THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF MARKETS IN A FAIR, GREEN ECONOMY
17 June / 13:30-15:00 / Hotel Windsor, Guanabara
This panel debates the social dimensions of market-based approaches to environmental protection and social inclusiveness currently being promoted within a green economy framework. Speakers will discuss economic mechanisms (such as REDD+, PES and carbon markets) and voluntary standard setting, and will highlight their inherent tensions. Rio+20 must consider both the potential and limitations of market-based efforts to connect green economy, sustainable development and poverty eradication. Organized by UNRISD, with speakers Peter Utting (UNRISD), Laura Rival (University of Oxford) and Michael Winzer (Cape York Institute). Chaired by Pascal van Griethuysen (Graduate Institute, Geneva).

TOWARDS A GREEN SOCIETY? PARTICIPATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE
18 June / 12:00-14:00 / Milton Santos Tent
This workshop will consider the forms of participation, contestation, coalitions, alliances and compromises that are emerging—or might need to emerge—to promote green economy approaches that contribute to sustainable development and poverty eradication. It will be a mix of conceptual debate, concrete examples and discussion time, emphasizing the role of collective action, civil society, broad-based participation and coalition building in contestation around green economy. Co-organized by UNRISD and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) with speakers including Peter Utting (UNRISD), Laura Rival (University of Oxford), Nicola Bullard (Associate, Focus on the Global South), Thais Brianzei (PhD student, University of São Paulo).

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE: THE COMMON GOOD OF HUMANITY, POVERTY AND SOCIAL PROTECTION
18 June / 09:00-11:00 / Tent 2 - Ademir Fredericco O 'Dem' 
This workshop will focus on the role of social protection in development and the link with climate justice. Organized by the Global Social Justice Movement with UNRISD Director Sarah Cook speaking.

GENDER EQUALITY IS SUSTAINABILITY
19 June / 09:00-12:00 / JW Marriott, Copacabana
This seminar will highlight and discuss issues and challenges related to the position of women, gender equality, the Nordic model and sustainable development. Organized by the Nordic Council with UNRISD Director Sarah Cook speaking.

SOCIAL SCIENCE SUPPORT TO POLICIES PROMOTING THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN A CHANGING CLIMATE
20 June / 09:00-10:30 / P-3B, RioCentro
This side-event will focus on the need for policy making informed by the social sciences to strengthen the social pillar of sustainable development. Research presented by the UNESCO MOST Programme’s main scientific partners will be presented, research gaps will be discussed, and decision makers will present their views. Organized by the Norwegian National Commission for UNESCO with UNRISD Director Sarah Cook speaking.

INTEGRATING THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF GREEN ECONOMY INTO POLICY
21 June / 19:00-20:30 / T-9, RioCentro
Social dimensions are not “add-ons” to economic or environmental concerns. They underpin the process of structural transformation required to move towards development policies that are inclusive, equitable and sustainable. This side event will bring together policy-relevant lessons from recent research by UNRISD, UNESCO and ISSC, and focus on the gaps and barriers to be overcome in order for the social dimensions to be better integrated into green economy decision making. Organized by UNRISD, in collaboration with UNESCO and ISSC, with speakers Peter Utting (UNRISD), Bina Agarwal (ISSE), Laura Rival (University of Oxford), Olive Shisana (ISSC) and Pilar Alvarez-Laso (UNESCO).