

Press Release

Father Marco Arana: Winner of the Aachen Peace Prize to attend Global Media Forum in Bonn

- **Environmental activist and presidential candidate from Peru to attend the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum from June 21-23**

Father Marco Arana, priest and environmental activist who recently received the Aachen Peace Prize, will be attending this year's Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum from June 21-23 in Bonn. He will be taking part in a workshop on the first day of the conference dealing with the destruction of rain forests and its repercussion on climate change, as well as the consequences for indigenous people in Peru.

Arana is co-founder of the environmental organization "Grufides" and initiator of the political party "Tierra y Libertad" (land and freedom). He is running for the upcoming presidential elections in Peru and is currently suspended from his priesthood due to his political activities. The association for the Aachen Peace Prize honored Arana as a "tough advocate for human rights and the environment" and a man who fights for the "farmer in Cajamarca who are threatened by reckless gold mining".

More than 50 individual events

In 2010, the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum once again offers more than 50 events including podium discussions and workshops, interactive presentations and exhibitions, networking and interesting side events. It takes place at the World Conference Center Bonn, close to Deutsche Welle's headquarters.

Deutsche Welle is cooperating with many different organizations for this interdisciplinary conference, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the International Human Dimensions Program on Global Environmental Change (UN IHDP/ESSP), EU Commission and the World Bank, the Wuppertal Institute, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), NABU and the Climate Alliance, the Institute for World Business Kiel, German Development Institute (DIE), the Center for Development Research (ZEF) and many others.

Co-host of the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum is the Foundation for International Dialogue of the Sparkasse in Bonn. The convention is also supported by Germany's Federal Foreign Office, the Family, Women and Integration Ministry of the

German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, European Funds for Regional Development, the city of Bonn, DHL, the KSB Group and Faber-Castell.

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