



Initiatives of Change International Conference Centre, Caux, Switzerland

PROGRAMME SUPPLEMENTS – CAUX CONFERENCES 2008

Background

Service, Responsibility, Leadership, SRL, is a series of conferences in Caux, Switzerland led by young professionals mostly from Eastern Europe. They are united by the idea that to make real the changes in society we need a new type of leadership – servant and responsible leadership. The first SRL conference was in 2002. In the summer of 2007 about 200 people from 38 countries came to Caux to participate in the sixth SRL conference: Servant Community – Values, Responsibility and Leadership.

Evaluation from the last conference: Most of the participants (about 85%) felt satisfied with the conference and it met their major expectations. Almost all felt a special atmosphere and community spirit in the conference and many expressed their desire to participate in the next SRL conferences.

3 – 9 July 2008

Global Servant-Leadership: Contributing to Human Security

Programme Supplement (Version of 1 July 2008)

Introduction

Human insecurity often starts on a personal level – with the sense of being a victim. It may also be linked with certain fears, superstitions and misunderstandings. Can we find an adequate response? What are the leadership, life-skills and tools that could help us in this process? Can the right quality of leadership change the situation and give hope to the world?

We invite you to a 6-day progress in 'servant leadership' in search of answers, through discussions and practice, in Caux.

Process / Method

To reach success we will combine different formats of conference work – community meetings, plenary sessions and workshops. Special time in the conference will be devoted to case-studies sessions, exploring real experience of outstanding leaders. Open Space Technique will be used as one of the conference approaches to help participants to discuss, in a creative way, those topics which are important to them.

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This supplement is part of the general programme of the International Caux Conferences 2008, which can be downloaded at www.caux.ch/2008

Global Servant-Leadership: Contributing to Human Security

International Conference in Caux, Switzerland, 3 July (16.45) – 9 July (noon) 2008

Conference Outcomes

The conference aim is to give leadership inspiration, hope and tools to potential leaders. Through the exchange of ideas, tools and practice, the participants will discover and re-discover valuesbased leadership, as well as understanding the world's demands and challenges to modern leaders.

Who Should Attend

All those who are searching for how to respond to the needs of the world on a personal, local and global level and want to build a solid basis for human security.

A Typical Conference Day

09.30 - 10.45 Community discussion groups

11.00 - 12.00 Main plenary meeting

14.00 Time open for ad hoc and arranged activities

16.45 - 18.15 Workshops, case studies

20.30 Evening programme

Previous Conference Participants Said

"We are positively impressed with the conference! The meetings taught us many things and now we are thinking much more about methods and forms of communications with the exterior world." – Maria & Tamara Krashennikov, Russian Federation

"I was impressed with the readiness of the young team to take responsibility and leadership, and their imagination... It points to what they could give to Europe and the world." – Philip Boobbyer, United Kingdom

"I experienced the real strength of this community! With this kind of support one can understand that his attempts to change the world are not so in vain! We really can do this!" – Aleksey Andreev, Ukraine

Application and Further Information

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Daily Themes

Thu-Fri 3-4 July: An introduction to the theme 'Who is a leader, who is not?'. Are leaders born or leaders made? Are leaders followed or do they follow? Guided or compulsive, listening or listened to, apparent or hidden? Can 'an ordinary person' become a leader?

Sat 5 July: 'What inspires Leaders to act?' will explore calling, vision and temptations. Is leadership a temptation itself? What sets us free? Freedom to follow one's calling enables one to use insights and tools/skills one is gifted with.

Sun 6 July: When defining 'Leadership qualities' a real knowledge of self-leadership and trust-building is needed. What makes one a leader? How do we measure quality leadership? Do we judge by its fruits?

Mon 7 July: We will explore 'Sustainable, effective leadership' focusing on personal calling and how our vision translates into the social context.

Tue 8 July: 'Implementation' This day will be dedicated to the 'how?' The results of this day will be presented on

Wed 9 July: in the conference send-off session.

On **Saturday 5 July afternoon**, the 'Official Day' (including a panel discussion with Swiss Member of Parliament Dick Marty) is taking place. Specially invited guests will be joining the conference.

Questions to Participants

The conference is a 'living laboratory' for searching and expressing your leadership potential. Different people have different perceptions of leadership. We are aware that each participant has his own way of discovering and practising leadership. To make our laboratory work effectively we need to understand each other better. Thus the organizing team invites you to answer some questions:

- 1) Please write in 50 words what a servant leader means for you. Do you consider yourself to be a real leader?
- 2) Give 3-5 real examples of positive leaders? Please, explain your choices.
- 3) What do you expect to gain from the conference? What do you want to avoid in the conference?

Kindly send your reply to srl@caux.ch

Application and Visas

Please use the online application form (www.caux.ch/2008) to apply.

A limited amount of funding has been raised to assist well-motivated applicants cover the cost of their stay at the conference, and if really needed, also help with part of their travel expenses. Applicants for funding: please send your answers to the above questions by 15 April to srl-assist@caux.ch before filling in the application form.

For those needing Swiss visas, please remember to apply at least ten weeks prior to the conference, i.e. before the end of April. For those travelling overland and needing visas, please remember to apply for double-entry Schengen visas from one of the Schengen country embassies.

For information about the venue, the cost and Initiatives of Change: Download the general conference programme at www.caux.ch/2008