

Tsunami Aid Watch

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**Invitation to our Public Forum:
“Sustainable Rehabilitation? Experiences and Prospects”
in Bangkok on the 26th of January 2008**

Dear Sir or Madam,

for more than two years the “Tsunami Aid Watch” (TAW) programme, initiated by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, has been implementing various policy related activities in cooperation with Tsunami affected communities and NGOs in Southern Thailand.

In January 2008 our programme comes to a close. On this occasion we wish to invite you to our public forum **“Sustainable Rehabilitation? Experiences and Prospects”** on the 26th January of 2008 in Bangkok. The forum agenda includes presenting and summarizing our work and the knowledge gained through our TAW programme’s activities.

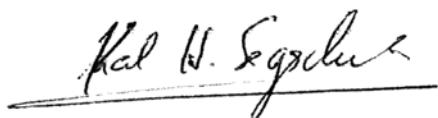
The forum provides a stage for the target communities and partner organizations to voice and to discuss their existing concerns with the public. It will introduce strategies and options in setting the course for future recovery agendas expressing ideas and suggestions reflecting experiences of the Tsunami rehabilitation process.

The ‘Sustainable Rehabilitation? Experiences and Prospects’ forum will take place at the Emerald Hotel, Bangkok on the 26th of January 2008, from 8.15 am until 5.00 pm. Please register by the 19th of January 2008 if you would like to attend.

Attached you will find the time table for the event and the registration form (you can register via mail or e-mail).

Please feel free to contact us for further information.

Yours sincerely



Karl Segschneider

Director of Tsunami Aid Watch

Public Forum Time Table

08.15- 08.45 Registration

08:45 – 10.15 Session 1: “Good practices”

- *Example 1:* Khun Pakbhum Withanthirawat from Save Andaman Network (SAN): Positive and negative experiences arising out of the reconstruction process.
- *Example 2:* Khun Maitree Jongkraichak from Bahn Nahm Khem Community Coordination Center: Politics and politicization in the post-disaster governance of Bahn Nahm Kehm.
- *Example 3:* Tsunami Aid Watch and Computer and Communication Networks Co., Ltd.: Electronic Networking as an aid in post-Tsunami recovery.

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 12.00 Session 2: Tourism and Sustainability. Mutually exclusive agendas?

- Khun Thiwawan Chaikao and Khun Romlee Maeroh: Natural resources and tourism in Amphoe Takua Pa.
- Khun Panya Ananthakul from Bahn Nahm Kehm: SCOPE-Charter: A post-Tsunami tourism concept for the benefit of Tsunami impacted community.
- Khun Thanu Nabnien from the Coastal Wetlands Conservation Project: SoFaR: Communal participation in tourism concepts and policies after the Tsunami.

12.00 – 13.00 Closing ceremony for Tsunami Aid Watch (TAW)

- Dr. Heike Löschmann, Director of Heinrich Böll Foundation (HBF).
- Khun Karl Segschneider, Director of Tsunami Aid Watch (TAW).
- Khun Pakbhum Withanthirawat, Save Andaman Network (SAN).

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch time

14.00 – 15.30 Discussion forum: What remains to be done?

(At the beginning of the discussion forum, each participant will outline in brief what major issue in their opinion remains to be addressed in the post-Tsunami recovery process)

- Khun Pakbhum Withanthirawat from Save Andaman Network (SAN).
- Khun Maitree Jongkraichak, Bahn Nahm Kehm Community Coordination Center.
- Prof. Surichae Wankaeuw, Director of Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute.
- Khun Preda Kongpaen, Chumchon Thai Foundation.
- Khun Orawan Hanthaley, representative of Bahn Thabtawan .
- Khun Anusorn Khaewkungwan, The Director of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Center, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation.

15.30 – 17.00 Open ended coffee break and a chance to:

- Discuss interesting topics emerging from today’s sessions.
- Meet and share information between affected communities and organizations that have an interest in implementing concepts developed under the TAW programme.
- Demonstrate IT training and E-learning.