

2<sup>nd</sup> appeal for signing the Bonn Manifesto

Dear supporters, dear civil community,

On Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2008, at approximately 5 pm, the Freiburg Kant Foundation publicly presented its “Bonn Manifesto” in the Gustav Stresemann Institute in Bonn, following a panel discussion with state secretary Michael Müller from BMU, on the occasion of the 9<sup>th</sup> UN-Conference, the “Convention on Biological Diversity” (CBD). The presentation took place after a fiery appeal by Dr. Vandana Shivas in favour of the formation of a “commons” and the protection of biological diversity and genetic resources.

(The Manifesto itself, as well as its English version, can be found under “Aufruf” at [www.kantstiftung.de](http://www.kantstiftung.de) )

The guests in this event were climate expert Prof. Dr.Dr.h.c. Hartmut Graßl, land utilization expert Prof. Dr.Dr.h.c. Alois Heißenhuber, as well as sea expert Rüdiger Stempel, and the winners of the alternative Nobel Prize Pat Mooney and Dr. Vandana Shiva.

(We have made important parts of this event accessible to you at the video platform of our website, [www.kantstiftung.de](http://www.kantstiftung.de) )

At the same time, the Manifesto and a first selection of well-known supporters were published by the Süddeutsche Zeitung. We are happy for the numerous signatures (at the moment almost 500) in favour of the “Bonn Manifesto”.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS!!!**

The list of more well-known personalities reaches from A, for Franz Alt, over F for Volker Finke, G for Heiner Geissler, H for Benedikt Haerlin, Q for Eva Quistorp, to V for Bertram Verhaag, W for Christine von Weizsäcker, and Z for Andreas Zumach.

Besides the alternative Nobel Prize winners Dr. Vandana Shiva and Pat Mooney, the Manifesto is also supported by famous scientists, such as Prof. Dr. Rolf Kreibich (IZT), Prof. Dr. Konrad Ott (University of Greifswald), Dr. Wolfgang Sachs (Wuppertal Institute), Prof. Dr. Udo E. Simonis, and Prof. Dr. Eberhard Schockenhoff (National Ethics Council), as well as by our experts Prof. Dr. Hartmut Graßl and Prof. Dr. Alois Heißenhuber, and by members of the European Parliament, the state parliament, and the local council.

They all demand an end to the sell-out of our resources, regardless of whether they are local, regional or global.

The title of SPIEGEL magazine was, matching the “Bonn Manifesto” of the Freiburg Kant-Foundation: “The Price of Survival: How Much it Costs to Save Nature.”

The newly discovered “limits of growth” bring the question of democratic resource management once again to focus.

Civil initiatives in South America, as well as in Europe and other places, are starting to fight across borders against lobbyist wool felting within the governments and parliaments of their countries, to break open the vertical segmentation in favour of special interests (concerning scientific-technological and economical access to our societies), and to ask for more subsidiarity and populism.

This is a challenge, but also a chance for every one of us!

The voice of a single person certainly needs a big choir in order to be heard. Individual self-realization should not take place at the cost of rational problem solutions that favour our community. Please help us grow the choir strong, so that it cannot be overheard, before the problems of the future let us turn quiet again in a grim individual fight.

Please report about the Bonn Manifesto. Check the option to politically or socially develop and promote the Manifesto's articulated concern for humanity, in connection with your own organization, and make your friends, colleagues and acquaintances follow your example.

Sincerely,

Manfred Ladwig, Berthold Lange  
Freiburg Kant-Foundation

More information on the Freiburg Kant-Foundation can be found at:

[www.kantstiftung.de](http://www.kantstiftung.de)

There you will also find a complete list of signatures under the Bonn Manifesto.