

Brief Summary of a Self-Financing Basic Income for All and a Marshall Plan for the Earth

A 4-step plan

Step I.

- a. Create a database of interested parties: all interested basic income and other related groups, world leaders (Heads of State, Ministers from each country, and leaders such as the H.H. Dalai Llama, Gro Harlem Brundtland, H.E. Juan Somavía, etc. who would endorse the idea of a basic income); and as many “ordinary” people from as many diverse backgrounds as possible to get a worldwide conversation buzzing. *The database is already being compiled.*
- b. Ask the BI groups to send brief descriptions of their projects (including their financing and implementation; plus, minus and interesting points; and how their approach would help countries meet their MDGs).
- c. Ask world leaders for their thoughts on the advantages of a sustainable basic income for all and how this could help meet the MDGs.
- d. Create from these (points b and c) a document showing the advantages of a sustainable basic income for all (with the endorsements of world leaders) and a step by step plan, outlining how each of the approaches can be used in tandem with others to implement a sustainable basic income for all.

Step II Circulate this document/plan using the database, our combined networks, web sites and the Internet.

1. First to experts and world leaders and then integrate their input. Then to people from all segments of societies worldwide and integrate their input.
2. Repeat this process at least another two times, each time including the input from experts, world leaders and grass roots.

The aim of the second step is to mobilize widespread interest among governments, financing agencies and to get a worldwide exchange buzzing in support of the plan. The BBC World Service might help, I was told, when they interviewed me a couple of weeks ago on another topic.

This phase can be accompanied by a lobby of national governments by their citizens and also a lobby of all 192 Member Governments via the UN. As UN NGO representative I have, as you know, access to relevant UN meetings, all Ambassadors, the UN Secretariat and other NGOs. I am willing to train interested parties on how a lobby works. And basic income groups members who are not actually at the UN can support the lobby with their expertise and their input from home via the Internet.

Step III would flow naturally out of Step II. When a few governments and some financiers are ready to begin to implement a basic income, these would establish an Agency to Implement the Basic Income. It would be important that this would be set up with a view to universality, like the UN and each of its Specialized Agencies were when they were founded. (The UN began with 50 and now it has 192 Members)

Step IV. Once this Agency for the Implementation of a Basic Income for All has a sufficient number of members, it can apply (as provided by the UN Charter) to become a Specialized Agency of the UN.