

## ALDO LEOPOLD FORUM FUER UMWELTETHIK e.V.

(Aldo Leopold Forum on Environmental Ethics )

### The Idea

The needs of the human population regarding restricted natural resources growing world-wide, are strengthened discussed in all social ranges and sectors.

Rising resource consumption, increasing environmental impacts and even higher politico-economic and socio-economic requirements are only some topics, getting more and more important and making stout-hearted acting in the sense of the lasting environmental ethics more necessary than ever.

Our work is guided by the principles of a "land ethics" formulated by Aldo Leopold in the sense of a harmonious development of humans and environment, without excluding thereby any different opinions right from the start. The name "ALF" takes place in appreciation of the person Aldo Leopold and its trailblazing life's work, in particular also regarding environmental-ethical questions and topics.

Requirements of ecological sustainability, (social) market economies as well as protection of environment, nature or animals need an example in the context of the economic and social globalization for the environmental ethics. Taking this into consideration, the question may no longer be "whether" , but must deliver exclusively answers like "how".

The goal of ALF is to balance between economics, science and politics, economics and ecology of institutions and the society, and also to create a forum for just as critical as constructional dialogue of the different participants.

### Who we are

ALF understands itself as independent and inter-political initiative, just standing at the beginning of its work.

ALF regards itself on a long-term basis not alone as a panel and a promoter of the critical exchange of ideas, but wants to provide active support in questions of environmental ethics by strong personal networks, with practice-orientated services, supply of crisis plans, promotion and realization offer of projects up to the mediation in complex and difficult setting of tasks.

### What we want

By close cross-linking of economics, science and politics, ALF will bring together people and organizations, who concern themselves with topics of environmental-ethical importance by supporting the careful and sustainable handling of all natural resources.

The term "natural resources" describes the entire spectrum at nature goods, which humans use and/or on which he influence takes. We thereby do not use the traditional differentiation between "use" and "protection", which leads regularly to a polarization of the respective participants.

Susanne Anton  
Vorsitzende

Moorweg 10  
24568 Oersdorf

fon +49 (0)4191-952587  
mobil +49 (0)171-4957701

info@aldo-leopold-forum.de  
www.aldo-leopold-forum.de

Bankverbindung/Spendenkonto:

Raiffeisenbank eG Kaltenkirchen  
BLZ 200 691 25 – KTO 411116

Steuernummer 11 294 WV 5/51  
Finanzamt Bad Segeberg

VR 19467 Amtsgericht Hamburg

We therefore treat each and every use of resources, independently whether it concerns for example natural resources, water, air, landscape

or animals and plants, automatically bringing up the question, how to be protected. *Vice versa*, "protection" of natural resources always contains a anthropocentric component, which presents itself in the long run as (usually extensive) form of the use or at least the precaution for possible future uses.

This basic attitude enables us to accept and respect the different points of view and aspects from nature and environment. This means, that we independently of whether we divide a certain point of view or not, we will grant an area for presentation, but in the same time also expose this point of view to a further critical argumentation.

By creating such an area for presentation and argumentation, the topic "environmental ethics" making possible a balanced understanding on all levels by means of environmental interpretation, environmental law and environmental politics.

Resulting activities will be helped by realistic and practicable methods. This especially is necessary in respect of the existing conflicts and non-acceptance between the nature and the environment.

By executing our aims, we would like to support the economic and ecologic requirements of the generations to come.

Aldo Leopold Forum für Umweltethik – May, 2007

**Founder members:**

Susanne Anton	Certified Marketing Specialist (MBA) – .mspr-consulting Hamburg, P.D. FOM/HH
Gregor Beyer	Managing Director NABU – Blumberger Mühle
Heinrich Brühne	Brühne Unternehmensgruppe Dortmund
Andreas Göpfert	Director Marketing and Sales HCCR Hamburg
Sven Herzog	Prof. Dr. TU (Technical University) Dresden
Torsten Meinberg	Director of Hamburg-Harburg senate
Till Meyer	Journalist
Detlef Vogel	Alliance Manager SUN Microsystems Deutschland