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Invitation to the symposium “Green Sahel”

Dear Madam or Sir,

When we think of the Sahel zone, we generally think of drylands, drought and hunger. But there seem to be some positive developments taking place in the Sahel, too. In fact, according to some experts, a re-greening process is happening in the Sahel. The reasons for this have been the subject of controversial debate. Certain experts link this phenomenon to an increase in rainfall. Others argue it is due to changes in land and tree use legislation which have incentivised farmers to plant and maintain tree stocks. But just how far-reaching an impact do grass-roots initiatives of this kind actually have – and will they really make the Sahel green again?

We would like to invite you to the symposium on

28 October 2010
from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm
at the Gustav-Stresemann Institut (GSI) in Bonn,
Langer Grabenweg 68 (www.gsi-bonn.de/kontakt/anreise)

The following speakers will present their take on the situation in the Sahel:

- Dr Chris **Reij** (VU University Amsterdam)
- Dr Hannelore **Kußerow** (FU University Berlin)
- Melchior **Landolt** (Director of Terra-Verde e.V.)
- Dr Issa **Ousseini**, (University of Niamey)

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After the presentations, we would like to engage in a debate about possible fields of action for development cooperation. We are looking forward to some interesting presentations and a lively discussion.

If you would like to be a part of the event, please confirm your attendance at the following email address: adelheid.humer-gruber@gtz.de. The discussion will be held in English. Please find enclosed the programme of the symposium.

With kind regards,



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