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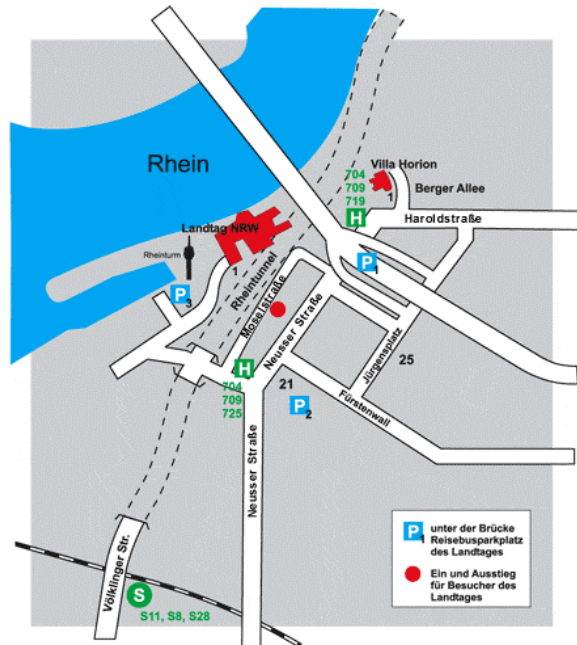
**Please register until 3th October. There is no conference fee.**

**The conference language is German. Please notify if you need interpretation services.**

**Background information and further information about the sugar dialogue:**

[www.germanwatch.org/handel/en.htm](http://www.germanwatch.org/handel/en.htm)

### How to reach the State Parliament building (Landtag)



**Final event of the  
Germanwatch sugar dialogue**

## **The future of sugar - options for a sustainable sugar policy in terms of development policy and ecology**

**State Parliament building (Landtag)  
in Düsseldorf  
17 October 2006**

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North Rhine Westphalian Foundation  
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The best way to get from the Main Station to the State Parliament is by tramway. The stop is in front of the Main Station's exit towards the city centre. The tramways number **704** in the direction of Düsseldorf - Südfriedhof, number **709** in the direction of Theodor Heuss Platz and number **719** in the direction of Düsseldorf - Polizeipräsidium run every five minutes towards the stop "Landtag". It will take about eight minutes to get there.

The reform of the sugar sector entered into force as from 1 July. Within the sugar dialogue, Germanwatch discussed with the participants possible forms of the reform seen from different perspectives, examined its impacts on farmers in North Rhine-Westphalia and the developing countries, and searched for suggestions for improvement and alternatives for farmers. Thus, within a year, various actors had the possibility to compare their points of view.

The final event will focus on the discussion and the further development of recommendations for action which shall be passed through to the policy level. The results achieved so far during the dialogue will be combined in a preliminary policy paper which will form the basis for discussions in working groups.

Three areas are of particular importance:

Which are the impacts of the sugar sector reform on ACP and LDC countries, and which kind of support do they need? Which possibilities do German farmers have to adapt themselves to the new situation, and what can policy do to help them with this? The third subject area deals with recommendations for action to promote ethanol as fuel, and to promote socially and ecologically compatible cultivation.

You are cordially invited to participate in this dialogue.

Kerstin Lanje, Senior Advisor World Trade and World Food Issues, Germanwatch, Bonn

12:30 - 13:30 Arrival and snacks

13:30 – 15:45

### Reception

Marie-Luise **Fasse**, member of the CDU (Christian Democrats) Parliamentary Group, State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

Kerstin **Lanje**, Senior Advisor World Trade and World Food Issues, Germanwatch, Bonn

### The EU sugar market organisation - Effects and opportunities for a sustainable policy in North-Rhine-Westphalia and Europe

Armin **Laschet**, Minister for Generation, Family, Women and Integration of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

### Impacts of the sugar sector on LDC and ACP countries

Keeper **Gumbu**, Sugar Plantation and Agricultural Union of Malawi (SPAWUM), Malawi

### Sweet explosives for the debate on development policy and ecology - first recommendations for action from the Germanwatch sugar dialogue

Tobias **Reichert**, board of directors of Germanwatch, Geneva

15:45 – 17:00

### Discussion of the recommendations for action Recommendations for action for LDC and ACP countries

Keeper **Gumbu**, Sugar Plantation and Agricultural Union of Malawi (SPAWUM), Malawi

Eckhard **Volkman**n, GTZ (German Technical Cooperation), Berlin

Chris **Bollenbach**, member of the CDU (Christian Democrats) Parliamentary Group, State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

*Facilitator:* Dr. Manuel **Gottschick**, University of Hamburg

### Recommendations for action for sugar beet farmers in North Rhine-Westphalia

Sylvia **Schleker**, LAG (Regional Working Group of the Rural Youth in North Rhine-Westphalia), Bonn

Dr. Peter **Kasten**, RRV (Rhineland Beet Farmers Association), Bonn

### Recommendations for action for the field of ethanol production from sugar cane

Thomas **Breuer**, Institute for Food and Resource Economics, Bonn

Wolfgang **Jenseit**, Institute for Applied Ecology, Darmstadt

Claudia **Kraemer** BMZ (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), Bonn

*Facilitator:* Gerald **Knauf**, Forum for Environment and Development, Bonn

17:00 – 17:30 Supper

17:30 – 19:30

### Presentation of the recommendations for action and joint discussion

Thomas **Breuer**, Bonn

Dr. Rudolf **Buntzel**, EED (Evangelic Development Service), Bonn/Berlin

Dr. Manuel **Gottschick**, Hamburg

Dr. Peter **Kasten**, Bonn

Friedhelm **Ortgies**, member of the CDU (Christian Democrats) Parliamentary Group, State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

Johannes **Remmel**, member of the Alliance 90/The Greens, State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

**As from 19:30 Cane and beet: Termination of the event with sugar-sweet snacks and Cachaca**