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Strategies for Sustainable Development and Global Justice in this time of crises

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"Zukunftsfähiges Deutschland in einer globalisierten Welt" (ZD) is a very good guide for orientation.

- A) Financial markets
- 1. **Promote a strong international legal frame for sustainable financial markets.** Money/capital is a public good and is as important as energy and infrastructure for a life in dignity for all.
- 2. **Support the modification of the currency system** from a single lead currency (USD) to multiple lead currencies (Euro, USD, Yuen?) or a totally different lead currency (e.g. the chicken egg). The currencies reflect more the political power than the real strength of a countries economic and cultural production (as the stock markets reflect only partly the real value of a company).
- 3. **Claim Climate Justice** in the investment of limited financial and other resources in the adaptation to climate change and solving the economic crisis (Climate Justice Principles such as: Polluters pay, capability to pay, keep your promise, share benefits and burdens).
- B) Approaches
- 4. Engage in innovative, surprising coalitions including not expected partners (investors, companies, trade unions,insurances etc.). Cooperation with such partners is possible as long as agreement can be reached on a specific topic even if in many other fields there are disagreements and different institutional cultures. The double strategy of critique and cooperation leads to credible advocacy.
- 5. Say yes to the top-down approach, complementary to the important bottom-up approach. Addressing the top level of decision makers is not only a noble option, but an obligation for real change.
- 6. **Envisage long term perspective of engagement on similar topics** (20-40 years) as EED and Bread for the world already did e.g. with energy issues.
- 7. **Fight corruption** as a major factor which hinders justice and environmental, economic and social sustainability. (E.g. in management of land and other resources of churches, role of women in leading positions. See paper Ch. Stückelberger for Bad Boll 6/7 March 2009. In library of www.globethics.net)
- C) Culture and religion (soft factors as strong actors)
- 8. Disprove religious arguments for non-action and emphasize motivational arguments for action, based on Christian faith (why we should and can care and act. ZD 7.1).
- 9. **Enable processes of hope by mourning and reorientation** in times of crises. Re-orientation not only as a loss, but as a gain.
- 10. **Support spiritual rooting of human action** of individuals (e.g. consumers) and institutions (e.g. companies) in all sectors of society (e.g. by spirituality in economic ethics).