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The Swiss research community obtains the unique opportunity to give direct input to the environmental research strategy of the Swiss Science Council for the next decade. For this purpose the Conference of the Scientific Academies (CASS) and ProClim- has initiated the study "Long Term Visions for the Sustainability and Global Change".

To base the study on the widest possible range of opinions the CASS asked a large number of researchers in the fall of 1996 for inputs. More than 150 contributions were then synthesized by about 40 persons from a broad range of science disciplines as well as from governmental agencies and the private sector. In a two day meeting at the end of March 97 the synthesis group developed the basis for the draft of the 'white paper'.

The research community has the opportunity to discuss in this Forum the draft of the CASS/ ProClim-study "Long Term Visions for Sustainability and Global Change".

**"Long Term Visions -
the Researchers View":**

With this document the research community signals that it is willing and able to compile a clear strategic vision on future research issues and its relevance for society.

Morning Session (9.00 – 13.00)

Welcome and Introduction

*Chairman Prof. Ch. Körner, Botanisches Institut,
Universität Basel*

Presentations to the different parts of the draft "Long Term Visions for Sustainability and Global Change" such as

'Fundamentale, problemübergreifende Fragestellungen der Umwelt- und Nachhaltigkeitsforschung'

'Vom Wissen zum Handeln: Anforderungen an die Wissenschaft'

given by several participants of the two day synthesis group meeting in March 1997

After each presentation there will be plenty of time for discussion and for inputs from the participants.

Lunch Buffet (13.00)