

*Cordially invites you to a presentation and discussion
on the theme*

**“Green Economy:
Promises and Pitfalls”**

At

5:30 PM, Friday, 3rd February 2017

at the Conference Room,

Asian Confluence Centre, Lady Veronica Lane,

Laitumkhrah, Shillong.

Ms. Barbara Unmüßig,

President, Heinrich Böll Foundation

will deliver the main presentation on the theme

Shri Kuldip Singh Kropha, (IAS)

Chief Secretary of Meghalaya

has consented to be the Chief Guest

Followed by Dinner

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Barbara Unmüßig is Co-President of Heinrich Böll Foundation, the Green Political Foundation from Germany, affiliated to The Greens political party. Her work focuses on issues such as the economic and social aspects of globalization, human and women's rights and international climate, resource and agricultural policy. Among other roles, she is chair of the jury for the Anne Klein Women's Award, which has been presented annually since 2012 by the Foundation. Barbara Unmüßig has published numerous articles for books and journals, most recently (jointly with Thomas Fatheuer and Lili Fuhr) "Inside the Green Economy: Promises and Pitfalls" (Green Books. Cambridge/Munich, June 2016).



Kuldeep Singh Kropha is the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya since 29.02.2016 as well as the State Vigilance Commissioner. Shri. Kropha, a 1982 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Assam-Meghalaya cadre officer, served in the central government in various capacities besides in Meghalaya. Before his appointment as chief secretary, he was additional chief secretary in charge of Home (Police), Transport and Political Department and additional chief secretary to the chief minister's secretariat.

The concept of "Green Economy" attempts reconciling ecology and economics. However, while discussing the necessity for a greener cleaner economy, it has become imperative to take into consideration the impacts of the global 'brown' industrial dictates that have for so long driven the world's economy. How do we move forward from a fossil depended age to a low-emission and resource-efficient future? Can it be "business as usual" by using technological innovations and new mechanisms such as "Carbon Credits", "Red Plus"? Or do we need a shift in the fundamental paradigm shift and change our lenses?

In the context of the development of the North Eastern region, this is most relevant: The region is rich in mineral and natural resources but yet not significantly developed in heavy industries. As it gets poised for economic growth, there are growing issues related to mining, deforestation and water pollution, resulting in considerable ecological destruction, climatic imbalance and social inequity. There is a need for a deeper understanding of the politics of "green". Especially in North East India, communities have a say in decision-making on the use of resources – but are they making the right choices? Are their voices heard at national and global decision-making circles? This debate can give scope for making informed choices on the direction for the future and set the paradigm of growth for the region and nation at large.

This interaction offers a unique opportunity for sharing between a global activist on the one hand and senior policy makers, academia, activists and the civil society, on the other hand to dive deeper in to the issues.