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Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center

**PSC-Mercator Think Tank**  
Monday, 2 June 2014  
ETH building LFW, Room C5



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The Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center has initiated a transdisciplinary fellowship program together with the Mercator Foundation Switzerland. Starting in 2011, four PhD fellowships are running with a focus on the interface between plant science research and policy. These projects cover a broad range of topics, research methods, and cooperation partners, and also include a 6-month internship at a national or international organization, i.e. the Swiss Biodiversity Forum, the Federal Office for the Environment, IUCN, or the CITES Secretariat.

In this one-day event the four Mercator fellows as well as four fellows from the ProDoc Doctoral Program Plant Sciences and Policy will present their experiences and challenges at the interface to policymaking and practice. With invited stakeholders and facilitators they will discuss specifically the question on how the impact of scientific evidence on decision making in these projects was addressed and how this could be further improved. The event is rounded off with three talks from invited lecturers.

## Program

- 9:00 Welcome *Beno Baumberger, Stiftung Mercator Schweiz*
- 9:10 Presentation of Mercator fellows
- 12:00 Workshop with facilitators on: Indicators for successful impact
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Presentation of ProDoc fellows
- 16:00 Public talks  
*Mark Reed, Professor in Interdisciplinary Environmental Research  
Birmingham City University*  
*Ron Cörvers, Director of the International Centre for Integrated Assessment  
and Sustainable Development and Associate Professor in Governance and  
Sustainable Development at Maastricht University*
- 17:30 Apéro

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## Registration

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