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Propositions Mónica Sanz

1. “The problems that exist in the world today cannot be solved by the level of thinking that created them...” Albert Einstein
2. “Doctora Gloria Lucía, we have lived through a 30 year conflict which we realize we have not understood yet. Please, teach us how to disentangle our critical situation; we are people that did not have educational opportunities...” Tanner talking to the new head of the environmental authority (March, 2004).
3. “It is a wise man who said that there is no greater inequality than the equal treatment of unequals..” Felix Fankfurter
4. “For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate...” Margareth Heffernan.
5. Continuous multiple data collection methods over time can deal with complex problems because deep understanding can be built.
6. CP implementation supports formalizing micro-industries in developing countries.
7. CP implementation mechanisms taking into account the social concerns of micro-industries are a priority.
8. CP policy must work in parallel with command-and-control's in developing countries and not just through voluntary agreements.
9. Micro-industries can become self-reliant through the SASI approach.
10. This thesis raised awareness on the need to build inclusive policies and not just to take measures against illegality.
11. The principle behind CP implementation i.e., that awareness of costs and the cost-effectiveness of clean technologies lead companies to invest in CP does not necessarily apply to McSEs. For McSEs, initial costs can be high or difficult to determine because their lack of monitoring systems.