



ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE SEMINAR WE HAD LUNCH IN THE 'KÅTE', WHICH IS A LARGE TIIPIE FROM FINLAND. WHILE EATING, SØREN STEEN OLSEN AND STEEN SVENDSEN FROM HOUSE OF FUTURES PRESENTED THE SKETCHES OF THE TWO MINDSET SCENARIOS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. AFTERWARDS THE PARTICIPANTS WERE ASKED TO WALK AROUND 'ACORN FALLS' IN PAIRS DISCUSS THE SCENARIOS BEFORE THE PLENUM SESSION IN THE AUDIT.

SKETCH OF SCENARIO #1: MAN-MADE WORLD

Geologists, biologists and climate scientists are telling us that Earth's metabolism is changing significantly, and that human activities are the main driving force behind this. We realize that when we put our minds to it, we can develop technologies, organizations, political institutions and business models that allow us to prosper in ways that do not jeopardize the planet. Collectively, we are approaching a state of global stewardship in which we manage our planet rationally, like any sensible landowner would his property.

SKETCH OF SCENARIO #2: POWER OF NATURE

We are part of the world – we are ONE. The global family share a common biology and collective consciousness, and we know we are rooted in nature. On a deeper level, these are sources of meaning that we all tap into, regardless of nationality or culture. Some stress our common DNA, the laws of nature, evolution and our dependence on Earth's ecosystems. Some draw on religious imagery of an almighty Creator. And some rely on ancient wisdom and myths, emphasizing commonality and civility among humans. Mankind is maturing and tends to become an integrated organic part of the world's ecosystem.