

Keynote Speakers

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Dr. Auma Obama

Initiator and chairwoman, foundation „SautiKuu – powerful voices for a powerful youth“

Auma Obama, sister of the incumbent US President, has for many years been an active aid worker. After completing her doctorate, Obama worked with youth organisations in England, and then in Kenya as the East African Coordinator for the aid organisation CARE International. In 2011, she created her own foundation "Sauti Kuu", in English "Strong Voices". Obama knows that there is no economic future without the youth. It is for this reason that "Sauti Kuu" supports disadvantaged children and youth in Kenya. During her visit to Germany, Auma Obama will find herself on familiar ground. When she was 16 years old the native of Kenya studied German at the Goethe Institut in Nairobi. Then in 1980, at the age of 18 she went to Germany where she lived for several years, doing German Studies in Heidelberg and a doctorate at the University of Bayreuth.



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Marlehn Thieme

Chair of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)

Marlehn Thieme, Member of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) and Director of Deutsche Bank AG, studied law and Social Sciences. In February 2012 she was elected Chair of the German Council for Sustainable Development. In 1986 she began her professional career at Deutsche Bank AG: After a traineeship in Remscheid, Wuppertal and Milan she worked in the central personnel department in Frankfurt. In 2001 she was Managing Director of Alfred Herrhausen Foundation „Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe“. She was responsible for Private Banking, Private Wealth Management, and by 2005 for Corporate Social Responsibility. Her volunteer work includes memberships in the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, ZDF Television Council and the Board of Social Service Agency of the EKD. Since 2004 Marlehn Thieme is member of the German Council for Sustainable Development and was Vice-Chair from July 2010 to February 2012.



Alain Caparros

CEO, Rewe Group

Alain Caparros, born in September 1956 in Tiaret, has been a member of the Management Board of REWE-Zentral AG and REWE-Zentralfinanz eG since April 2005 and the CEO of REWE-Group since 12 December 2006. After completing his business studies in Saarbrücken and Metz, the native Frenchman started his career at Yves Rocher in 1981. As vice president in Paris he was in charge of the group's national and international strategy and development since the beginning of 1991. In 1994, Mr. Caparros joined the European discount store market leader Aldi as general director of Aldi France. In 1991, he took over the position of the CEO of Aldi Service Plus ASP. In 2000, he also became a member of the senior management of the Bon appetit Group in Switzerland. In 2003 he took over the position of the CEO. Mr. Caparros has been a member of REWE Group's senior management in Cologne since 2004.



Pavan Sukhdev

Founder of Corporation 2020, Study Leader of TEEB

Pavan Sukhdev is Founder-Director of Corporation 2020, a campaign to transform today's corporations into the engines of tomorrow's green economy. He is also Founder-CEO of GIST Advisory, a specialist consulting firm which helps governments and corporations discover, measure, value, and manage their impacts on natural and human capital. He is a Visiting Fellow at Yale University, where he was awarded the 2011 McCluskey Fellowship and wrote his book *Corporation 2020: Transforming Business for Tomorrow's World* (Island Press, September 2012). Earlier, he was Special Adviser and Head of UNEP's Green Economy Initiative, and lead author of their report "Towards a Green Economy". He was also Study Leader for the G8+5 commissioned project on The Economics

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