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### **Anglo-German Foundation *Policy Debate:* Creating Sustainable Growth in Europe**

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The President of the Federal Environment Agency, Professor Dr. Andreas Troge, will outline today during a policy debate at the Auswärtiges Amt the BMU's vision of a '*New Deal for the economy, the environment and jobs*'.

The occasion is the two-day midpoint conference of a 3-year, 4.5 million Euro research initiative funded by the Anglo-German Foundation and entitled '*creating sustainable growth in europe*'. This debate and conference will be attended by 150 eminent researchers and policy-makers from 9 countries across Europe and beyond.

The policy debate will be chaired by the respected economic journalist Professor Dr Heik Afheldt, and other prominent speakers over the two days include the British Ambassador, Sir Michael Arthur, Sir Tony Atkinson of Nuffield College Oxford, Profs Kai Konrad and Udo Simonis from the WZB and a host of other renowned policy experts mainly from the UK and Germany but also from Italy, the Czech Republic, Austria and Denmark.

The initiative is distinguished by its ambitious scope in bringing together academic experts and policy-makers from different disciplines and different policy spheres, as well as from different countries, with the aim of encouraging a more holistic approach in both research and policy-making to the core problem of ensuring Europe's continuing economic prosperity not just in the shorter term but over the next 20-30 years.

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A policy report summarising the presentations and debates will be downloadable from the Anglo-German Foundation website at [www.agf.org.uk/pubs/publications.htm](http://www.agf.org.uk/pubs/publications.htm) from February 2008 onwards.

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