



## Welcome to the UniPID Conference, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2005

University of Joensuu, Agora Building, Hall H30  
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### Short Background of the UniPID Project

The aim of the UniPID (Universities Partnership for International Development) network is to implement the concept of institutional partnership, approved at the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development in the field of research and education. Our key objective is to establish long-standing research and development co-operation based on partnerships and durable personal and institutional contacts between universities and research institutes in Finland and abroad to support sustainable development and information society research and education around the World.

The need to build research and education networks relating to development co-operation issues has been discussed widely in the past years both in Finland as well as abroad. The continuing chronic shortage of human and institutional capacity especially in Africa presents a major constraint to economic growth, poverty reduction and sustainable development. It is becoming increasingly recognized that understanding the challenges of sustainable development cannot be met without significant increases in the creation and use of scientific knowledge and know-how.

The networks of scientists are one the most important ways to tackle capacity building as they provide sharing of produced scientific knowledge, identification of common interests, understanding of impacts, dissemination and information gathering and support through sharing of facilities. And this is what UniPID project and its current capacity building phase is all about: building partner networks to support sustainability.

### Our Challenge

In order to meet our objectives and strengthen our capacity we are currently seeking:

- New partner networks in Europe and target countries
- Multi-year funding for UniPID network support and coordination activities

### The Conference

The first official conference of the UniPID Network is being organised in conjunction with the Helsinki Conference at University of Joensuu on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2005 with a one-day seminar covering a wide range of topics, practices and research related to sustainable development. The conference will include a main seminar, workshops, and a panel discussion.

In addition, a publication will be released presenting the sustainable development related research done at Finnish universities across the different fields of study. These topics will be discussed in detail in a number of workshops alongside with the seminar offering opportunities to participants to share ideas how the UniPID project should be taken forward – what relevant long term research projects there are, how and with whom the partnerships should be built and under which conditions.

The working language of the seminar will be English.

### Target Group

The seminar will be aimed at researchers, NGOs, government authorities and policy-makers and corporate representatives. It seeks to bring together an interdisciplinary audience to share experiences and to commence work towards solutions.

### Registration

Participation to the conference is free and the final registration should be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2005 to:

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The University of Joensuu, founded in 1969 in Joensuu, the capital of North Karelia in eastern Finland, is a multidisciplinary, research-oriented public university with six faculties: Education, Forestry, Humanities, Science, Social Sciences, and Theology.

The University of Joensuu is strongly committed to promoting global sustainable development in accordance with the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in cooperation with its partner universities. The University of Joensuu was designated a Partner University of the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP, on May 12, 2003.

# Conference Program

## From Problems to Solutions – An Example of Integrative Founding of Development Studies

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Speakers invited and themes proposed (\*speakers to be confirmed)

### MORNING: PROFILING THE LANDSCAPE

- 0830 – 0915 Registration and Coffee
- 0915 – 0930 Opening Remarks: Welcome to the University of Joensuu - UNEP Partner University  
*Rector Perttu Vartiainen, University of Joensuu*
- 0930 – 1000 The Ethical Dimension of Large-Scale Grass Root Level Problems  
*Keynote speaker from Southern Africa\**
- 1000 – 1030 Sustainable Models for Funding Development Studies  
*Professor David Bloom, Harvard University*

### Commentators

- 1030 – 1100 Models for Finnish Development Research  
*Professor Paavo Hohti, Council of Finnish Foundations*
- 1100 – 1130 Acting Responsibly: Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes and their Contribution to Sustainable Development  
*Mr Martin Sandelin, Nokia Corporation*
- 1130 – 1200 Dialogue: Between Global Ethics and Technology: an Example from New Integration Founding of Development Studies  
*Professor Reijo E. Heinonen and Professor Erkki Sutinen, University of Joensuu*
- 1200 – 1230 A Possible Scenario: Foundation for Exporting Finnish Development Expertise  
*Mr Markku Markkula, Helsinki University of Technology*

### LUNCH

### AFTERNOON: FROM FRAMEWORKS TO IMPLEMENTATIONS

- 1330 – 1400 Finnish Development Studies: The State of Art  
*Mr Olli Hietanen, Turku School of Economics and Business/ Mrs Salla Koivusalo, Helsinki University of Technology*

- 1400 – 1530 Four workshops relating to the UniPID-network publication:

Room H6	Earth	Agriculture and Forestry	Chair: Professor Jukka Kola
Room H4	Water	Environment, Water and Health	Chair: Professor Olavi Pelkonen
Room H17	Fire	Energy, Technology and Economy	Chair: Senior Researcher Jyrki Luukkanen
Room H18	Air	Dialogue, Equality, Education and Good Governance	Chair: Mr Matti Sinko

In each workshop the aim is for the participants to discuss a practical research proposal and produce a slideshow what the proposal should cover, including:

- The long-term research project
- How the network will integrate and interact

- 1530 – 1630 Panel Discussion  
*Chaired by Ambassador Kari Karanko*

- 1635 Concluding Remarks and Further Measures  
*Ambassador Kari Karanko*

The conference day is chaired by Professor Erkki Sutinen, University of Joensuu

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