

## Media Release

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### Club of Rome briefs G8+5 legislators

Club of Rome experts will brief 150 G8+5 legislators and government officials on key global issues on June 12th in Rome, Italy. OECD-Secretary General José Ángel Gurría will deliver a statement to introduce the Club of Rome presentation. The issues of Climate Change, Environment, Sustainable Growth and inclusive World Development against the background of the current economic crisis will form the core of the Club of Rome's briefing agenda.

On the occasion of the Rome G8+5 Legislators Forum in the Italian Chamber of Deputies on 12<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009, the Club of Rome will brief the senior legislators on issues critical to the future of humanity. In a coherent presentation including expert's keynotes, discussion sessions and Q&A rounds, the Club of Rome aims to clarify the critical linkages between the issues of climate change, ecosystems, energy, growth employment and development.

„We simply cannot suggest to parliamentarians and decision makers to tackle the issue of climate change first, then to turn to energy questions and finally discuss the challenge of sustainable growth. All these critical issues are closely interrelated in a complex global system. Therefore, a holistic approach is so important" says R. Martin Lees, Secretary General of the Club of Rome.

The Club of Rome aims to convey concrete proposals for action to the Parliamentarians assembled in Rome. "The financial crisis and the consequent economic slowdown provide an exceptional opportunity to restructure economic and financial systems so as to achieve new patterns of environmentally sound and equitable progress" says Martin Lees. The results of this briefing session will be conveyed to the G8 heads of state summit in L'Aquila, Italy later this year.

The Club of Rome presentation will be opened by a video message by OECD Secretary-General José Ángel Gurría which is followed by an integrated presentation of a high-level expert group composed of the Co-Presidents of the Club of Rome, Dr. Ashok Khosla (India) and Dr. Eberhard von Koerber (Switzerland), Prof. Mohan Munasinghe (Sri Lanka), Vice Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Ambassador Anders Wijkman (Sweden), MEP, Rapporteur for Sustainable Development and Ian T. Dunlop (Australia), expert on peak oil and climate change. R. Martin Lees, Secretary General of the Club of Rome will open the presentation with a general overview and will present conclusions and proposals for action at the end of the briefing session.

The G8 plus 5 group consists of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan plus the emerging economies of China, India, South Africa, Mexico and Brazil. The outputs and recommendations produced by the Club of Rome will therefore be transferred to decision-makers worldwide.

**Further Information:**

On the web site of the Club of Rome:  
[www.clubofrome.org/G8plus5](http://www.clubofrome.org/G8plus5)

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