

## One Planet Living @ the Rio+20 Earth Summit

BioRegional's strategy is to work with partners on a number of significant projects, which demonstrate One Planet Living. In effect, starting to show what the future could look like and that One Planet Living can work in the mainstream of our economy. Our aim is to leverage the impact of our projects by communicating the lessons learned to bring about change in policy and practice.

The Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012 offered BioRegional and our partners an unprecedented opportunity to influence global sustainability policy and practice. We engaged in the series of preparatory meetings from January 2011 right through to the Conference itself in June 2012. We showcased the One Planet Communities and Businesses and our One Planet Living Framework, as well as contributing to the process itself. We highlighted key projects and organisation throughout the globe, including projects throughout the UK and Europe, in China and the US, as well as South Africa, Mexico, Brazil and Australia.

This resulted in us having a significant influence on the outcomes particularly the emphasis placed on natural capital accounting and the proposed Sustainable Development Goals, which we championed in side events we organized with Governments at the UN in New York (left).

In the run up to the conference, in May 2012, we and Aldersgate Group staged a 'Dragons' Den' style joint event with the then Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Caroline Spelman MP. This event drew out the priorities which UK companies and NGOs wished the UK Government to push for at the Rio+20 summit. The top issue was sustainable food production.

BioRegional and our partners attended the Conference itself, contributing to many events including those of the UN Global Compact, a forum for sustainable business. We launched a new video and One Planet Living website as the first step towards our pledge to train 10,000 people to use One Planet Living by 2015. Based on the work of BioRegional and our partners to date and these fresh commitments, the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs invited BioRegional to register One Planet Living as a recognised UN partnership, providing opportunities for One Planet Living information, case studies and toolkits to be made available via the UN's online platforms. It also brings recognition and acknowledgement for the One Planet Living sustainability framework amongst UN agencies and governments.

We were pleased that the resulting outcome document, The Future We Want, contains all the ingredients for One Planet Living, such as proposals for a set of universal Sustainable Development Goals, to follow the Millennium Development Goals in 2015. In 2013 we will see through our Rio+20 work and develop the many new opportunities and working relationships, which arose as a result of our work.

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