

Round Table

"Progress and quality of life, Switzerland in 2029"

to be held in **Münchenwiler** on Thursday **4 June 2009** (16h) to Friday **5 June 2009** (16h).

Over the centuries, progress has been likened to science and economic growth. It was measured by performance indicators such as GDP, main indicator of economic output of the nations. Today what kind of progress do we want for Switzerland? As the OECD, the Münchenwiler initiative takes into account the fact that a new conception of progress is required. A significant fraction of the population has in fact already adopted new lifestyles. It is therefore appropriate to re-examine the criteria for measuring progress to ensure that public policies take them into account.

While technological innovation has fuelled the growth, today it is towards social innovation that we are increasingly finding new solutions to the crisis. Innovative citizens' initiatives provide opportunities to anchor the real progress in a sustainable manner.

The Münchenwiler meeting aims to initiate a discussion / debate to highlight specificities and identify the strengths of Switzerland to reach a sustainable qualitative development.

The Round Table format was chosen in order to allow everyone to express themselves freely and to engage discussions in small groups followed by pooling talks. Three main themes will be presented for discussion:

- the fundamental elements of the **Swiss vision of progress**;
- the **Swiss know-how** and **existential skills**, vectors of **social innovation**;
- new measuring instruments and new management tools of public policies related to the new vision of progress.

The recommendations of the Round Table will contribute to stimulate the commitment of all stakeholders in Switzerland and abroad, to structure the contribution of Switzerland to the global initiative.

Round Table Program

Thursday 4 June

16h00 Welcome and introduction
16h15 Discussions in Working Groups (WG)
18h00 Introductory lectures:

- **M. Mauro Dell’Ambrogio**, State Secretary for Education and Research, "The importance for the Swiss research of the new concept of progress".
- **M. Luzius Wasescha**, Ambassador, Representative of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to WTO and EFTA, "Progress and quality of life advantages for Switzerland in globalization".
- **M. Enrico Giovannini**, Chief Statistician and Director of the Statistics Department of the OECD, "Beyond GDP: a global initiative to define and measure progress".
- **M. Nic Marks**, Fonder of the New Economics Foundation for Well-being, London, "Report on National account of well-being: the Case of Switzerland".

19h30 Diner
21h00 Plenary: sharing first considerations of the WG

Friday 5 June

08h30 Presentation of 9 study cases from Switzerland (3 simultaneously)
10h15 Working Groups
11h15 Plenary of synthesis
12h30 Lunch
14h00 Working Groups
15h30 Plenary of synthesis
16h00 Departure