



Gouden Leeuw/Golden Lion by Willem van de Velde jr 1686 Coming home after 20 years of loyal service, Amsterdam harbour.
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Club of Rome Global Assembly 2009

Theme: Climate, Energy and Economic Recovery

Conference Announcement

On October 26 and 27, the Club of Rome will convene in Amsterdam for its 2009 annual Global Assembly. This year's Assembly is the last of seven international conferences of the Club of Rome in the run-up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December. Keynote speakers like NASA's **James Hansen** and former Soviet president **Mikhail Gorbachev** will address the interdependency of the climate, energy and economic crisis and the opportunities they offer for sustainable growth. Participate and join master classes of some of the world's most influential thinkers and achievers. Together we will write the **Amsterdam Declaration**, proposing key ingredients for a **Global Green New Deal**, as a last message to Copenhagen.

The global issues that the 1972 report "**Limits to Growth**" sketched so imminently are even more severe and urgent today. "Our home planet is dangerously near a tipping point at which human-made greenhouse gases reach a level where major climate changes can proceed mostly under their own momentum. The implications are profound, and the only resolution is for humans to move to a fundamentally different energy pathway within a decade." wrote **James Hansen**. And climate change is only one of the intensifying environmental challenges

The world is headed into a perfect storm of interconnected environmental and other crises. It is time to hit the **tipping point for runaway change**, away from the structures that have long functioned and brought prosperity to many, but at hidden costs that can no longer be absorbed. It is time to construct a track to inclusiveness and one-planet economic growth.

Amsterdam is a European **cradle of innovation** in trade and finance. Once the wealthiest city in the world, it is the place where the first stock exchange was created. Amsterdam is closely associated with a notion of Golden Age – and the city experienced its **golden age** more than once, due to its innovative spirit, revolutionary ideas and openness towards the world. In a breathtaking waterfront setting, we will share inspiration, discuss astounding ideas and develop solutions for the world most vital challenges.

Innovation and search for solutions

The new ideas, new strategies and radical changes which are needed to assure the future of humanity will be the focus of the debates. The Club of Rome invites you to join forces, to identify and formulate new solutions to turn the tide of the current multiple world crises as a signal of the encroaching limits. During a series of **Master Classes** participants will jointly confront urgent global challenges: CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS – PEAK OIL – TOWARDS NEW ECONOMY – LOW CARBON, RESOURCES EFFICIENCY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY – ADAPTING TO THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE/POVERTY AND FOOD – CHINA – INSTITUTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COPENHAGEN AGREEMENT – FINANCING, TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

Participation

Participation in this two-day conference (including lunches, dinners and conference documentation) costs € 850 ex. VAT if you register before 15 September, after which the registration fee of € 950 ex. VAT will apply. Science and NGO representatives pay € 460 ex. VAT.

Information and registration

For more information and updates on the programme, please visit our website: www.clubofrome.at/2009/amsterdam You can also register through the above website. As the number of seats is limited, please register as soon as possible, using key word 'amsterdam'.

Date: October 26 and 27

Place: Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ/ The Harbour Music Hall Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Conference organisation: The Club of Rome Global Assembly 2009 Foundation, led by IMSA Amsterdam.