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“One of the great challenges of the 21st century is to bring about global equity without further overstepping the planet’s ecological limits nor overusing the earth’s finite resources to the extent that future generations are deprived of the opportunity for shaping a sustainable and equitable social coexistence and the associated economic and production patterns. Social equity is inseparable from ecological sustainability. inequitable distribution and overuse of resources! both domestically and internationally! is one of the key reasons why millions of people today live below the poverty line! while at the same time the earth’s sustainable ecological limits have long been exceeded.”¹

Natural resources management has long been handled with primarily centralized! top&down approaches! and little recognition has been given to the potential role of rural resource users in this process. Resource policies and resource distribution are heavily shaped by political and economic power structures. (isputes over access to or possession and control of resources are

cases of externalization effects or imperfect markets! or an intertemporal allocation which pays inadequate regard to interests of future generations! or unduly high or low resource prices which result in socially undesirable distribution & policy implications. Resource governance combines ecological and social aspects of resource use. But it also looks at questions of distribution! power structures! and deficits and potentials of democracy and participation. A resource policy perspective allows for the linkage of different problems and usage structures and hence and awareness of the whole resource nexus! which lends greater coherence to political solutions.#

The Summer School will first and foremost provide an introduction to natural resource governance in general and existing international regulatory frameworks! while introducing different stakeholders with regards to natural resources in the region. It will also be necessary to provide an understanding of the term governance by looking at different approaches and developing a working definition. In this context it will be important to analyse the power structures which decide about the use and distribution of resources. Here! the current transformation in the region will be taken into account! including chances and challenges for civil society. Looking at power structures and power imbalances means including gender as a crucial topic and tool of analysis. This input will be complemented by sessions focusing on examples of sustainable natural resource management! on a governmental as well as on a community level.

The methodology will be varied! including lectures! working groups! round table discussions! workshops and other.

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The Summer School is designed to build the capacities of the participants and to stir a debate about urgent current policy topics. It will also provide the international lecturers with information about and viewpoints from the region! and offer an excellent platform for exchanging ideas! opinions! arguments and sharing experiences across the region. The program shall promote networking among civil society actors! researchers and activists in the region active in the field of climate! adaptation and mitigation strategies! gender and environment.

This Summer School inter alia addresses junior professionals! postgraduates! activists! and researchers working at NGOs! civil society organizations! think tanks or other institutions from Palestine! Jordan! Lebanon! Syria! Iraq! Egypt! Tunisia! and other North African countries. The

e.g. by introducing an exemplary project! a current debate etc. , his can be written in form of an essay or a short academic paper.

, he Summer School will be conducted in)rabic and 3nglish without translation.) good command of the 3nglish language is therefore essential. , he participants are as"ed to indicate their 3nglish level in the application form. , ravel and accommodation costs of the participants will be covered by the - einrich *9ll : oundation.

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