

Proposal for the General Conference in Växjö 24-27/10 2017

Proposed conference theme: Leadership for the future – Global solutions for a sustainable development in the Baltic Sea/UBC-region

The conference will be future orientated and aim on meeting commissions challenges by involving conference participants including the youth.

The proposal aims to stage an interactive and creative conference where ideas can grow and participants will feel included. We want to include the youth in an active way and encourage them to contribute to ideas for development by arranging a hackathon inspired session where groups of youth will be challenged to come with ideas to solve UBC challenges in close cooperation with the commissions. During the dinners and the sightseeing we will show Växjö from its best side including making available some of the best practices of Växjö, including those related to Växjö's work in environment and sustainability.

Proposal for time frame (agenda) – to be discussed/agreed:

24/10 Welcome to the arrival participants

Early arrivals: 13-18 (flexible) Individual commission meetings. (Meeting rooms will be available for individual commission meetings. Commissions will be asked to inform us on the need for facilities).

19.00 Dinner at PM.

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08.30-09.30 Registration + coffee with parallel youth briefing meetings: Each commission to assign representatives to brief youth case groups on their tasks/challenges to be concluded within 24 hrs (*Briefings could also be arranged during the individual meetings on Monday*).

09.30-10.00 Opening session;

10.00-12.00 Plenary sessions;

12.00-13.30 Lunch buffet (in concert hall restaurant) and cultural happening (entertainment in the lunch area – possibly arranged by cultural school?));

13.30-15.00 Plenary session;

15.00-17.00 Interactive workshops: Open space Focus on leadership issues for the whole conference including youth case groups (that are asked to inject into discussions), possibly arranged with leadership aspects of commission themes (including coffee);

18:00 Busses leave for Kosta;

19.00 Hyttsill in Kosta (UBC-host).

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9.30-12.30 Parallel meetings for commissions. (Including coffee). The youths report to each commission.

12.30-13.30 Lunch (in concert hall restaurant);

13.30-14.00 Youth groups hold executive summary reports from their case work;

14.30-17.30 General Assembly;

17.30 Warm soup outside. Teaterbacken (Ekobacken);

19.00 "Dinner party" with food based on locally produced food products and music (possibly a cover band) Zebra Kings? – Party! (challenge, alcohol and youngsters?)

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09:00-12:00 Study visits:

Examples:

Guided tour around Väckjö lake (in groups of ~10 persons?) – Experts (lake, transport, energy, wood building experts) meets and presents best practices along the way;

Visit to the Biogas Plant;

Visit to the READY project site (renovation of social housing to high energy standards).

Bokhultet: City Ecologist to guide and present different initiatives;

Ekobacken?

12.00 Departures