



**be informed  
get involved  
make a difference**

# Be informed

## **Our Mission is to strengthen action competence for sustainable development among tomorrow's decision makers.**

To target this objective, we

- 1** increase awareness for sustainability opportunities and challenges focussing on students of management and economics
- 2** foster their ability not only to analyse long-term economic, environmental and social trends, but also implement sustainability-driven innovation
- 3** create institutional support for these learning processes through the integration of sustainability issues in research and teaching at the world's faculties for management and economics.

**oikos is the international student organisation for sustainable economics and management and a leading reference point for the promotion of sustainability change agents.**

oikos activities consist of networking, education and research. Among others we organise lectures, conferences, simulation games, seminars, as well as practice-oriented learning projects. Our activities are conducted within the framework of a constructive and open-minded dialogue and reflect local realities. They network students with representatives from academia, business, NGOs, politics and media.

# Get involved

## **oikos Local Chapters**

oikos Local Chapters walk the talk. Their members are highly motivated students who energetically work on narrowing the gap between the status quo and the oikos vision. The teams organise oikos events independently and in a spirited way that demonstrates how showing responsibility, hands-on management experience and fun can go together.

As of April 2007, oikos had 20 Local Chapters in 15 countries worldwide. They represent faculties of management and economics with a combined number of 50.000 students.

Bayreuth  
Bratislava  
Brussels  
Clausthal  
Cologne  
Dhaka  
Friedrichshafen  
Graz  
Hamburg  
Johannesburg  
Lahore  
London  
Oslo  
Paris  
Prague  
Stockholm  
St.Gallen  
Wageningen  
Warsaw  
Witten/Herdecke

## No Local Chapter in your town?

oikos constantly seeks to expand its network at the leading schools of business and economics worldwide. To found a new Local Chapter at your university, contact oikos International at [makeadifference@oikosinternational.org](mailto:makeadifference@oikosinternational.org).

## **oikos International**

oikos International is the umbrella organisation of all Local Chapters, located in St.Gallen, Switzerland. It supports the existing Local Chapters, as well as the foundation of new ones, by offering skill seminars, contacts to key decision makers in their region and communication and encounters between local groups. Especially the two annual international meetings serve to spur vivid cooperation between its members.

## **oikos Foundation**

The oikos Foundation supports the long-term development of the entire oikos organisation. It pursues key projects to enhance the integration of the ecological and social dimensions into research

oikos International also coordinates international projects run by Local Chapters, like the Winter School and the Model WTO.

*“I want a next generation of responsible leaders to emerge and this is going to be from networks like oikos. People are going to say “Look, we don’t just have to wait for governments, we don’t just have to wait for regulation or leading companies - we are going to go out and take responsibility ourselves, we’ll do it ourselves - and that’s the buzz I got from oikos students.”*  
*Tony Long WWF,  
Director European Policy Office*

and teaching at the world’s faculties for management and economics. Within the oikos organisation, the foundation’s focus lies on financial and institutional support.

## **Support oikos as an organisation**

There are multiple ways to support oikos. We seek sponsoring partners, both for our organisation as well as for specific events. We are also seeking opportunities for collaborating on specific projects, e.g. under a media partnership. Got an idea? Contact us!

# Make a difference

oikos projects make a difference - whether run autonomously by Local Chapters, or coordinated internationally as the projects described on this page.

## Strengthening teaching



### **oikos Winter School**

Educates and empowers students to act as change agents at their universities and to push for the integration of sustainability into the curriculum of their university.

### **oikos Case Writing Competition**

Promotes the development of new, high quality case studies in the field of sustainability management and sustainability strategies.

### **oikos Award**

Encourages entrepreneurial spirit in the field of sustainability education by rewarding best practice examples of local student projects around the world.



**project  
portfolio**

To get more in-depth information on the international projects described here, please download the project portfolio from [www.oikosinternational.org](http://www.oikosinternational.org)

## Raising awareness

### **oikos Model WTO**

Offers 60 international students the opportunity to simulate a WTO minister conference. The first four days a draft declaration is elaborated, which is then discussed with WTO experts at the WTO headquarters in Geneva.

### **oikos Spring and Autumn Meeting**

Creates a platform to exchange experiences among oikos Local Chapters and includes a number of public lectures from experts with academic or business background.

### **oikos Conference**

Selects a current topic from sustainability in economics and management and brings together oikos members, alumni, advisors, sponsors, faculty and partners to discuss challenges and solutions.

*oikos was different. It has shaken my entire 'Self'. Being there for five days, minimum 15 hours surrounded by not only motivated and committed, but indeed extremely active people, which think and behave not only alongside with their personal benefits and gains, this created from this event something really special!*

*Helena Malisova (University of Bratislava, Slovakia), Winter School 2005 participant*

## Fostering research

### **oikos PhD Summer Academy**

Provides PhD students in the fields of sustainability management, economics, policy and law a platform to present and discuss their research with fellow students and senior faculty.

### **oikos PhD Fellowship Programme**

Enables outstanding junior researchers to conduct their PhD research in the field of Sustainable Management and Economics at the University of St.Gallen, Switzerland.

# Contact oikos

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## **Local Chapters**

To find the current contact person for a Local Chapter, please consult our international website at [www.oikosinternational.org](http://www.oikosinternational.org).