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Our Goals

Over the course of the last 17 years, the *International Center for Research on Environmental Issues (ICREI)* and the *Université Paul Cézanne (Aix-Marseille)* have organized a biennial three-day International Conference, **addressing the role of property rights and economic tools in the management of different environmental resources.**

Policy makers worldwide recognize that significant further environmental improvements cannot be made at reasonable cost using the approaches upon which we have relied in the past.

“Command-and-Control” regulation may have been effective in the 1970s and 1980s, but the limits of the approach have been reached. Accordingly, we must explore new perspectives and take advantage of successful experiments around the world for Agriculture and Forestry

The chief conference challenge is to imagine new political, legal, economic and social institutions that improve environmental and economic performance, protect individual and public liberty and prevent the risk of some kind of “Regulatory Dictatorship” through “Command and Control”...out of control..

Adapting property rights and markets is an urgent task of paramount importance if we aim at feeding the world (9 billion expected in 2050) and protect the environment.

The need of course is to implement our motto: “Legal and economic imagination for the environment ”!

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Main issues to be discussed¹

- **To what extent do agriculture and forestry activities impact natural resources: water, air, biodiversity and climate?**
- **Planning and subsidies v. free trade: environmental outcomes**
- **How to feed 9 billions and protect environmental resources**
- **How to define and assess agriculture and forestry amenities?**
- **How to use economic instruments and property rights in order to insure sustainable management of agriculture and forestry resources?**

¹ As at previous conferences top world specialists (economists, lawyers, scientists), government officials (international, national and local), foundations, land trusts, think tanks and NGOs representatives as well as the business community will **freely and openly confront** ideas and interests.

- Lessons from different countries for new institutional arrangements?
- Using contractual arrangements for land use control and environmental conservation such as easements and payment for environmental services (PES)?

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Date : June 2012 (two days plus optional field trips)

Contributions : some 45 speakers from 15 different countries

Attendance: 200-300