

TÄLLBERG FOUNDATION

Tällberg Conversation in New York

In search of the common sense-
Leadership beyond the conflicts of interest

Friday, April 11, 2008

Conversations at Tällberg have for nearly three decades pointed towards the current systems crises: the confrontation between how we have chosen to construct and develop our political, economic, technological and social systems and the dynamics of the natural system. They are not in sync.

“Do we know what to do? Probably yes. Will we do it? Probably not.”

These were the sobering closing remarks of the Tällberg Forum 2007 last June, after several days of intense discussion on the theme “How on earth can we live together?” and the great transitions necessary to preserve and/or restore a sustainable balance between human activities and nature. The risk landscape has changed. This is, indeed, a practical challenge to all actors and all leaders. No one will go untouched. People, nations, investors and business alike will be affected.

Leaders will have to exercise a tough results-oriented humanistic leadership in order to forestall and minimize the coming clashes between local/national/sectorial interests and the long-term systems solutions to challenges such as equity, poverty, climate change, water, forests. There needs to be a new kind of leadership, a “nationless leadership”, based on reason and principles that can take us beyond the conflicts of interest.

We warmly invite you to join this Tällberg Conversation which offers you an opportunity to explore what new responsibilities leadership will have to assume and how the new insights can be applied when acting in the interests of the whole. This is not a meeting to discuss any prepared theories, but an explorative conversation in search of new insights.

This Tällberg Conversation in New York is part of the preparations for the Tällberg Forum 2008, entitled “How on Earth can we live together? In search of the Common Sense.” Leaders and thinkers from seventy nations will gather in Sweden for four days of conversations and workshops related to the opportunities and challenges of global interdependence. Tällberg conversations have increasingly focused on the systems problems emerging from the growing imbalance between nature and human activity. Can we design, govern and manage the sustainable interaction between natural systems and the systems of human activity? The Forum aims to generate concrete ideas and proposals for policy, strategy and institutional development that work in the interests of the whole.

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Program
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I. Tällberg Conversation

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Location:

Scandinavia House, Volvo Hall, 58 Park Avenue (bet. 37th & 38th Streets) NY, NY 10016

- 3:00 p.m.** Welcome
- Welcome from Edward P. Gallagher, President, the American-Scandinavian Foundation
 - Ulf Hjertonsson, Ambassador, Consul General of Sweden in New York
- In search of the common sense: Leadership beyond the conflicts of interest
- Bo Ekman, Chairman, Tällberg Foundation
 - Jim Wine, Tällberg Foundation
- 3:30 p.m.** Responsibilities that leadership must assume
- James Hansen, Director, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies
 - Nayan Chanda, Author and Editor of Yale Global Online, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization
 - Sharon Hom, Executive Director, Human Rights in China
 - Franziska Seel, Executive Director, Global Youth Action Network
- 4:30 p.m.** Moderated roundtable discussions, introduced by Carl Mossfeldt, Project Director, Tällberg Forum
- 5:30 p.m.** Concluding reflections
- Anders Wijkman, Member of the European Parliament and Vice Chairman of the Tällberg Foundation
 - Michael Maccoby, President, The Maccoby Group
 - Closing by Bo Ekman
- 6:00 p.m.** Session concludes, bus departs for Consul General's Residence

II. Reception

Location: Consul General's Residence, 600 Park Avenue (at 64th Street)

- 6.30 p.m.** Reception hosted by Ambassador Ulf Hjertonsson, Consul General of Sweden
-8.30 p.m. in New York

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About the Tällberg Foundation

The Tällberg Foundation began its activities in 1981 by organizing yearly Tällberg workshops on topics related to globalization and interdependence. Since then Tällberg has connected and helped leaders better understand the challenges of the globalized world. Through studies and dialogue we translate the analysis of emerging global patterns into inspiration for change. Our work is increasingly focused on the systems problems emerging from the growing imbalance between nature and human activity.

In 2003 the Foundation expanded by scaling up the yearly meetings by creating the Tällberg Forum. The three Tällberg Forums to date (2005, 2006 and 2007) have been award-winning events, greatly successful and inspiring to the participants. Exploring the question 'How on Earth can we live together', these Tällberg Experiences have touched thousands of leaders from all over the world.

The Tällberg model of intellectual conversations tightly integrated with arts and nature have become recognized as a unique experience, providing leaders from many sectors, disciplines and parts of the world with a venue where they meet for open and honest exchanges.

The Tällberg Foundation is an independent non-profit organization. Based on humanism the Foundation works in a learning environment with a systems perspective, specializing in learning processes and delivering policy and strategy recommendations for organisations. In addition to the yearly Forum, the Foundation organizes conferences, conversations, learning journeys, special studies and leadership development programs. The Foundation is based in Stockholm and Tällberg, Sweden, but interacts with numerous partners around the world.

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