THE EARLY 1970s

Sources: nuclearweaponarchive.org, The Guardian
22 COUNTRIES NATIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- International, independent, interdisciplinary
- Research on major global problems
- Solution oriented, integrated systems analysis
IIASA: TRULY INTERNATIONAL

• ~300 researchers in house include researcher scholars, research assistants, postdoctoral research scholars, and young scientists from more than 50 countries
• ~25% of IIASA alumni (3,475 people worldwide) remain actively involved in IIASA research
• Active and formalized collaboration with over 300 institutions worldwide
• 900 visitors (science & science diplomacy) coming to IIASA and 180 international meetings hosted in 2013
• ~2050 researchers from some 65 countries involved in IIASA’s research network in 2013
A vision of Europe since 1945

Founded by Otto Molden and Simon Moser in August 1945

Among the first post-war conferences that gathered young intellectuals from Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany and Austria

Aim: Platform of discussion where Europe’s cultural, scientific and humanitarian heritage could be developed in a future-oriented way.
The European Forum Alpbach

Founded in 1945
Three weeks of seminars, symposia and debate
Every year in August in the Tyrolean mountain village of Alpbach, Austria

8 symposia, 1 seminar week, 5 summer schools
4500 participants from over 75 countries
750 scholarship holders
750 speakers
35 alumni organizations active in >25 countries
Shall I Compare Thee To A Summer’s Day?

by William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer’s day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer’s lease hath all too short a date.
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm’d;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature’s changing course untrimm’d;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow’st;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander’st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow’st:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.
New Partnerships to bridge the divide...

- **Alpbach – Laxenburg Reflection Group** - announced by IIASA and European Forum Alpbach in 2013
- To initiate a new dialogue and to seek solutions across top-academia, governments, businesses, civil society and music/arts for an integrated and systematic approach to fair global transitions
INEQUALITY: Some Concepts

• Income
• Wealth (net Worth)
• Subjective Wellbeing
• Wages and Salaries
• Employment & Un-employment
• Health
• Education
• Political Power
• Social Mobility & Economic Opportunity
• Access to (Natural) Resources
• Access to Safe Environment
Next 18 month are going to be decisive...

• Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), should be adopted by 2015 to help guide the world on this new course.

• The world’s governments are pledged to adopt a new climate agreement at the 21st Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris, 2015.

• The Financing for Development Conference (FfD) will take place in Addis Abeba, July 12-15

• Alpbach – Laxenburg Reflection Group is poised to provide very much needed cross-sectoral rigor and input to this - for the world decisive - discourse