
   - Introduction of common standards in education (best practice)
   - Establishment of an Internet platform for teaching content and student discussion
   - Release of joint statements and positions
   - Award of the "World Forum Carlowitz Prize" to recognize achievements regarding the implementation of sustainability in education

More information about the Kick-off Meeting to create a World Forum of Universities of Resources on
Sustainability and the program you find at http://tu-freiberg.de/world-forum-sustainability. If you have problems to cover your travel expenses to attend the meeting please get in contact with us.

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We will be pleased to welcome you in Freiberg!