The Symposium will take place at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm between 16-19 May and will include a mix of plenary presentations, panel discussions and working group sessions. The event is invitation only, but the outcomes as well as some of the discussions and lectures will be available at www.globalsymposium2011.org.

Three half-day sessions on 16 and 17 May will begin with a plenary presentation from the working groups followed by roundtable dialogues and panel discussions.

The afternoon session on 18 May will consist of concluding summaries from the three half-day sessions and a synthesis of the Symposium Memorandum.

An open event dedicated to the themes of the Symposium, is planned for 19 May.

More information on the programme will follow – please check the Symposium website for the most recently updated version.

Invitations will be sent out in September and October 2010. Please contact the following staff at the Symposium secretariat regarding questions on:

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Climate change, decreasing biodiversity, deteriorating ecosystems, poverty and a continuously growing population all contribute to reducing the planet’s resilience and may have catastrophic implications for humanity. Each of these problems has attracted great attention from the international community, but they have invariably been considered in isolation, with little or no regard to the interactions between them.

It is time to change this approach.

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1. Ecosystems and Human Development

The first theme focuses on the role of ecosystems and the services they provide as the basis for societal development and human well-being.

Chair: Professor Carl Folke, Stockholm Resilience Centre, The Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Sweden

2. The Human Dominated Planet: Where are the Boundaries?

This theme focuses on the great transformation towards sustainable development as we know it.

Chair: Professor Will Steffen, The Climate Change Institute at the Australian National University

3. Tipping towards sustainability: The great transformation towards sustainable development

The third theme will explore the links between crisis, opportunity and innovation for creating radical shifts and large-scale transformations towards sustainability.

Chair: Professor Frances Westley, Waterloo University, Canada.

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