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/EDITOR'S NOTE

/CHANGES AT LINKAGES JOURNAL

Here at *Linkages Journal* we've seen in the New Year by ringing in the changes. As ever, our aim is to provide up-to-date, topical information on international negotiations relating to the environment, sustainable development and trade-environment fields. We remain committed to providing those interested or involved in these areas with a one-stop source of information on relevant issues, literature and events. As part of that commitment, we've been reviewing *Linkages Journal* and identifying ways to make it even more informative and helpful.

We will be introducing a number of improvements over the coming weeks and months. For a start, you'll notice that *Linkages Journal* will be published more often. This means the information we provide – such as our reports on recent meetings or and the details we give you about upcoming events - will be more accurate and up-to-the-minute. And for those who read our publication online in PDF format, you'll also start to see a number of stylistic changes intended to make *Linkages Journal* a more valuable read. For instance, it will now be easier for you to obtain further details on any event or issue we report on. That's because we're now providing direct links to e-mail addresses and other web sites within our publication. So if you're online, just point-and-click at the address to connect straight to the extra information you're seeking.

We will also be adding some new sections to *Linkages Journal*. In this issue, we've introduced a "Comings and Goings" section that reports on key personnel changes at relevant United Nations agencies, other international organizations, government departments and non-governmental organizations. And in future issues we'll be adding a "Media Updates" section to keep in you in touch with the latest press releases and reports on key happenings in your area.

The views and opinions of our readers are of prime importance in ensuring that *Linkages Journal* is as informative and useful as possible. In late March we will be asking all our readers to respond to a questionnaire that lets us know your views on *Linkages Journal* and how we can improve it further. In the meantime, don't hesitate to forward any comments, feedback or suggestions to us at: linkages@iisd.org

I would like to thank Langston "Kimo" Goree VI, Managing Director of IISD's Reporting Services, and Chad Carpenter, my predecessor as Editor of *Linkages Journal*, for ensuring that the changes we've introduced to *Linkages Journal* have been implemented effectively.

Chris Spence - Editor, Linkages Journal



/RECENT MEETINGS

/SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: On 22 December 1999, the 54th Session of the UN General Assembly considered and adopted 37 resolutions contained in the report of its Second Committee (Economic and Financial). This report addressed a variety of topics including, *inter alia*: macroeconomic policy questions; sustainable development and international economic cooperation; environment and sustainable development; operational activities for development; training and research; globalization and interdependence; implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty; and the report of the Economic and Social Council. Many of these decisions related to sustainable development and environmental issues. The following report highlights key text adopted relating to these issues.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: The General Assembly adopted eight resolutions relating to sustainable development and international economic cooperation.

Habitat II: Three resolutions were adopted relating to implementation of the Habitat Agenda. Regarding implementation of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the Assembly called on all countries to ensure that sufficient financial resources are provided for the successful implementation of the work programme for the biennium 2000-2001. On follow-up to Habitat II, the Assembly called on all relevant UN organizations to take initiatives and continue with their specific actions to implement the Habitat Agenda. Regarding preparations for the Assembly's special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Istanbul+5), the Assembly endorsed the Preparatory Committee's decisions relating to, *inter alia*, rules of procedure and the dates, venue and provisional agenda for its first substantive session.

Women in development: The resolution on women in development called for accelerated and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. It also expressed its hope that the Assembly's special session - entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" and scheduled for 5-9 June 2000 - will be able to take tangible and significant steps to enhance the effective participation of women in development.

Developing human resources for development: This resolution called on developing countries, with support from the international community and in cooperation with the private sector, to establish information, communication and electronic community centers in order to provide Internet connectivity and access to information and knowledge. It also urged developed countries and the UN system to increase support to programmes and activities of developing countries for human resources development and capacity building. In addition, the Assembly urged increased investment in all aspects of human development.

Other text relating to sustainable development and international economic cooperation included: a resolution urging Member States

and the UN to strengthen international cooperation relating to international migration and development; and a decision that the second high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership will take as its theme "Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century."

Environment and sustainable development: The General Assembly adopted 12 resolutions on this topic.

Implementation and follow-up relating to the UN Conference on Environment and Development and Agenda 21: In one resolution, the Assembly called on the Commission on Sustainable Development to continue to complement and help develop the linkages between the work of other UN bodies active in the sustainable development field.

Disaster reduction: The Assembly adopted two resolutions on this issue. In one resolution, it decided to maintain the observance of the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction on the second Wednesday of October and requested the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund from voluntary contributions for disaster reduction. In the other, it called for the establishment of the international research center on El Niño at Guayaquil, Ecuador, and invited the international community to provide the necessary financial, technical and scientific assistance.

Small Island Developing States: Resolutions on this topic called on: all stakeholders to take the action necessary for further implementation and effective follow-up of the Barbados Programme of Action; and Caribbean countries to continue to develop an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area.

Convention on Biological Diversity: This resolution called on governments, in cooperation with the Conference of the Parties, to use science-based analysis to study the evolution of new technologies in order to prevent possible adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

UNEP funding: The Assembly called on countries to ensure the provision of the financial resources needed for UNEP to implement its work programme for 2000-2001 successfully.

Other resolutions adopted related to, *inter alia:* enhancing complementarities among international instruments in the area of environment and sustainable development; conserving and developing in a sustainable way Central Africa's forest ecosystems; protecting the global climate for present and future generations; encouraging stakeholder participation in the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005; and implementing the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

Other relevant resolutions: In addition to the resolutions outlined under the two topics above, the General Assembly also adopted relevant text relating to, *inter alia:* a decision to convene a high-level intergovernmental event of political decision makers in the year 2001 to address issues relating to financing for development; the role of the UN in promoting development in the context of globalization and development; the need for the international community to adopt urgent and effective measures to eliminate the use of unilateral coercive measures against developing countries that are not authorized by relevant organs of the United Nations, or not consistent with international law; and the need for safe biotechnology to foster crop reproduction and enhance the development of developing countries.

For more information on the General Assembly's adoption of resolutions contained in the report of its Second Committee, visit:

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/> and retrieve document GA/9694 (by entering the document number under the "Full-text Search" heading). Other relevant documents include: GA/EF/2907; GA/EF/2900; GA/EF/2901; GA/EF/2902; GA/EF/2903; GA/EF/2094; GA/EF/2905; and GA/EF/2906. Information on resolutions proposed by the General Assembly's Third Committee on social, humanitarian and cultural matters can be found in UN document GA/SHC/3570.

WORLD COMMISSION ON DAMS - AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL CONSULTATION: This meeting took place from 8-9 December 1999 in Cairo, Egypt. It was the third regional consultation of the World Commission on Dams on the economic, social, and environmental impacts of dams, and was attended by representatives of governments, companies, and non-governmental organizations. Participants focused in particular on: the benefits and costs of large dams for national and local development; regional experiences with resettlement; the environmental and social consequences of dams and irrigation; national and international legal frameworks governing dam management and construction; and alternatives to supply-side dams. For more information contact: Saneeya Hussain, World Commission on Dams Secretariat, South Africa; tel: +27-21-426 4000; fax: +27-21-426-0036; e-mail: info@dams.org; Internet:

http://www.dams.org/consult_region_afrme.asp

TECHNOLOGY FORESIGHT: A UNIDO/ICS INITIATIVE FOR LATIN AMERICA: This meeting was held from 7-9 December 1999 in Trieste, Italy, and was organized by UNIDO and the International Center for Science and High Technology (ICS). More than 130 representatives from government ministries, the private sector, research bodies and international organizations discussed how to build awareness of the benefits of Technology Foresight among regional decision makers. Participants reviewed options on how to secure political support for an action plan for a regional Latin America Initiative and designed a plan for a Latin American Technology Foresight Network. Several donor countries expressed their willingness to assist in the establishment of such a network. For more information contact: the Secretariat of the meeting, Elfi Hegenbarth, UNIDO; tel: +43-1-26026-3570; fax: +43-1-26026 6811;

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Internet: <http://www.unido.org/stdoc.cfm?did=330671> and

<http://www.unido.org/doc/330802.htmls>

UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE EIGHTH SESSION: The eighth Session of the UNIDO General Conference was held in Vienna, Austria, from 29 November - 3 December 1999. The conference considered the reforms implemented during the last two years aimed at overhauling UNIDO's administrative structures and procedures and its efforts to develop a client-oriented approach to providing industrial services. It also set out the agenda for industrial development in the new millennium, with particular emphasis on the underlying impact of globalization on the industrial development prospects of developing countries. A number of discussion panels were convened during the conference that focused on, *inter alia:* industrialization and environmental challenges; the UNIDO Partnership Programme; and integration, agglomeration and interaction in world industry. For more information contact: Jeannine Orłowski, Executive Secretary of the General Conference, Vienna International Center, P.O. Box 300, A-1400 Vienna, Austria; tel: +43-1-26026 ext. 3599 or 5232; e-mail: awollmann-storey@unido.org; Internet: <http://www.unido.org/doc/300487.htmls>

UNIDO FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT: This meeting was organized within the framework of the 8th Session of the UNIDO General Conference and took place in Vienna, Austria from 29 November – 1 December 1999. The forum focused on the broader issues of industrialization, particularly in relation to development assistance. Five panels were convened that were attended by member States and invited guests. Discussions focused on the impact of globalization on the industrial development prospects of developing countries and economies in transition. For more information contact: N. Mohanty; tel: +43-1-26026/3016; e-mail: nmohanty@unido.org; Internet: <http://www.unido.org/doc/300487.htmls>

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON GLOBALIZATION, ECOLOGY AND ECONOMY - BRIDGING WORLDS: This meeting took place from 24-26 November 1999 in Tilburg, the Netherlands, attracting 300 participants from 42 countries and 29 international organizations. The meeting aimed to address the future of conservation in Europe, especially within the context of globalization. Participants acknowledged the considerable potential for strengthening the positive interaction between ecology and economy and agreed that achieving a balanced relationship between these fields would be of vital importance to realizing sustainable development in Europe. The main outcome of the conference was "The Tilburg Manifesto: Towards A Sustainable Europe Where Economy And Biodiversity Conservation Unite." The Manifesto includes recommendations, strategic priorities and mechanisms for addressing priority concerns, including a suggestion for a European framework and action plan for integrating ecology and economy. The Manifesto also promotes an extension of the knowledge base and highlights the importance of including the Central and Eastern European countries in any future actions. For more information contact: The European Center for Nature Conservation, PO Box 1352, 5004 BJ Tilburg, the Netherlands; tel: +31-13-4663240; e-mail: ecnc@ecnc.nl; Internet: http://www.ecnc.nl/doc/ecnc/meetings/ee_99/manifest.html

/TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT

1999 UNCTAD/NGO CONSULTATION: The annual UNCTAD Secretariat consultation with non-governmental organizations was held from 12-14 December 1999, in Geneva, Switzerland. Forty-four participants from 22 countries attended the meeting, which focused on preparations for UNCTAD X. Discussions focused on a variety of topics, including: the implications of the third WTO ministerial conference; debt and foreign direct investment; training, capacity-building and information technology; and preparations for the Third UN Conference on Least-Developed Countries, scheduled for 2001. Participants also drafted a joint statement that was submitted to the Executive Session of the Trade and Development Board on 17 December 1999. The statement noted that inequities and imbalances resulting from globalization and liberalization have worsened since UNCTAD IX. For more information contact: Alisa Clarke, External Relations Service, UNCTAD, Palais des Nations, CH 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, tel: +41-22-917-5714; fax: +41-22-907-0043; e-mail: alisa.clarke@unctad.org.

THIRD MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION: The Third Ministerial Conference of the WTO took place from 30 November – 3 December 1999 in Seattle, USA. Discussions aimed at setting a programme for a new round of global trade negotiations broke down as Ministers and delegates from the WTO's 135 member countries failed to agree on a

Ministerial Declaration. Many developing country members called for a more complete implementation of the previous Uruguay Round before the initiation of a new round of trade talks. Other impediments to progress in negotiations included indecision over the treatment of environmental and labor standards within the WTO, as well as over agricultural subsidies, market access and the establishment of a WTO Working Group on Biosafety. Negotiations are scheduled to continue this year. For more information contact: Internet: http://www.wto.org/wto/seattle/mindex_e.htm.

SEATTLE SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES IN THE FIRST DECADES OF THE NEXT CENTURY: The Seattle Symposium on International Trade Issues in the First Decades of the Next Century was held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle, Washington on 29 November 1999, on the eve of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Third Ministerial Conference, which took place from 30 November - 3 December 1999. Approximately 1500 delegates, comprising representatives of WTO Member States, intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and journalists, participated in the Symposium, which was webcast live. During two panel sessions, delegates engaged in informal dialogue on issues likely to affect the international trading system in the next century in an effort to enhance awareness of the issues involved, provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, and increase the understanding of the WTO's contributions in these areas.

In the first session, participants considered trade and development prospects for the next twenty years, particularly how trade liberalization can contribute to development, the need for increased cooperation among IGOs' activities in support of sustainable economic development, and the contributions to be made by NGOs in this effort. Special attention was given to the role of international trade in poverty elimination, the effects of globalization on developing country economies, and ways in which the WTO's least developed Members can become more fully integrated into the trading system.

In the second session, participants considered evolving public concerns with the multilateral trading system, emphasizing the relationship between sustainable development and the WTO's trade liberalization imperative, how scientific innovation and developments in information technology (IT) potentially impact the trading agenda, and technology transfer concerns. The complete Sustainable Developments Report can be found at: <http://www.iisd.ca/sd/seattle/>

PRE-UNCTAD X SEMINAR – MAKING FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: This seminar was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 15 November 1999. Participants included senior government officials, relevant experts and representatives from industry and non-governmental organizations. The aim of the meeting was to identify best practices and explore measures for promoting sustainable development through foreign direct investment. It also provided an opportunity to promote an exchange of experiences and views among governments, industry and NGOs, as well as to formulate policy recommendations for consideration at the preparatory committee for UNCTAD X. Participants considered multinational corporations' involvement in host developing countries, including their role in: promoting environmental management practices and contributing toward the diffusion of environmentally-sound technologies. The role of various stakeholders in making foreign direct investment work for sustainable development was also considered. For more information contact: UNCTAD Secretariat, Mr. Helge Mueller, Palais

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FORTY-SIXTH SESSION OF UNCTAD'S TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD: UNCTAD's Trade and Development Board met for its 46th Session from 18-29 October 1999 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Board established a Preparatory Committee of the Whole whose task will be to prepare a pre-Conference text for transmission to UNCTAD X. It also considered: progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in the 1990s; the status of the preparatory process for the Third UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries; and the issue of African transport infrastructure, trade and competitiveness.

Participants expressed concern at the slow pace of implementation of the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance. The ongoing work among the G7 countries and within the World Bank and IMF to reduce the debt burden was welcomed. However, a call was made for immediate action to improve export opportunities for Least Developed Countries and assist their integration into the multilateral trading system. The WTO's importance in this respect was noted, and UNCTAD was urged to strengthen its efforts to build capacity for trade negotiations in developing countries. A review of the implementation of the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s concluded that the transport sector is among the most important elements of physical infrastructure. Private finance in transport infrastructure was recognized as offering a possible new source of investment. However, it was noted that there is a need to overcome the exaggerated perceptions of risk that deter private investment in the region. UNCTAD was urged to continue its analysis of the development problems of African countries, as well as its technical cooperation activities aimed at reducing transaction costs, such as the Advance Cargo Information System (ACIS) and the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA), as UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s. For more information contact: Awni Behnam, Chief, Intergovernmental Support Services, UNCTAD, and Secretary of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board; tel: +41-22-907-5727; fax: +41-22-917-0056; e-mail: awni.behnam@unctad.org; Internet: <http://www.unctad.org/en/special/tb46ou.htm>.

/CLIMATE AND ATMOSPHERE

CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINAR: BEST PRACTICE IN CLIMATE TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: This seminar was held from 6-10 December 1999 in Ostritz, Germany. Organized by the Climate Technology Initiative (CTI), the meeting aimed to provide a forum to share ideas, disseminate information and develop networks relating to climate change technology and energy efficiency in Central and Eastern Europe. Participants considered: European energy policies aimed at achieving greater energy efficiency; relevant country experiences; best practice in a variety of sectors; project design, management and evaluation; and financing options and instruments. Participants also discussed the need for further capacity building exercises in this field. For more information contact: Michael Rucker, International Energy Agency Office of Energy Efficiency, Technology and R&D, 9, rue de la Federation 75739 Paris Cedex 15 France; tel: +33-1-4057-6766; fax: +33-1-4057-6759;

e-mail: rucker@iea.org; Internet: <http://ulysses.iea.org:8090>

EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY, COGENERATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION IN INDUSTRY: This meeting took place from 2-3 December 1999 in Vienna, Austria. It was organized by UNIDO, in cooperation with the International Cogeneration Alliance (ICA) and International Institute for Energy Conservation (IIEC). Participants included policy-makers, planners and industry professionals and managers from developing countries and economies in transition, as well as representatives of international organizations dealing with climate change and energy efficiency issues. The meeting provided a forum for improving awareness of industrial energy efficiency (including cogeneration technologies), and for identifying opportunities for and barriers to their accelerated deployment in developing and transition economy countries. Participants considered energy efficiency, cogeneration and greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the national context and discussed actions needed to strengthen the capacity of the industrial sector to participate fully in the Clean Development Mechanism. Technical and management aspects of energy efficiency and cogeneration technologies and barriers to their deployment were also addressed, as were issues relating to project design and project financing of energy efficiency and cogeneration investment projects in the context of the Kyoto mechanisms. For more information contact: Marina Ploutakhina, UNIDO; e-mail mploutakhina@unido.org; Internet: <http://www.unido.org/doc/330658.htmls>

ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL AND FIFTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION: The Eleventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the Fifth Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (MOP-11/COP-5) met jointly in Beijing, China, from 29 November - 3 December 1999. Over 700 participants attended the meeting, which focused on further funding and additional steps to help reduce the consumption and production of ozone-depleting substances (ODS).

Participants met in a Preparatory Segment from 29 November - 1 December to consider proposed draft decisions as well as organizational and other matters. This was followed on 2-3 December by a High-level Segment for ministers and heads of delegations to present policy statements and adopt the draft decisions discussed during the Preparatory Segment. Delegates also met throughout the week in a number of closed working groups and informal consultations aimed at securing agreement on key issues. By the conclusion of MOP-11/COP-5, delegates had adopted 34 decisions on, *inter alia*: the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the triennium 2000-2002; new adjustments and a Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol that tighten existing phase-out schedules and add new controls; and a "Beijing Declaration" reaffirming Parties' ongoing commitment to combating ozone depletion. MOP-11/COP-5 concluded with most delegates feeling that the meeting had been largely successfully. This contrasted with statements of disappointment and despair from a number of environmental NGOs. The adoption of the Beijing Amendment and the Beijing Declaration were the substantive outcomes of the meeting, although some would argue that the substance behind these outcomes was rather limited. The replenishment of the Multilateral Fund was also an important outcome of MOP-11/COP-5, although some delegates expressed disappoint-

ment that it was lower than funding allocated for the previous period. The complete Earth Negotiations Bulletin report can be found at: <http://www.iisd.ca/ozone/mop11/>

WORKSHOP ON THE NEW UNFCCC REPORTING GUIDELINES ON ANNUAL INVENTORIES AND OPTIONS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES OF THE ANNEX I PARTIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION IN PREPARING GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES: This workshop was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 30 November – 2 December 1999 and was organized by the Training Programme to Support the Implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (CC: TRAIN). Participants included representatives of all 13 Annex I Parties with economies in transition, as well as representatives of Annex II Parties and relevant international organizations. The workshop aimed to facilitate the implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change guidelines on reporting annual inventories, including the common reporting format, which were recently adopted at the Convention's Fifth Conference of the Parties (COP-5). The workshop also sought to identify challenges facing Parties with economies in transition in preparing their national inventories and to develop possible solutions to these challenges.

Participants noted that the new requirements relating to the submission of inventory data in the common reporting format represent a positive development that should improve the quality of national inventories. They concluded that the 2000-2001 trial period should help identify further actions required for preparing high quality greenhouse gas inventories. In relation to the challenges faced by Parties with economies in transition in preparing greenhouse gas inventories, participants noted the lack of necessary financial, material and human resources, as well as inadequate equipment, institutional frameworks, staff training, and information on the latest developments. They also identified problems with collecting statistical data, particularly for hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and SF₆.

In considering cooperation with other Annex I Parties and international organizations, participants suggested that a medium or long-term cooperation programme could be developed that might serve as a framework for the coordination of all relevant activities aiming to provide assistance to Annex I Parties with economies in transition in an efficient manner. They concluded that some of the most urgent challenges facing Annex I Parties with economies in transition could be addressed either through the establishment of direct bilateral ties between Annex II Parties and Annex I Parties with economies in transition, or through multilateral activities. For more information contact: the CC: TRAIN Secretariat; tel: +41-22-917-8532; fax: +41-22-917-8047; e-mail: cctrain@unitar.org; Internet: <http://www.unitar.org/cctrain/eit>

WORKSHOP ON INITIATIVES FOR GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION: The International Workshop on Initiatives for Greenhouse Gas Reduction: Experiences and Opportunities, was held from 15-16 November 1999 at the Mitsubishi Research Institute in Tokyo, Japan. The workshop's purpose was to promote an exchange of views among businesses, researchers, governments and non-governmental organizations on greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures in relation to the Kyoto mechanisms. Approximately 70 participants heard presentations on a variety of relevant issues, including experiences in implementing projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, developing countries' perspectives on the Kyoto Protocol, baseline setting and certification/verification issues. Following these presentations, a panel discussion was held to consider the implications and opportunities for the corporate sector of-

fered by the Kyoto mechanisms. Participants noted that many businesses recognize the need for pilot emissions trading as a part of their risk management strategy. Such recognition is based on the belief that emissions regulation will exist regardless of the specific outcomes arising from the Protocol. Another key issue discussed by participants related to whether industry should take the initiative in establishing the pilot emissions trading system, since multilateral negotiations between governments can take time. Some participants said government support should be provided in this area, given corporate concerns over the risks and uncertainties relating to the Kyoto mechanisms. The role of non-governmental organizations was also considered. For more information contact: Mari Komatsu, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Mitsubishi Research Institute; tel: +81-3-3277-0546; fax: +81-3-3277-0512; e-mail: ko-mari@mri.co.jp.

FIFTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE: The Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-5) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC) met in Bonn, Germany, from 25 October - 5 November 1999. With over 3000 participants in attendance and 165 Parties represented, delegates continued their work toward fulfilling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) adopted at the Fourth Conference of the Parties (COP-4) in November 1998. Under the BAPA, Parties set a two-year dead-line for strengthening FCCC implementation and preparing for the future entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol. During the course of COP-5, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) were assisted in their work by eight contact groups, a joint SBI/SBSTA working group and numerous informal consultations. During its last two days, COP-5 adopted 32 draft decisions and conclusions on, *inter alia*, the review of the implementation of FCCC commitments and other provisions and preparations for the first session of the COP serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP-1). Ninety-three ministers and other heads of delegation addressed COP-5 during a high-level segment held from 2-3 November. Delegates completed their work ahead of schedule and generated an "unexpected mood of optimism" in the lead-up to COP-6. The process recovered vital momentum and began to gather determination and support for a self-imposed deadline for entry into force of the Protocol by 2002. The complete Earth Negotiations Bulletin report can be found at: <http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cop5/>

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR SERIES ON KYOTO MECHANISMS' BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES: The Institute for Economy and the Environment at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland has been hosting a series of seminars on business opportunities related to the Kyoto mechanisms. As part of this series, two seminars were held in Basel, Switzerland in October 1999. The first of these was held on 21 October and focussed on financial aspects of the Kyoto mechanisms. This seminar was attended by international experts from the financial sector who were already engaged in providing financial solutions to their clients acting in the emerging global market for emission credits and permits. The second seminar was held on 22 October and addressed the selection, verification and certification of Joint Implementation/Clean Development Mechanism projects. For more information contact: Josef Janssen, Manager of the Programme on Kyoto Mechanisms and Climate Change, Institute for Economy and the Environment, University of St. Gallen, IWOe-HSG, Tigerbergstrasse 2, CH – 9000, St. Gallen, Switzerland; tel: +41-71-224-2589; fax: +41-71-224-2722; e-mail:

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<http://www.iwoe.unisg.ch/forschung/ji/seminar.html>

/BIODIVERSITY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS REGARDING THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: The third round of informal consultations relating to the adoption of the Protocol on Biosafety took place from 20-23 January 2000 in Montreal, Canada. The first two days of consultations were devoted to discussions within negotiating groups. On the third day, delegates considered a non-paper, which provided suggested text on Articles 4 (Scope), 5 (Application of the AIA) as it relates to commodities, and 31 (Relationship with Other International Agreements). This text incorporated ideas emerging from earlier informal discussions held in Vienna, Austria in September 1999. The ENB report outlining these discussions in detail can be found at:

<http://www.iisd.ca/vol09/enb09132e.html>

EXPERT MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTTA) OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD): An expert meeting in preparation for the fifth meeting of the CBD SBSTTA was held at the International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, Germany from 2-4 December 1999. Convened by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, the meeting was attended by 36 participants, including a member of the CBD Secretariat and representatives from national ministries, agencies and scientific institutions from 16 countries. The meeting provided a forum to exchange information on issues on the agenda of the upcoming fifth meeting of SBSTTA. Topics addressed included: the pilot phase of the Clearing House Mechanism; the ecosystem approach; agricultural biological diversity; the development of indicators of biological diversity; the establishment of guidelines for the second national reports, including indicators and incentive measures; the use of *ad hoc* technical expert groups; and the programme of work for dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland and savannah biological diversity. For more information contact: Bundesamt für Naturschutz, Internationale Naturschutzakademie Insel Vilm, D-18581 Lauterbach/Rügen, Germany (this organization can supply the meeting report, which is published in No.17 of the BfN-Skripten series); Internet:

http://www.dainet.de/bmu-cbd/new/SBSTTA5_bfn.pdf

31ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DESERT FISHES COUNCIL: This meeting was held from 18-22 November 1999 in Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Participants considered the Council's constitution and bylaws and adopted a resolution regarding the status and future of Mexican native trouts. For more information contact: Phil Pister, Executive Secretary, tel/fax: +1-760-872-8751; e-mail: phildesfish@telis.org; Internet:

<http://www.utexas.edu/depts/tnhc/www/fish/dfc/>

EUROPA BIO 99 – THIRD ANNUAL EUROPEAN BIOTECHNOLOGY BUSINESS CONGRESS: BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE: This meeting of members of the European biotechnology industry took place from 16-19 November 1999 in Munich, Germany. Participants included scientists and representa-

tives from major pharmaceutical companies, who assessed the future of the Biotech industry. The meeting noted that, although the number of entrepreneurial companies has grown in recent years and there is a large amount of capital available for investments, the trend of investing in large companies to limit risk has created a credit crunch that is hurting smaller firms and limiting innovation. Participants also discussed consumer perceptions of biotech agri-products. It was agreed that consumers are not aware of current practice in food production and therefore have difficulty relating to the significant changes and developments biotechnology can bring. Some participants suggested that the CBD's Biosafety Protocol could assist developed countries in restricting access to some agricultural products in the developing world. For more information contact: Paul Muys, Communication Manager, Europa-Bio, e-mail: p.muys@europa-bio.be; Internet:

<http://www.europa-bio.be/news/index.html-ssi>.

ENSURING FOOD SECURITY, PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, REDUCING POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: CAN BIOTECHNOLOGY HELP? This international conference on biotechnology was held on 21-22 October 1999 at the World Bank in Washington, DC. The conference was convened by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in partnership with the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and cosponsored by eleven other relevant international organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, and the Union of Concerned Scientists. Approximately 400 participants attended, including senior policy makers from developing countries, scientists from national and international research organizations, and representatives of non-governmental and community-based organizations, the private sector and the media.

The conference aimed to broaden the awareness of developing countries' views on issues associated with biotechnology; and contribute to a better understanding of the scientific evidence underlying the risk and public policy issues related to biotechnology. Participants explored the potential usefulness of modern biotechnologies in providing solutions to specific problems in agriculture. Speakers noted the unique circumstances and needs of specific countries, and several participants observed that the CGIAR system could play a valuable role in information dissemination to address specific problems. Suggestions for areas of activity where the CGIAR system could play a useful role included: facilitating information sharing; identifying problems and helping set priorities; supporting national capacity building; ensuring compliance with agreed biosafety standards at the national and international level; improving intellectual property management; developing public/private sector partnerships; and communicating with stakeholders and addressing public concerns. For more information contact: the CGIAR Secretariat; tel: +1-202-4738951; fax: +1-202-4738110; e-mail: cgiar@cgiar.org; Internet:

<http://www.cgiar.org/biotech/confsumm.htm>

/FORESTS

FINAL MEETING OF THE COSTA RICA-CANADA INITIATIVE: The Final Meeting of the Costa Rica-Canada Initiative (CRCI) convened in Ottawa, Canada, from 6-10 December 1999. Sponsored by the Governments of Costa Rica and Canada, in partnership with 21 countries and international organizations, the meet-

ing was attended by approximately 110 participants from governments, intergovernmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, indigenous groups, the private sector and women's groups from more than 50 countries. The CRCI supported Category III of the programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF), which addresses international arrangements and mechanisms to promote the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests. The CRCI provided a process to facilitate open dialogue aimed at identifying the elements necessary to build a global consensus on the issue of international arrangements and mechanisms. In particular, it sought to work toward achieving a consensus on the usefulness of international arrangements and mechanisms, such as a legally binding instrument (LBI) on all types of forests. This meeting was the last of the three stages of the CRCI. Its objectives were to: provide the basis for informed decision-making on Category III at the fourth and final session of the IFF (IFF-4); gain a better understanding of the arguments for and against three options for future arrangements and mechanisms - existing legally binding instruments (ELBIs), legally binding instruments (LBIs), and legally non-binding instruments (LNBIs); and consider the possible outcomes of IFF-4 and the form(s) and mandate(s) of possible future arrangements. The outcome of the CRCI was a set of findings from the meeting and "key messages" for IFF-4, which were compiled in a draft Report of the Meeting and discussed in Plenary on the meeting's closing day. The Report of the Meeting will be submitted to IFF-4, along with supporting documents from the entire CRCI. The complete Sustainable Developments Report can be found at: <http://www.iisd.ca/sd/crci/final/>

/DESERTIFICATION

THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION: Delegates to the Third Conference of the Parties (COP-3) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) met in Recife, Brazil, from 15-26 November 1999. The Committee on Science and Technology (CST) met in parallel to the COP from 16-19 November. Delegates approved the long-negotiated Memorandum of Understanding between the COP and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) regarding the Convention's Global Mechanism. They also welcomed progress made on a draft implementation annex for Central and East European countries, and created *ad hoc* panels to undertake intersessional work to facilitate the CST's consideration of traditional knowledge and early warning systems, among other decisions. The general mood of those participants still at the Pernambuco Conference Center when the meeting adjourned at 2:10am on Saturday, 27 November, however, was one of disappointment due to the missed opportunities and tensions that pervaded the meeting. Many participants came to Recife expecting to discuss and review CCD implementation, based on the impressive number of national reports submitted to COP-3 by African country Parties. Instead, delegates found themselves focused on questions related to the structure of the Convention, primarily the role of the Secretariat and the procedures and mechanisms to review implementation in the future. The discussions on the Secretariat's role took place in the context of decisions on the medium-term strategy of the Secretariat and the programme and budget. On the review of implementation in the future, delegates considered a proposal to create a new committee to that end and another on issues to be addressed in the national reports. Some believed that the tensions and mistrust generated during the meeting may have set back the Con-

vention and its tradition of a strong spirit of partnership. COP-4 is scheduled to receive reports on implementation in the Latin American and the Caribbean, Asian and Northern Mediterranean regions, so a full review and true turning point in the life of the Convention, from establishing structures to implementing the Convention, may have to wait until COP-5. Yet some believe that the implementation of the Recife Initiative, which calls on COP-4 to adopt a declaration on commitments, may provide an opportunity to revitalize the CCD processes. The complete Earth Negotiations Bulletin report can be found at: <http://www.iisd.ca/desert/cop3/>

/OCEANS AND COASTS

"FISHRIGHTS99" – INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE USE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT: This conference was held from 11-19 November 1999 in Fremantle, Western Australia, and was organized by the Australian Government and the FAO. The conference aimed to produce an improved understanding of the nature of property rights, explore the implications of allocating rights in fisheries and review how the nature of a property rights system can affect its administration. It also elaborated practical steps toward achieving sustainable fisheries management. For more information, contact the Secretariat; tel: +61-8-9257-2088; fax: +61-8-9257-2099; e-mail: petrconf@ii-net.net.au; Internet: <http://www.fishrights99.conf.au>.

MEETING OF THE PARTNERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (ICRI): On 28-29 October 1999, a meeting was held in Guadeloupe for members of the ICRI – a partnership of various governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to implement international agreements aimed at preserving coral reefs and related ecosystems. Participants considered recent evidence for a link between climate change and degradation of coral reefs due to coral bleaching. In particular, they discussed the effects in 1998 of a rise in tropical sea surface temperatures, which resulted in extensive coral bleaching and mortality. Participants endorsed resolutions relating to coral bleaching and climate change, and trade in coral and coral reef species. For more information contact: Genevieve Verbrugge, Secretary of the ICRI Secretariat (1999-2000); e-mail: genevieve.verbrugge@environnement.gouv.fr; Internet: <http://www.environnement.gouv.fr/icri/default.htm>

/WILDLIFE

SIXTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES AND RELATED MEETINGS: The Sixth Conference of the Parties (COP-6) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) convened from 10-16 November in Cape Town, South Africa. CMS COP-6 was preceded by the ninth session of the CMS Scientific Council, 4-5 November, the first Meeting of the Parties (MOP-1) of the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), 7-9 November, and the 20th session of the CMS Standing Committee, 9 November. The CMS Scientific Council reviewed, *inter alia*: concerted actions for selected species listed in Appendix I and cooperative actions for Appendix II species; proposed amendments to Appendices I and II; and progress on the development of potential new Agreements. AEWA MOP-1 established the permanent AEWA Secretariat and Technical Committee, adopted a budget for

2000-2002, expanded its Action Plan to include all AEWA species and adopted Conservation Guidelines. CMS COP-6 adopted resolutions on: concerted actions for Appendix I species; institutional arrangements, including the Standing Committee and the Scientific Council; financial and administrative matters; by-catch; information management; and Southern hemisphere albatross conservation. It also approved recommendations on cooperative actions for Appendix II species, Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes, the African Elephant, Houbara and Great Bustards, and Marine Turtles.

In the year marking the 20th anniversary of the CMS, the majority of delegates characterized COP-6 as a significant success, ushering in a new stage in the Convention's development. There was general agreement that the AEWA has contributed to the momentum of the CMS. The results of the Scientific Council were well received by COP-6 and delegates were pleased with the listing of an additional seven species in Appendix I and 30 species in Appendix II as well as with the many species-specific resolutions or recommendations. The resolution on by-catch was also identified as a significant stride forward, with many delegates hoping that advancing a common CMS position in other international fora will help to address the problem. Indeed, some felt COP-6 produced the most meaningful set of conservation measures yet to come from the CMS COP. The complete Earth Negotiations Bulletin report can be found at: <http://www.iisd.ca/cms/>

/CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

FIFTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL: The Fifth Conference of the Parties (COP-5) to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, hosted by the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape, met in Basel, Switzerland, from 6-10 December 1999. With over 450 participants in attendance and 115 Parties represented, delegates celebrated the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention. They also adopted the long-awaited Protocol on Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal, a ministerial declaration on their vision for promoting the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes over the next 10 years, and a decision setting the next decade's agenda. Delegates met in a preparatory segment from 6-8 December followed by a high-level segment on 9-10 December. The COP adopted a number of decisions, many of which had been already considered and agreed upon by the Fourth session of the Open-ended *Ad Hoc* Committee for the implementation of the Convention. These decisions cover: Convention implementation and monitoring, legal matters, prevention and monitoring of illegal traffic, technical matters, and institutional, financial and procedural arrangements. The Plenary was assisted in its work by the Legal Working Group, which considered the draft Protocol, the Financial Working Group, which considered the budget for 2001-2002, a contact group on the ministerial declaration and various informal discussion groups. Fifty-six ministers and other heads of delegation addressed COP-5 during its high-level segment. Delegates completed their work in an atmosphere of true celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Convention. The complete Earth Negotiations Bulletin report can be found at: <http://www.iisd.ca/basel/cop5/>

/INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL: The European Council of Ministers' Environment Council met from 13-14 December 1999, in Brussels, Belgium. The Council reached agreement on the text of a recommendation for minimum criteria for environmental inspections in Member States. This recommendation is intended to strengthen compliance with and enforcement of environmental law in the EU Member States. The Council also reached a common position on: a directive for strategic environmental impact assessment; the proposal for a directive relating to limit values for benzene and carbon monoxide in ambient air; and several matters relating to negotiations on the Biosafety Protocol. Participants also discussed aspects of the review of the EU approach to protection from chemical hazards. Issues underlined included the need to redefine the responsibility of industry and public regulators, the burden of proof, risk assessment, and the precautionary principle. For more information contact: Lauri Parikka; tel: +32-2-285-6083 or Ruth Kaufmann-Bühler; tel: +32-2-285-6219; Internet: <http://ue.eu.int/newsroom/main.cfm?LANG=1> (and enter a search request for "2235th Council meeting").

GEF COUNCIL MEETING AND NGO CONSULTATION: The GEF Consultation with non-governmental organizations took place on 7 December 1999 at GEF Headquarters in Washington, DC. This was followed on 8-10 December by the meeting of the GEF Council. The GEF Council heard statements from a range of relevant UN and international organizations. The Council adopted a number of decisions relating to, *inter alia*: the World Bank Group Progress Report on the Preparation of an Environment Strategy; the GEF Work Programme and Corporate Business Plan; and relations with Conventions. For more information contact: GEF Secretariat, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington DC, 20433, USA; tel:+1 202 473-0508; fax: +1 202 522 3240 or 522 3245; Internet: <http://www.gefweb.org/>.

CGIAR INTERNATIONAL CENTERS WEEK: The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) International Centers Week meeting (ICW99) was held in Washington DC from 25-29 October 1999. The meeting focused on how CGIAR's role and activities should evolve and change in the future, looking at the period up to 2010. The Group considered relevant research by the international agricultural research centers that make up the global CGIAR network on key issues relating to poverty reduction, including: an assessment of the world food situation and scenarios for the period up to 2020; the links between agricultural research and poverty; crop genetic improvement; the production impacts of improved crop varieties; integrated pest management; efforts to strengthen the science practiced by the CGIAR institutions through enhanced research partnerships; climate change; system-wide regional programmes; resource allocation; and the process of meetings and consultations during the year 2000 to continue the development of future strategies. For more information contact: the CGIAR Secretariat; tel: +1-202-4738951; fax: +1-202-4738110; e-mail: cgiar@cgiar.org; Internet: <http://www.cgiar.org/whatsnew.htm>

/WOMEN

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD BY THE BUREAU OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

ACTING AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BEIJING+5 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: These informal consultations took place on 23, 24 and 29 November and from 2-3 December 1999 at UN Headquarters in New York. Delegates considered several issues related to the upcoming Special Session, including: the draft political declaration; the proposed structure for the outcome document; and the involvement of non-governmental organizations. Participants reached consensus on much of the text of the political declaration, with three paragraphs remaining in brackets. They also agreed that the outline document would contain four sections: an introduction; the achievements and obstacles in implementing the Beijing Platform for Action; new challenges (and trends) affecting the full implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action; and actions and initiatives needed to overcome obstacles and achieve the full and accelerated implementation of the Platform for Action. Delegates agreed that the section on achievements and obstacles should be based on the 12 critical areas of concern. In considering the involvement of non-governmental organizations at the Special Session, delegates were in agreement that non-governmental organizations should participate in and contribute to the Special Session. However, differences of opinion were expressed regarding the modalities of such participation. For more information contact: United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, 2 UN Plaza, DC2-12th Floor, New York, NY 10017, USA; fax: 1-212-963-3463; e-mail: daw@un.org; Internet:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/followup/informal.htm>

WORKSHOP ON “BEIJING+5 – FUTURE ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES”: This workshop was held from 8-10 November 1999 in Beirut, Lebanon. Hosted by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and organized by the UN Division for the Advancement of Women, the workshop was attended by international experts from all regions, as well as observers from the UN system. Participants reviewed progress in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action under the three key themes of equality, development, and peace. They elaborated action-oriented recommendations on specific emerging issues to be forwarded to the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly. For more information contact: United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, 2 UN Plaza, DC2-12th Floor, New York, NY

10017, USA; fax: 1-212-963-3463; e-mail: daw@un.org; Internet: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/beirut.htm>

/SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

WIPO ROUNDTABLE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE: This meeting was held at the World Intellectual Property Organization’s Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland from 1-2 November 1999. Approximately 150 participants - including traditional knowledge practitioners, representatives of governments, research institutes, industry and academia - addressed the role of the intellectual property system in protecting traditional knowledge. Discussions focused on intellectual property aspects of traditional knowledge and, in particular, addressed issues such as the definition, nature, value, ownership, use and protection of traditional knowledge. It was noted that while there is currently no agreed definition of traditional knowledge, it does include traditional medicinal, agricultural and ecological knowledge, as well as traditional music, stories and poems, dance, design, and sculpture.

A number of WIPO member States expressed their views on the protection of traditional knowledge and, in view of its interdisciplinary nature, underlined the need to coordinate activities in this area with other international organizations. Participants agreed that WIPO is an appropriate forum to continue to explore a possible legal framework that combines intellectual property with the social, cultural and economic aspirations of holders of traditional knowledge. Such a framework would fully recognize the relevance of intellectual property protection and the contribution that the intellectual property system may make to the protection of traditional knowledge. For more information contact: Dick Wilder, Director, WIPO Global Intellectual Property Issues Division, PO Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-338-9742; fax: +41-22-338-8120; e-mail:

dick.wilder@wipo.int.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

WEB CONFERENCE ON DISPLACEMENT, RESETTLEMENT, REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF LARGE DAMS: This Internet-based conference is taking place from 24 January - 19 February 2000. Organized by the World Commission on Dams, the conference aims to generate specific ideas and recommendations relating to managing displacement resulting from water and energy development programmes by looking at past and current practices. The discussions will be available for viewing on the following website:

<http://www.dams.org/conference3.asp>. For more information contact: Sohini Sengupta, Web Conference Moderator, World Commission on Dams, 8018 Cape Town, South Africa; tel: +2721-426-4000; fax: +2721-426-0036; e-mail: webconf@dams.org; Internet: <http://www.dams.org>

"2000 TRAILS TO BOISE": The Society for Range Management's 53rd Annual Meeting will be held in Boise, Idaho, USA, from 13-18 February 2000. For more information contact: Society for Range Management - 445 Union Boulevard Suite 230, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, USA; tel: +1-303-986-3309; e-mail: srm@ix.netcom.com; Internet: www.srm.org/boisemeeting.html

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY: This conference will take place from 14-18 February 2000 in New Delhi, India. Themes to be discussed include: agro-biodiversity and agro-forestry; biodiversity, people and sustainable agriculture; and natural resources management and comprehensive food security. For more information contact: A.K. Singh, Secretary-General, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, 110 012 India; tel: +91-11-573-1494; fax: +91-11-575-5529; e-mail: icmnr@bic-iari.ernet.in.

WORLD COMMISSION ON DAMS: The World Commission on Dams will hold its fourth regional consultation on dams to consider experiences and lessons learned relating to dams, water and energy development across East and South East Asia. The meeting is scheduled for 26-27 February 2000 in Hanoi, Vietnam. For more information contact: Saneeya Hussain, World Commission on Dams, 5th Floor Hycastle House, 58, Loop Street, PO Box 16002, Vlaeberg 8018, Cape Town, South Africa; tel: +27-21-426-4000; e-mail: shusain@dams.org; Internet: http://www.dams.org/consult_region_esea_subcall.asp

INTERNATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE: The International Landcare Conference will be held from 2-5 March 2000 in Melbourne, Australia. For more information contact: Joanne Safstrom; tel: +61-3-9412-4382; fax: +61-3-9412-4442; e-mail: j.safstrom@dce.vic.gov.au; Internet: <http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/conf/landcare2000/>

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: The *Ad-Hoc*

Open-Ended Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development will be held from 6-10 March 2000 in New York. For more information contact: Leticia Silverio, Coordinator, 2 UN Plaza - Rm. DC2-2202, New York, N.Y. 10017, USA; tel: +1-212-963-4670; e-mail: silveriol@un.org

10TH WORLD WATER CONGRESS: The International Water Resources Association (IWRA) is holding its 10th World Water Congress from 12-17 March 2000 in Melbourne, Australia. For more information contact: John Pigram, Chair of the Organizing Committee, 10th World Water Congress, c/o - ICMS Pty Ltd, 84 Queensbridge Street, Southbank, Victoria, Australia 3006; ; tel: +61-3-9682-0244; e-mail: worldwater@icms.com.au; Internet: <http://www.icms.com.au/worldwater/>

CONFERENCE ON LAND STEWARDSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY - CONTRIBUTIONS OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT: This conference will be held from 13-16 March 2000 in Tucson, Arizona, USA. For more information contact: Internet: www.srn.arizona.edu/2000conf/landconf.html

SECOND WATER FORUM AND MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE: The World Water Council's Second World Water Forum, hosted by the Netherlands, will meet in The Hague from 17-22 March 2000. For more information contact: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, P.O Box 20061, 2500 EB The Hague, the Netherlands; tel: +31-70-348-5402; fax: +31-70-348-6792; e-mail: hans.van.zijst@dml.minbuza.nl; Internet: <http://www.worldwaterforum.org/>. This meeting coincides with World Day for Water, which will be celebrated on 22 March 2000. For more information contact: World Day for Water 2000 Co-ordination, Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO, 1, rue Miollis, F-75015 Paris, France; tel: +33-1-45-68-40-06; fax: +33-1-45-68-58-11; e-mail: worldwaterday2000@unesco.org; Internet: <http://www.unesco.org/science/waterday2000>

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES: This meeting will be held from 23-25 March 2000 in The Hague, the Netherlands. For more information contact: Fairouz Nichanova, Regional Expert, CIT, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), 8-14, Avenue de la Paix, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-917-3158; fax: +41-22-907-0107; e-mail: fairouz.nichanova@unece.org; Internet: <http://www.unece.org/env/water/>.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR SOIL CONSERVATION: This meeting, which will address "Man and Soil at the Third Millennium," will be held in Valencia, Spain, from 28 March - 1 April 2000. For more information contact: Centro de Investigaciones sobre Desertificacion - CIDE Apartado Oficial; tel: +34-96-126-0126; Fax: +34-96-127-0967; e-mail: sabina.asins@uv.es; Internet: <http://www.uv.es/cide>

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: This meeting is scheduled for 9-12 April 2000 in Davis, California, USA. Issues to be addressed include: water resources policy; innovative water resources management; hydrologic extremes and related social issues; water science and its role in water management; integrated river basin planning; and integrated management of water quality and quantity with ecosystem protection. For more information contact: Miguel A. Marino, 139 Veihmeyer Hall (LAWR), University of California, Davis, CA. 95616-8628, USA; tel: +1-530-752-0684; e-mail: [Volume 5 Number 1 - 31 January 2000](mailto:mama-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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<http://www-cwwr.ucdavis.edu/hydrology/symposium.html>

SIXTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE: This conference will take place on 13-14 April 2000 at the University of Leeds in Yorkshire, England. Sponsored by ERP Environment, the conference will bring together an international interdisciplinary audience to consider ways to develop policies and practices consistent with sustainable development. Participants will share experiences and begin to identify the necessary steps to achieve a sustainable future. For more information contact: Elaine White, ERP Environment, PO Box 75, Shipley, West Yorkshire BD17 6EZ, United Kingdom; tel: +44-1274-530408; fax: 44-1274-530409; e-mail: elaine@erp-env.demon.co.uk;

Internet: <http://www.erpenvironment.org/cfrence/sd.htm>

EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: CSD-8 will meet in New York from 24 April - 5 May 2000 to consider integrated planning and management of land resources, agriculture, and financial resources/trade and investment/economic growth. The CSD *Ad Hoc* Intersessional Working Groups will meet in New York from 22 February - 3 March 2000. For more information contact: Andrey Vasilyev, Division for Sustainable Development; tel: +1-212-963-5949; e-mail: vasilyev@un.org; Internet:

http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd8/csd8_2000.htm. For major groups information contact: Zehra Aydin-Sipos, Major Groups Focal Point, Division for Sustainable Development; tel: +1-212-963-8811; fax: +1-212-963-1267; e-mail: aydin@un.org

OECD MILESTONE CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND STRATEGIES: This conference will be held in May 2000 in Vienna, Austria. It will mark the culmination of the OECD project on Environmentally Sustainable Transport and serve as a forum to consider how OECD Member Countries can implement the necessary changes in their transport systems in order to achieve more sustainable development patterns. For more information contact: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Peter Wiederkehr, OECD Environment Directorate, 2, rue André Pascal, 75775 Paris Cedex 16 France; tel. +33-1-45-24-78-92; e-mail: peter.wiederkehr@oecd.org; Internet:

<http://www.oecd.org/env/ccst/est/index.htm>.

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF FRANCOPHONE PROFESSIONALS IN IMPACT ASSESSMENT: This meeting will be held from 22-24 May 2000 in Paris, France. It is being organized by the Francophone Secretariat of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) and the *Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire et de l'Environnement* of France. The main theme of the meeting will be strategic environmental assessments (SEA). For more information contact: Francophone Secretariat of IAIA, 380, Saint-Antoine West Street, suite 3200, Montreal (Quebec) H2Y 3X7, Canada; tel: +1-514-288-2663; fax: +1-514-987-1567; e-mail: iaia@secretariatfranco.org

NINTH ANNUAL CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR: This seminar will be held from 4-15 June 2000 at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, USA. For more information contact: Michelle Portlock, Program Coordinator, The Corporate Environmental Leadership Seminar, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies; tel: +1-203-432-6953; fax:

+1-203-432-5556; e-mail:

michelle.portlock@yale.edu; Internet: <http://www.yale.edu/cels>

SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS – THE LOCAL CHALLENGE: The International Federation for Environment and Health will hold its Sixth World Conference from 5-9 June 2000 in Oslo, Norway. For more information contact: The Norwegian Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH); tel: +47-67-569-012; e-mail: chaskim@online.no; Internet:

<http://www.fmh.no/ifeh/English/hovedframe.htm>

GLOBAL CITIES21: The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) World Congress of Local Governments will take place in Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany, from 28 June - 2 July 2000. For more information contact: Congress Secretariat; e-mail: world.congress@iclei.org; Internet:

<http://www2.iclei.org/gc21/>

NEW TRENDS IN WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FOR SAFETY AND LIFE: ECO-COMPATIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS: This meeting will be held from 3-7 July 2000 in Naples, Italy. For more information contact: Rossella Monti, Terra Dipartimento IAR, Sezione Idraulica, Politecnico di Milano, Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 32, 20133 Milan, Italy; tel: +39-02-2399-6293; fax: +39-02-2399-6298, e-mail:

terra@marina.iar.polimi.it.

URBAN 21 - GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE URBAN FUTURE: This conference will be held from 4-6 July 2000 in Berlin, Germany. It is one of the key elements of the Global Initiative on Sustainable Development, sponsored by Brazil, Germany, Singapore and South Africa. For more information contact: Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning, Am Michaelshof 8, D - 53177 Bonn, Germany; fax: +49-228-826-315; e-mail: info@urban21.de; Internet:

<http://www.urban21.de/english/index.html>

SHAPING THE SUSTAINABLE MILLENNIUM, COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES: This meeting will be held from 5-7 July 2000 in Brisbane, Australia. Themes to be discussed include: Sustainable Communities in the Built Environment; Industrial and Construction Ecology; Green Design and Architecture; and Information, Communication and Education. For more information contact: Jodie Doolan, Conference Secretariat, Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering, Queensland University of Technology, 2 George Street, GPO Box 2434, Brisbane, Queensland 4001, Australia; tel: +61-7-3864-1764; fax: +61-7-3864-1529; e-mail: cibconference@qut.edu.au; Internet:

<http://olt.qut.edu.au/int/selby/events/Conference/default.htm>

SEMINAR ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF WATER: QUALITY AND QUANTITY: This seminar will be held from 16-21 July 2000 in Guildford, England. For more information contact: the Information Manager, International Networking Events, The British Council, 1, Beaumont Place, Oxford, OX1 2PJ, UK; tel: +44-1865-316-636; fax: +44-1865-557-368; e-mail: net-work.events@britishcouncil.org; Internet:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/networkevents>

ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS, THE ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABILITY: This conference will be held in Canberra, Australia in July 2000. For more information contact: e-mail: bes@green-innovations.asn.au; Internet: <http://www.green-innovations.asn.au/isee2000-bes.htm>. To sub-

scribe to the free announcement e-mail list, send a blank e-mail message to: isee2000-bes-involve-subscribe@onelist.com

SECOND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE, EURO ENVIRONMENT 2000: To be held in Aalborg, Denmark, 18 - 20 October 2000. For more information contact: Else Herfort or Steffen L. Thomsen, EURO ENVIRONMENT Secretariat, P.O.Box 149 DK-9100 Aalborg; tel: +45-99-355-555; fax: + 45-99-355-580; e-mail: euro@akkc.dk; Internet: <http://www.akkc.dk/uk/euro/envire/>

/TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT

TENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD X): This conference will be held from 12-19 February 2000 in Bangkok, Thailand and will be attended by ministers and senior officials from UNCTAD's 190 member states. Participants will reflect on the problems and challenges facing developing countries in the era of globalization, identify effective development strategies, and consider UNCTAD's future work programme and approach to key economic issues facing developing countries. The conference will include a number of high-level round tables. For more information contact: Awni Behnam, Secretary of the Conference, UNCTAD, Palais des Nations, 1 211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-907-5727; fax +41-22-907-0056; e-mail: awni.behnam@unctad.org; Internet: <http://www.unctad-10.org>

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE: The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade will meet five times in 2000, on 25 February, 19 May, 12 July, 6 October, and 10 November. It is scheduled to complete the Second Triennial Review of the Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement. Meetings dates are provisional and subject to change. For more information contact: Vivien Liu, Technical Barriers to Trade Committee Secretary, World Trade Organization, 154 rue de Lausanne, 1211 Geneva 21, Switzerland, tel: +41-22-739-5455, e-mail: vivien.liu@wto.org

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT: The World Trade Organization's Committee on Trade and Environment is scheduled to meet three times in 2000: from 29 February - 1 March, 5-6 July, and 24-25 October. All meetings are to be held in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting to be held from 5-6 July will include an information session with selected Secretariats of Multilateral Environmental Agreements. The meeting scheduled for 24-25 October will consider issues relating to market access, as well as the linkages between the multilateral environment and trade agendas. For more information contact: Sabrina Shaw, Secretary of the CTE, World Trade Organization, 154 rue de Lausanne, 1211 Geneva 21, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-739-5482; e-mail: Sabrina.shaw@wto.org; Internet: <http://www.wto.org/wto/environ/te030.htm>

THIRD MEETING OF THE MEDITERRANEAN DEVELOPMENT FORUM: This meeting will take place from 5-8 March 2000 in Cairo, Egypt, and will focus on trends, challenges and opportunities in the Mediterranean region relating to economic liberalization, regional integration and the role of the private sector. For more information contact: Tudor Lomas, Jemstone Network; tel:

+962-6-585-3025; e-mail: mdf@jemstone.net; Internet: <http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/wbiep/mdf.html>

INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS MEETING ON SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION: This meeting is scheduled for 6-8 March 2000 and will be held in Quito, Ecuador. It is being organized by World Wildlife Fund International (WWF) and Fundacion Futuro Latino Americano (FFLA) and will be hosted by the Government of Ecuador. The aim of the meeting is to identify methodological best practices to undertake sustainability assessments of trade agreements. The meeting is intended to contribute to both the WTO and CSD processes, engage relevant stakeholders and contribute to government preparations for future WTO trade negotiations. For more information contact: Mireille Perrin, Trade and Investment Unit, WWF International; tel: +41-22-3649026; fax: +41-22-3648219; e-mail: mperrin@wwf-net.org

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT: The Committee on Trade and Development is provisionally scheduled to meet on 10 March 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact Lucie Giraud, WTO Information and Media Relations Division, 154 rue de Lausanne, 1211 Geneva 21, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-739-5075, e-mail: lucie.giraud@wto.org; Internet: <http://www.wto.org/wto/about/meets.doc>

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION TRIPS COUNCIL: The World Trade Organization's Council on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) will meet four times in 2000: from 21-22 March, 26-30 June, 21-22 September, and 27 November - 1 December. All meetings will be held in Geneva, Switzerland. Meetings dates are provisional and subject to change. For more information contact: Peter Ungphakorn, WTO Information and Media Relations Division, World Trade Organization, 154 rue de Lausanne, 1211 Geneva 21, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-739-5412; e-mail: peter.ungphakorn@wto.org; Internet: <http://www.wto.org/wto/about/meets.doc>

SUSTAINABILITY IN THE WTO MILLENNIUM ROUND AND BEYOND: This meeting will be held from 27-29 March 2000 in London, England. It is being hosted by The Royal Institute of International Affairs. For more information contact: Georgina Wright, RIIA, London, England; tel: +44-171-957-574; fax: +44-171-321-2045; e-mail: gwright@riia.org; Internet: <http://www.riia.org/Conferences/Tradea5.pdf>

CONFERENCE ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED PRODUCTS - THE NEXT TRADE WAR? This conference will take place on 5 April 2000 in London, England, and will be hosted by The Royal Institute of International Affairs and Flora and Fauna International. For more information contact: Georgina Wright, RIIA, London, England; tel: +44-171-957-574; fax: +44-171-321-2045; e-mail: gwright@riia.org

/CLIMATE AND ATMOSPHERE

WORKSHOP ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY, GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS AND DEREGULATION: This United Nations workshop will be held from 1-2 February 2000 at UN Headquarters in New York. For more information contact: Internet: <http://www.un.org/events/energy2000/main.htm>

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON COMBINED HEAT AND POWER: ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: The conference will be held on 1-2 February 2000 in Washington, DC. For more information contact: Jan Brinch, Energetics; tel +1-410-953-6215; e-mail:

jbrinch@energetics.com; Internet:

<http://www.oit.doe.gov/chpchallenge/international.html>

JOINING EU EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE EMISSIONS OF HFCS, PFCS AND SF6: This meeting, organized by the Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment and the European Commission, will be held from 1-2 February 2000, in Luxembourg. For more information contact: Leo Meyer, Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment; tel: +31-70-339-4407; fax: +31-70-339-1292; e-mail: Leo.Meyer@DLE.DGM.minvrom.nl.

OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE FOR SOLAS: The Surface Ocean Lower Atmosphere Study (SOLAS) Open Science Conference is scheduled for 20-24 February 2000 in Damp (near Kiel), Germany. The focus of the meeting will be the SOLAS research programme, which aims to examine interactions between atmosphere, climate and marine biogeochemical processes. For more information contact: e-mail: solas@ifm.uni-kiel.de; Internet:

<http://www.ifm.uni-kiel.de/ch/solas/main.html>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MULTILATERAL FUND UNDER THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL: The 30th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund under the Montreal Protocol will be held in Montreal, Canada from 27-31 March 2000. The Executive Committee's 31st Meeting is scheduled for 3-7 July 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. The 32nd Meeting will be held from 4-8 December 2000 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. For more information contact: the Ozone Secretariat; tel: +254-2-62-1234; e-mail: ozoneinfo@unep.org; Internet:

<http://www.unep.org/ozone/meet2000.htm>

PACIFIC ISLANDS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE: This meeting will be held from 3-7 April 2000 in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. The meeting is being organized by the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in partnership with the National Tidal Facility, UNDP and GEF through the Pacific Islands Climate Change Assistance Programme. For more information contact: SPREP; fax: +685-202-31; e-mail:

kaluwin@sprep.org.ws; Internet: <http://www.sprep.org.ws>

CLIMATE POLICY WORKSHOP: FROM KYOTO TO THE HAGUE - EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON MAKING THE KYOTO PROTOCOL WORK: This workshop will take place from 18-19 April 2000 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and is being organized by the European Forum on Integrated Environmental Assessment. The workshop will review scientific information relevant for the EU and its member states in preparing for UNFCCC COP-6 and will aim to enhance the policy relevance of climate-related research in Europe. For more information contact: Albert Faber, RIVM; tel:+31-30-274-3683/3728; fax: +31-30-274-4435; e-mail: albert.faber@rivm.nl; Internet:

http://www.vu.nl/english/o_o/instituten/IVM/research/efiea/

11TH GLOBAL WARMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO: This meeting, entitled "Kyoto Compliance Review - Year 2000 Conference," will be held from 25-28 April 2000 in Boston, USA, and is being sponsored by the Global Warming International Program Committee and the Global Warming International Center. For more information contact: [Sinyan Shen](mailto:Sinyan.Shen); tel:

+1-630-910-1551; fax: +1-630-910-1561;

Internet: <http://GlobalWarming.Net>

12TH ASIA-PACIFIC AND 3RD COMMONWEALTH CONGRESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS: This meeting will be held in Suva, Fiji from 5-9 June 2000 and will focus on climate change and small island states. For more information contact: Dharman Wickremaratne, Chairman Asia-Pacific Forum of Environmental Journalists, P.O.Box 26 434/3, Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka; tel: +94-1-829-519; fax: +94-1-826-607; e-mail: afej@sri.lanka.net; Internet:

<http://www.oneworld.org/slejif/fiji.htm>

12TH SESSION OF THE UNFCCC SUBSIDIARY BODIES: SB-12 will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 12-16 June 2000. It will be preceded by one week of informal meetings, including workshops. For more information contact: the UNFCCC Secretariat; tel: +49-228-815-1000; fax: +49-228-815-1999; e-mail: secretariat@unfccc.de; Internet: <http://www.unfccc.de>.

WORLD RENEWABLE ENERGIES CONGRESS: This meeting will be held from 1-7 July 2000 in Brighton, England. Hosted by the World Renewable Energy Network, it is being co-sponsored by several organizations, including UNESCO, UNDP and the European Economic Commission. For more information contact: A. Sayigh, 147 Hilmanton, Lower Earley, Reading RG6 4HN, UK; tel: +44-1189-611-364, fax: +44-1189-611-365; e-mail: asayigh@net-comuk.co.uk; Internet:

<http://www.wrenuk.co.uk/brighton/topics.html#topics>.

20TH SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL: OEWG-20 will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 11-14 July 2000. For more information contact: the Ozone Secretariat; tel: +254-2-62-1234; e-mail: ozoneinfo@unep.org; Internet: <http://www.unep.org/ozone/meet2000.htm>

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREENHOUSE GAS CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES (GHGT-5): This conference will take place from 13-16 August 2000 in Cairns, Northern Queensland, Australia. It will provide a forum for the discussion of recent advances in the area of greenhouse gas control technologies, including CO₂ capture, storage and utilization. For more information contact: GHGT-5 Secretariat, Colin Paulson, CSIRO Energy Technology, PO Box 136, North Ryde, New South Wales 1670, Australia; tel: +61-2-9490-8790; fax: +61-2-9490-8819; e-mail: c.paulson@det.csiro.au; Internet: www.ieagreen.org.uk

12TH REGIONAL CENTRAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF IUAPPA (INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AIR POLLUTION PREVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS) AND 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: This meeting will take place from 11-14 September 2000 in Prague, Czech Republic. For more information contact: the Conference Secretariat: Czech Medical Association J. E. Purkyne, P.O.Box 88, Sokolska 31, 120 26 Prague 2, Czech Republic; tel: +420-2-297-271; e-mail: senderova@cls.cz; Internet: <http://congress.cls.cz/iuappa2000/>

13TH SESSION OF THE UNFCCC SUBSIDIARY BODIES: SB-13 will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 11-15 September 2000, preceded by one week of informal meetings, including workshops. For more information contact: the UNFCCC Secretariat; tel: +49-228-815-1000; fax: +49-228-815-1999; e-mail: secretariat@unfccc.de; Internet: <http://www.unfccc.de>

EARTH TECHNOLOGIES FORUM: This meeting, organized by the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, will be held in Washington, DC, from 25-28 September 2000. Both ozone and climate change issues will be discussed. For more information contact: Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy; tel: +1-703-243-0344; fax: +1-703-243-2874; e-mail: alliance98@aol.com; Internet: <http://www.earthforum.com/>

SIXTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE FCCC: COP-6 will be held in The Hague, the Netherlands, from 13-24 November 2000. For more information contact: the UNFCCC Secretariat; tel: +49-228-815-1000; fax: +49-228-815-1999; e-mail: secretariat@unfccc.de; Internet: <http://www.unfccc.de>.

12TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL: MOP-12 will be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 11-15 December 2000. For more information contact: the Ozone Secretariat; tel: +254-2-62-1234; fax: +254-2-62-3601; e-mail: ozoneinfo@unep.org; Internet: <http://www.unep.org/ozone/meet2000.htm>

/BIODIVERSITY

CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: The fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) will be held from 31 January – 4 February 2000 in Montreal, Canada. This follows the resumed session of the First Extraordinary Meeting of the COP to finalize and adopt the Biosafety Protocol, held from 24-28 January 2000. The fifth COP will be held from 15-26 May 2000 in Nairobi, Kenya. For more information contact: CBD Secretariat, World Trade Center, 393 Jacques St., Suite 300, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H2Y 1N9; tel: +1-514-288-2220; fax: +1-514-288-6588; e-mail: chm@biodiv.org; Internet: <http://www.biodiv.org>

OECD CONFERENCE ON THE SCIENTIFIC AND HEALTH ASPECTS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS: This meeting will take place from 28 February – 1 March 2000 in Edinburgh, Scotland. For more information contact: Peter Kearns, Secretary ICGB; tel: +33-1-45-24-677; fax: +33-1-45-24-675; e-mail: icgb@oecd.org; Internet: www.oecd.org/news_and_events

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN ARID REGIONS: This conference will be held from 27-29 March 2000 in Kuwait. For more information contact: Mohammad Al-Sarawi, Chairman, PO Box 24395, Safat, Kuwait 13104; tel: +965-565-0554; fax: +965-565-3328; e-mail: muna@epa.org.kw

AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(J): The *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Article 8(j) will meet from 27-31 March 2000 in Seville, Spain. For more information contact: CBD Secretariat; World Trade Center, 393 Jacques St., Suite 300, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Y 1N9; tel: +1-514-288-2220; fax: +1-514-288-6588; e-mail: secretariat@biodiv.org; Internet: <http://www.biodiv.org/indig/Wg8j1/index.html>

WORKSHOP ON SCIENCE AND POLICY IN RISK ASSESSMENT OF TRANSGENIC ORGANISMS: This meeting is being convened by the International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology and will be held from 27-31 March 2000 in Trieste, Italy. The workshop will evaluate biosafety issues using a case study approach. For more information contact: Giovanni Ferraiolo, ICGB, Trieste, Italy; tel: +39-40-375-7364; fax: +39-40-226-555;

e-mail: ferraiol@icgeb.trieste.it; Internet: <http://www.icgeb.trieste.it/biosafety/bsfnews.htm>

BIODIVERSITY AND BUSINESS - PUTTING PRINCIPLES INTO ACTION: This meeting will be held from 3-4 April 2000 in London, England, and will be hosted by the Royal Institute of International Affairs and Flora and Fauna International. For more information contact: Georgina Wright, RIIA, London, England; tel: +44-171-957-574; e-mail: gwright@riia.org.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR MANAGING PLANT GENETIC DIVERSITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: This conference will be held 12-16 June 2000 at the K.L. Hilton International in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. For more information contact: e-mail: p.sands@cgiar.org; Internet: www.cgiar.org/ipgri/sosindex.htm

WORLD BOTANIC GARDENS CONGRESS AND 6TH INTERNATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS CONSERVATION CONGRESS: These meetings are scheduled to be held from 26-30 June 2000 in Asheville, North Carolina, USA. For more information contact: Nan Guthrie, Congress Coordinator, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806-9315, USA; tel: +1-828-665-2492; fax: +1-828-665-2371.

IFOAM 2000: This meeting of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) will be held in Basel, Switzerland from 25 August – 2 September 2000. IFOAM 2000 will include the: 13th International IFOAM Scientific Conference; 3rd IFOAM Organic World Exhibition/Bio Marché; 2nd International Seminar on "Organics in the Supermarket"; 6th International Congress on Organic Viticulture; and 1st International Seminar on "Organic Food Processing." For more information contact: IFOAM 2000, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture, Ackerstrasse, CH-5070 Frick, Switzerland; tel: +41-62-865-7297; fax: +41-62-865-7273; e-mail: ifoam2000@fibl.ch; Internet: <http://www.ifoam2000.ch/>.

BIOTECHNOLOGY 2000 - 11TH INTERNATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM: This meeting will be held from 3-8 September 2000 in Berlin, Germany. For more information contact: DECHEMA e.V., German Society of Chemical Apparatus, Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, Theodor-Heuss-Allee 25, D-60486 Frankfurt am Main, Germany; tel: 49-69-7564-235/-249; fax: +49-69-7564-176/-304; e-mail: biotechnology2000@dechema.de; Internet: www.dechema.de/englisch/veranst/ibs11/pages/ibs11_1.htm

WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS (IUCN): This meeting will be held from 4-11 October 2000 in Amman, Jordan. For more conservation contact: Ursula HiltBrunner, IUCN, Geneva, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-999-0001; fax: +41-22-999-0002; Internet: <http://www.iucn.org>.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEOPLE & PLANTS - FIRST EUROPEAN BOTANIC GARDEN EDUCATION CONGRESS: This meeting will be held in Birmingham, UK, from 13-17 October 2000. For more information contact: tel: +44-020-8332-5953/4; fax: +44-020-8322-5956; e-mail: bgci@rbgkew.org.uk

DESERT FISHES COUNCIL: The Desert Fishes Council, an organization dedicated to preserving the biological integrity of desert aquatic ecosystems and their associated life forms, will hold its 32nd Annual General Meeting in Death Valley National Park, California, USA, from 16-19 November 2000. Its 33rd AGM is scheduled for 15-18 November 2001 in Alpine, Texas, USA. For more information contact: Phil Pister, Executive Secretary; tel/fax:

+1-760-872-8751; e-mail: phildesfish@telis.org;
Internet: <http://www.utexas.edu/depts/tnhc/www/fish/dfc/>

/FORESTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS: IFF-4 is scheduled to meet from 31 January - 11 February 2000 in New York. For more information contact: IFF Secretariat, Two United Nations Plaza, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10017, USA; tel: +1-212-963- 6208; fax: +1-212-963-3463; Internet: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm>

28TH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL: This meeting will take place from 24-30 May 2000 in Lima, Peru. For more information contact: International Tropical Timber Organization; e-mail: info@itto.or.jp; Internet: <http://www.itto.or.jp/Index.html>

FOREST PRODUCTS SOCIETY: The 54th Annual Meeting of the Forest Products Society will convene from 18-21 June 2000 at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA. For more information contact: Forest Products Society; tel: +1-608-231-1361; fax: +1-608-231-2152; e-mail: info@forestprod.org; Internet: <http://www.forestprod.org/conf.html> or <http://www.ucfpl.ucop.edu/fps2000.htm>

XXI IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS: The International Union of Forest Research Organizations' (IUFRO) World Congress will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 7-12 August 2000. For more information contact: Internet: <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/congress/>

/DESERTIFICATION

For more information relating to the Convention to Combat Desertification contact: the CCD Secretariat, P.O. Box 260129, D-53153 Bonn, Germany; tel: +49-228-815-2800; fax: +49-228-815-2899; e-mail: secretariat@unccd.de; Internet: <http://www.unccd.de>

SECOND AFRICAN-LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN FORUM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CCD: This Forum is scheduled to meet in February 2000 in Bamako, Mali. For more information contact the CCD Secretariat (see above).

LAUNCHING OF TPN2 (AGROFORESTRY AND SOIL CONSERVATION): This meeting of the Thematic Programme Network 2 is scheduled for February 2000 in New Delhi, India. For more information contact the CCD Secretariat (see above).

LAUNCHING OF TPN3 (RANGELAND MANAGEMENT AND FIXATION OF SAND DUNES): This meeting of Thematic Programme Network 3 is scheduled for March 2000 in Tehran, Iran. For more information contact the CCD Secretariat (see above).

FOURTH BIENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE AFRICAN DIVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HYDROLOGIC ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH: Entitled "Conserving and Sharing Water Resources in a Water Scarce Environment" this meeting will be held from 7-9 June 2000 in Windhoek, Namibia. Topics covered include: groundwater supplies, water demand management, desalination, wastewater treatment, rain harvesting, the sea as a source, international cooperation and environmental problems in arid countries. For more information contact: Kai A.H. Lund, Congress Chairman, Lund Consulting, P.O.

Box 3106, Windhoek, Namibia; fax: +264-612-3478; e-mail: lce@lce.com.na.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION: COP-4 is tentatively scheduled to meet from 16-27 October 2000 in Bonn, Germany. For more information contact the CCD Secretariat (see above).

/OCEANS AND COASTS

MEETING ON THE CARIBBEAN ACTION PLAN: The Ninth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Sixth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region will be held from 14-18 February 2000 in Kingston, Jamaica. For more information contact: UNEP - Caribbean Environment Programme; tel: +1-876-922-9267; fax: +1-876-922-9292; e-mail: uneprcuja@cwjamaica.com; Internet: <http://www.cep.unep.org>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INCENTIVES FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MARITIME TRANSPORT: This conference will be held from 16-17 February 2000 in Hamburg, Germany. Participants will consider how to resolve the tensions between economic and environmental considerations in the maritime transport sector. For more information contact: e-mail: karsten.krause@ub.hamburg.de; Internet: www.green-shipping.de

JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION (NAFO) SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL/FISHERIES COMMISSION WORKING GROUP ON THE PRECAUTIONARY APPROACH: This meeting will be held from 29 February - 2 March 2000 in Brussels, Belgium. For more information contact: NAFO, 2 Morris Drive, P.O. Box 638, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada B2Y 3Y9; tel: +1-902-468-5590; fax: +1-902-468-5538; e-mail: NAFO@fox.nstn.ca; Internet: <http://www.nafo.ca/home.htm>.

IOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The International Oceanographic Commission Executive Council is scheduled to meet for its thirty-third session from 20-30 June 2000 in Paris, France. For more information contact: Internet: <http://ioc.unesco.org/iocweb/>.

FIFTH CONGRESS ON MARINE SCIENCES: This meeting will be held in Havana, Cuba, from 19-23 June 2000. Topics for discussion will include integrated coastal zone management, marine resources management, marine biodiversity, and the global ocean observing system. For more information contact: MarCuba'2000 Organizing Committee, National Oceanographic Committee of Cuba; tel: +537-23-64-01; fax: +537-24-99-87; e-mail: marcuba@unepnet.inf.cu; Internet: http://ioc.unesco.org/iocweb/news/external/marcuba2000_e.htm

NINTH INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF SYMPOSIUM: This symposium will be held from 7-11 October 2000 in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. For more information contact: the Secretariat of the 9th ICRS; e-mail: coremap@indosat.net.id; Internet: <http://www.cep.unep.org/news/calendar.html#Oct2000>

/WETLANDS

"LIMNOLOGY AND WATER BIRDS 2000" - THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE AQUATIC BIRDS WORKING

GROUP OF SOCIETAS INTERNATIONALIS LIMNOLOGI-AE (SIL): This conference will be held from 1-5 May 2000 in Trebon, Czech Republic. Main topics to be addressed include: methods of measurement of habitat quality for water birds; the carrying capacity of wetland habitat; and the role of water birds in wetland ecosystems. For more information contact: Petr Musil, Institute of Applied Ecology, Czech Republic; fax: +420-203-697500; e-mail: trebon.2000@post.cz Internet: <http://www.lf.czu.cz/trebon2000/>

MILLENNIUM WETLAND EVENT: The Millennium Wetland Event will consist of meetings by four associations from 6-12 August 2000 in Quebec, Canada. The 9th International Mire Conservation Group (IMCG) Field Symposium, Congress and Conference will gather under the theme "Implementing the Ramsar Global Action Plan for Peatlands (GAPP)." The International Association of Ecology's (INTECOL) 6th International Wetland Symposium has selected the theme of "Global Wetlands at the Millennium." The Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) will hold its 21st Annual Conference and the International Peat Society will discuss "Sustaining our Peatlands." For more information contact: Elizabeth MacKay, c/o CQVB; tel: +1-418-657-3853; fax: +1-418-657-7934; e-mail: cqvb@cqvb.qc.ca; Internet: <http://www.cqvb.qc.ca/wetland2000>

RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS: COP-8 is scheduled to convene in Spain in 2002. For more information contact: Ramsar Secretariat, Rue Mauverney 28, CH-1196, Gland, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-999-0170; fax: +41-22-999-0169; e-mail: ramsar@ramsar.org; Internet: <http://www.ramsar.org>

/WILDLIFE

FIFTH MEETING OF THE EUROBATS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The Advisory Committee to the Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe will meet from 21-23 February 2000 in Zagreb, Croatia, and will produce draft resolutions and an implementation programme for the Meeting of the Parties. For more information contact: Andreas Streit, EUROBATS; tel: +49-228-815-2420; fax: +49-228-815-2445; e-mail: eurobats@uno.de; Internet: <http://www.eurobats.org>

CONFERENCE ON THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES: A QUARTER CENTURY REPORT CARD: This conference is being organized by the American Society of International Law Wildlife Law Interest Group and will be held on 25 March 2000 at the American University, Washington College of Law, Washington D.C. The aim of the conference is to assess the achievements to date of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). For more information contact: Wil Burns, Director of Communication, Pacific Institute; tel: +1-510-251-1600; e-mail: asilwildlife@pacbell.net; Internet: <http://www.eelink.net/~asilwildlife/programs.html>

ELEVENTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES: CITES COP-11 is scheduled for 10-20 April 2000 in Nairobi, Kenya. For more information contact: CITES Secretariat; tel: +41-22-917-8139; fax: +41-22-797-3417; e-mail: cites@unep.ch; Internet: <http://www.wcmc.org.uk/CITES>

EUROBATS MOP-3: The Third Meeting of the Parties to EUROBATS will convene from 24-26 July 2000 in Bristol, England.

For more information contact: Andreas Streit, EUROBATS; tel: +49-228-815-2420; fax: +49-228-815-2445; e-mail: eurobats@uno.de; Internet: <http://www.eurobats.org>

/CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

FIRST SESSION OF THE INTERIM CHEMICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION (ICRC-1): This meeting will take place from 21-25 February 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Interim Chemical Review Committee is a subsidiary body of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an international legally binding instrument for the application of the prior informed consent (PIC) procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade. ICRC-1's agenda includes consideration of draft decision guidance documents relating to ethylene dichloride, ethylene oxide, maleic hydrazide and bromacil. The Second Session is also likely to take place in Geneva later in 2000, although the date for this has yet to be determined. For more information contact: Niek Van der Graaff, FAO Joint Secretary; tel: +39-6-5705-3441; e-mail: Niek.VanderGraaff@fao.org; Internet: www.fao.org/waicent/FaoInfo/Agricult/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/

PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS INC-4: The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants (INC-4) will take place from 20-25 March 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The fifth session is tentatively scheduled to take place in November 2000 in South Africa. For more information contact: UNEP Chemicals (IRPTC); tel: +41-22-979-9111; e-mail: dodgen@unep.ch; Internet: <http://irptc.unep.ch/pops/>

HEALTHY AGRICULTURE FOR HEALTHY FOOD: This conference, organized by the Pesticide Action Network, will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 18-21 May 2000. For more information contact: Pesticide Action Network Africa, tel: +221-825-4914; e-mail: panafrica@telecomplus.sn

PANEL OF EXPERTS ON PESTICIDE SPECIFICATIONS, REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, APPLICATION STANDARDS AND PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT: The 16th Session of this Panel of Experts will convene from 29-30 May 2000 in Granada, Spain. At this session, FAO specifications under the new procedure for a range of individual pesticides will be considered. The 17th session is scheduled for 3-6 June 2000 in Rome and will consult on progress made on updating the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides. It will also prepare recommendations for updating the Code. The 18th Session is scheduled to meet from 5-9 March 2001 in Rome. Participants will consider new provisions of the Code of Conduct and update various guidelines in support of the Code. The 19th Session will be held from 27-29 October 2002 in Rome and will recommend procedures for the preparation and revision of guidelines and manuals and for updating the Code of Conduct. For more information contact: Gero Vaagt, FAO; tel: +39-6-5705-5757; e-mail: Gero.Vaagt@fao.org; Internet: <http://www.fao.org/waicent/FaoInfo/Agricult/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/>

JOINT FAO-WHO MEETING ON PESTICIDES RESIDUES: The 25th Session of the Joint Meeting of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment and the WHO Expert Group on Pesticide Residues will be held from 20-29 September 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. The 26th Session will take

place from 10-28 September 2001 in Rome. The 27th Session is scheduled for 20-29 September 2002 in Rome. These meetings are expected to produce reports and monographs summarizing the assessments of certain pesticides. For more information contact: Amelia Tejada, FAO; tel: +39-6-5705-4010; fax: +39-6-5705-6347; e-mail: Amelia.Tejada@fao.org; Internet: <http://www.fao.org/waicent/FaoInfo/Agricult/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/>

SEVENTH INC/PIC MEETING: The seventh session of the International Negotiating Committee (INC) for the Preparation of the Conference of Parties of the Rotterdam Convention for the Application of the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade is tentatively scheduled for 25-29 September 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the Conference of Parties. For more information contact: Niek Van der Graaff, FAO; tel: +39-6-5705-3441; fax: +39-6-5705-6347; e-mail: Niek.VanderGraaff@fao.org; Internet: <http://www.fao.org/waicent/FaoInfo/Agricult/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/>

THIRD MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON CHEMICAL SAFETY: The Third Meeting of the International Forum on Chemical Safety will be held from 14-20 October 2000 in Salvador (Balina), Brazil. For more information contact: Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety; tel: +41-22-791-3650/4333; fax: +41-22-791-4875; e-mail: ifcs@who.ch; Internet: <http://www.ifcs.ch>.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON UPDATING THE FAO CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF PESTICIDES: This consultation is tentatively scheduled for 16-20 October 2000 in Rome and will consider the draft revised FAO International Code of Conduct on Distribution and Use of Pesticides. For more information contact: Niek Van der Graaff, FAO; tel: +39-6-5705-3441; fax: +39-6-5705-6347; e-mail: Niek.VanderGraaff@fao.org; Internet: <http://www.fao.org/waicent/FaoInfo/Agricult/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/>

FIFTH CONSULTATION ON THE PREVENTION AND DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND UNWANTED STOCKS OF PESTICIDES: This meeting is scheduled for October 2000 in Rome to consider new provisions for the prevention and disposal of obsolete stocks and to update/prepare various technical guidelines in support of the FAO Code of Conduct. For information, contact: Ale Wodageneh, FAO; tel: +39-6-5705-5192; e-mail: A.Wodageneh@fao.org; Internet: <http://www.fao.org/waicent/FaoInfo/Agricult/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/>

/POPULATION

CARING COMMUNITIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: IMAGINING THE POSSIBLE - AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ADDRESSING THE "AGE OF LONGEVITY": This conference will be held on 10 February 2000 at UN Headquarters in New York. It will address issues relating to the rapid growth in the world's older population. For more information contact: International Council For Caring Communities, 24 Central Park South, New York, NY 10019, USA; fax: +1-212-759-5893; e-mail: icc@undp.org; Internet: <http://www.un.org/events/agingcf.htm>

COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: The 33rd Session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held in New York from 27-31 March 2000. For more information contact: e-mail: population@un.org; Internet:

<http://www.undp.org/popin/unpopcom.htm>. Documentation for the meeting is available at:

<http://www.undp.org/popin/unpopcom/33rdsess/official.htm>

/HABITAT

"ISTANBUL+5" - SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR AN OVERALL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HABITAT AGENDA: This Special Session of the UN General Assembly will be held in June 2001. It will review and appraise progress made on the implementation of the outcome of the second UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), which was held in Istanbul, Turkey in 1996. The Commission on Human Settlements will act as the preparatory committee for this Special Session, and will hold its first substantive preparatory session from 8-12 May 2000 in Nairobi, Kenya. The second substantive preparatory session is scheduled for February 2001. For more information contact: Axumite Gebre-Egziabher, Coordinator, Istanbul+ 5, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS-Habitat), P.O. Box 30030, Nairobi, Kenya; tel: +254-2-623831; fax: +254-2-624262; e-mail: Axumite.Gebre-Egziabher@unchs.org; Internet: <http://www.istanbul5.org/>

/INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND/WORLD BANK: The Spring Meetings of the IMF/World Bank will be held from 16-17 April 2000 in Washington DC. The IMF/World Bank Joint Annual Meetings will take place from 26-28 September 2000 in Prague, Czech Republic. For more information contact: World Bank/IMF Conferences Office; tel: +1-202-473-7272 or +1-202-623-4100; e-mail: bfcoffice@worldbank.org; Internet: <http://www.imf.org/external/am/index.htm>

GEF MEETINGS: Consultations with non-governmental organizations will take place on 8 May and 31 October 2000 at GEF Headquarters in Washington, DC. The GEF Council will meet from 9-11 May and 1-3 November 2000. For more information contact: GEF Secretariat, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington DC, 20433, USA; tel: +1-202-473-0508; fax: +1-202-522-3240 or 522-3245; Internet: <http://www.gefweb.org/>

WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONVENTIONS: This working group is scheduled to meet in May 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. Organized by UNEP, the meeting will address the issue of international environmental regulation for international environmental agreements. The aim is to continue to make progress on this issue following an earlier meeting held in December 1999. For more information contact: Michael Williams, UNEP Information Unit for Conventions (UNEP/IUC), Geneva; tel: +41-22-917-8242/8244/8196; fax: +41-22-797-3464; e-mail: mwilliams@unep.ch; Internet: <http://www.unep.ch/iuc/>.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION: The 88th Session of the International Labour Conference will take place from 30 May - 15 June 2000. The ILO's Governing Body meets for its 277th Session from 16-31 March 2000, with subsequent sessions scheduled for 16 June and 2-17 November. For more information contact: Official Relations Branch, ILO; tel: +41-22-799-7732; fax: +41-22-799-8944; e-mail:

RELOFF@ilo.org; Internet:
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/reln/progmeet.htm>

55TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS - "THE MILLENNIUM ASSEMBLY": The 55th Session of the UN - designated the "Millennium Assembly" - will open on 5 September 2000 at UN Headquarters in New York. It is expected that the meeting will be attended by a large number of world leaders and provide an opportunity to articulate and affirm an animating vision for the United Nations in meeting the challenges of the twenty-first century. The role of the UN in promoting peace and sustainable development in the era of globalization has been identified as one of the key themes for the session. As a companion event, civil society organizations will hold a "Millennium Forum" from 22-26 May 2000, also at United Nations Headquarters. For more information contact: Internet:

<http://www.un.org/millennium>

FAO GOVERNING BODIES: The 119th Session of the FAO Council is scheduled for 20-25 November 2000 in Rome, Italy. Subsequent sessions are provisionally set down for 18-23 June, 30 October - 1 November and 14 November 2001. The 31st FAO Conference is tentatively scheduled for 2-13 November 2001. To see the provisional calendar of all FAO Governing Bodies meetings, Regional Conferences and Committee Sessions, visit: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/x3837e.htm>. For more information on specific meetings, visit: www.fao.org/events/

/WOMEN

22ND SESSION OF CEDAW: The 22nd Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is taking place from 17 January - 4 February 2000 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. For more information contact: Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations, Room DC2-1216, New York, NY 10017, USA; fax: +1-212-963-3463; e-mail: daw@un.org; Internet:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/22thsess.htm>

FORTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: This session will be held from 28 February - 17 March 2000 in New York. For more information contact: DAW, Room DC2-1216, UN, New York, NY 10017, USA; fax: +1-212-963-3463; e-mail: timothy@un.org; Internet:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/44sess.htm>

WOMEN 2000: GENDER EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION: This session will be held from 5-9 June 2000 in New York. For more information contact: DAW, Room DC2-1216, UN, New York, NY 10017, USA; fax: +1-212-963-3463; e-mail: timothy@un.org; Internet:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw>

/SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

38TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The 38th Session of the Commission for Social

Development, to be held from 8-17 February 2000, will focus on a review and appraisal of national implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration. This will contribute toward preparations for the Copenhagen+5 Special Session of the General Assembly, which is scheduled for June 2000 (see below). For more information contact: the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission for Social Development; tel: +1-212-963-6763; fax: +1-212-963-3062; e-mail: ngo-ran@un.org; Internet:

www.un.org/esa/socdev/geneva2000/events/csd/index.html

COPENHAGEN+5: The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (WSSD) and Further Initiatives will hold its second substantive session in New York from 3-14 April 2000. The Special Session will be held from 26-30 June 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: Gloria Kan, Chief, Intergovernmental Policy Branch, Division for Social Policy Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, Room DC2-1362, New York, NY 10017, USA; tel: + 1-212-963-5873; fax: + 1-212-963-3062; e-mail: kan@un.org; Internet:

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/geneva2000/>

GENEVA 2000 FORUM: This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Copenhagen+5 Special Session in Geneva, Switzerland from 26-30 June 2000. Its aim is to enable representatives of NGOs, parliaments, trade unions, business and industry, professional associations, academic institutions, governmental and intergovernmental organizations, civil society and the media to join in the debate on social development. For more information contact: The Geneva 2000 Secretariat, c/o Ambassador Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Government for the Follow-up Conference of the World Summit for Social Development, Geneva 2000, Rue de Varembe 9-11, P.O. Box 125, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-749-2570; fax: +41-22-749-2589; Internet:

<http://www.geneva2000.org>.

WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE: This UN conference will be held in 2001 in South Africa and will focus on practical steps to eradicate racism, including prevention, education and protection measures and the provision of effective remedies. The UN Commission on Human Rights will act as the Preparatory Committee. Two preparatory meetings are planned, the first from 1-5 May 2000, with a second scheduled for May 2001. Both preparatory meetings will be held in Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights World Conference Secretariat, United Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, tel: +41-22-917-9290; fax: +41-22-917-9022; e-mail:

husbands@un.org; Internet:

<http://www.unhchr.ch/html/racism/racism.htm>

/READINGS

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/NEW PUBLICATIONS

New and recent book titles on environment and development

Cool Companies: How the Best Businesses Boost Profits and Productivity by Cutting Greenhouse Gas Emissions (1999), Joseph J Romm, London: Earthscan. Industry is going to have to adjust to the new tax and regulatory regimes being introduced around the world that are aimed at reducing emissions and meeting internationally agreed targets. Romm shows how far-sighted companies have recognized the opportunities this offers. He profiles more than 50 companies, and describes their experiences in the context of their corporate strategies. All are leaders in their sectors and many - such as Xerox, Toyota, BP (now BP Amoco), DuPont, Compaq and 3M - are household names. According to Romm, these companies grasped the strategic importance of cutting emissions early on. By working to reduce emissions through increased efficiency, new technologies and improved processes, they have cut their energy costs and boosted their productivity, often dramatically - improvements which translate straight down to the bottom line.

Equality Among Unequals in International Environmental Law: Differential Treatment for Developing Countries (1999), Anita Halvorssen, Colorado: Westview Press. Halvorssen's departure point for her argument is that without the participation of developing countries, universal participation to deal with global environmental problems cannot be achieved. This study concentrates on showing what has been done on the international plane to promote the participation of developing countries and suggests some of the work that remains to be done. According to Halvorssen, differential treatment to developing countries to promote their participation entails the use of incentives in international environmental agreements, such as different standards, longer compliance times, and increased financial and technical assistance.

The Commercial Use of Biodiversity: Access to genetic resources and benefit sharing (1999), Kerry Ten Kate and Sarah A Laird, London: Earthscan. Biodiversity and the genetic material it contains are now recognized to be among the world's most valuable resources. Access to genetic resources and their commercial development involve a wide range of parties, such as conservation and research institutes, local communities, government agencies and companies. The authors argue that equitable partnerships are not only crucial to conservation and economic development, but are also in the interests of business and often required by law. They explain the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity on access and benefit sharing, the effect of national laws to implement these, and aspects

of typical contracts for the transfer of materials. They provide a sector-by-sector analysis of how genetic resources are used, the scientific, technological and regulatory trends and the different markets in Pharmaceuticals, Botanical Medicines, Crop Development, Horticulture, Crop Protection, Biotechnology (in fields other than healthcare and agriculture) and Personal Care and Cosmetics Products.

Green Politics: Global Environmental Negotiations 1 (1999), Anil Agarwal, Sunita Narain and Anju Sharma (Eds.), India: Centre for Science and Environment. The Centre for Science and Environment began work on this publication by first establishing a network around the world to help in broadening perspectives and gathering information. One of the key objectives is to examine, within the context of global environmental negotiations, the politics between rich and poor nations. The editors state that their report is an effort to fortify the feeble voices that currently speak up for Southern concerns - the concerns of the poor and marginalized. These concerns are poorly represented by Southern governments and civil society, and are often lost in a plethora of Northern perspectives. They note that rather than promoting democracy and equality and building a just framework for future governance, environmental negotiations have turned into business transactions, where the rich and powerful often trample on the poor and weak.

Global Environmental Politics (2000), Gareth Porter, Janet Brown and Pamela Chasek, Colorado: Westview Press. Porter, Brown and ENB Editor, Chasek, chart the intensifying struggle over global environmental issues, as extant state and economic interests collide with demands for strong international action to reduce or eliminate risky activity. The authors believe that, as global environmental negotiations continue to multiply, affecting a wide range of interests around the world, the stakes for all participants will continue to grow. The book introduces global environmental politics, the actors and the issues involved and the socio-economic facts that impact on both actors and issues, with chapters on regimes, compliance, development and a look at the future of global environmental politics. Case studies are used throughout.

Global Environmental Outlook 2000 (1999), Forward by Klaus Topfer, United Nations Under-Secretary General & Executive Secretary, United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP. *Global Environmental Outlook 2000 (GEO-2000)* is a comprehensive and authoritative review and analysis of environmental conditions around the world. It is the flagship publication of the world's leading environmental organization, UNEP, and is based on information provided by more than 30 regional and international collaborating centers. The book presents a region-by-region analysis of the state of the world's environment, highlighting key global concerns and making recommendations for policy action.

Natural Capitalism: The Next Industrial Revolution (1999), Paul Hawken, Amory B. Lovins, L. Hunter Lovins, Earthscan: London. Drawing upon economic logic, intelligent technologies and the best of contemporary design, the authors explain how natural capitalism harnesses resource productivity - doing more and better with less, wringing as much as a hundred times more benefit from each unit of energy or materials consumed. They show how *Natural Capitalism* redesigns industry on biological models that produce zero waste, shifts the economy from the acquisition of goods to the continual

flow of value and service, and prudently reinvests in sustaining and expanding natural capital. Companies that practice *Natural Capitalism's* business strategy will gain decisive competitive advantage through the rational employment of resources, money and people. The authors count the United States President, Bill Clinton, among their convinced readership.

/JOURNALS

New and recent articles on environment and development

/Climate Change

Optimal CO₂ Abatement in the Presence of Induced Technological Change, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Vol. 39, No. 1, January 2000, pp.1-38. Lawrence H. Goulder and Koshy Mathai (California) explore the significance of policy-induced technological change for the design of carbon-abatement policies. They derive analytical expressions characterizing optimal CO₂ abatement and carbon tax profiles under different specifications for the channels through which technological progress occurs. They consider both R&D-based and learning-by-doing-based knowledge accumulation, and examine each specification under both cost-effectiveness and benefit-cost policy criteria.

Perspectives on global energy futures: simulations with the TIME model: Top-down versus bottom-up analyses of the costs of mitigating global warming, Energy Policy, August 1999, Vol.27, No.8, pp.477-494. B.de Vries, M.Janssen and A Beusen tackle the uncertainties and controversies surrounding the future of the global energy system. The Targets Image Energy (TIME) model, of which a concise description is given, is used here to explore the consequences of divergent assumptions about some uncertain and controversial issues. The IPCC-IS92a Conventional Wisdom scenario is used as a reference and, in combination with two other scenarios is discussed in the context of other recently published global energy scenarios.

/Sustainable Development

Economic Growth in the Twentieth Century, Oxford Review of Economic Policy, Volume 15, Issue 4, pp.18-34. N.Crafts (London) estimates the growth rates of real output per head in various countries and concludes that divergence rather than catch-up have been more common in the twentieth century. Trends in the Human Development Index are reported and these offer a more encouraging picture of the relative performance of poor countries. Key issues in growth economics are reviewed against the background of the long-run evidence. These include the plausibility of innovation-based theories of endogenous growth, the reasons for the commonplace failure of fast-growing countries to sustain their growth, and the impact of technological revolutions on productivity growth.

An economic and operational evaluation of urban car-sharing, Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment, January 2000, Vol.5, No.1, pp.1-10. N.T.Fellows and D.E.Pitfield (UK) apply the kind of cost benefit analysis used by the UK government

to evaluate new roads and public transport and show that car-sharing can produce very high net benefits to society. The paper shows that if a scheme were to be set up in one region of the UK, the net benefits would be comparable to those produced by major road schemes.

Consumption and environment: some conceptual issues, Ecological Economics, 1999, Vol.31, No.3, pp.347-363. T. Princen (Michigan) states that consumption ranks with population and technology as a major driver of environmental change and yet researchers and policy makers have paid it scant attention. When the topic is addressed, its conceptual foundations are either taken as self-evident or are conflated with production, overall economic activity, materialism, maldistribution, population or technology. Princen warns against the risk of taking consumerism – the latest buzzword in the environmental debate – and stretching the concept to encompass all conceivable concerns, thus forfeiting any advantage for analysis. The author seeks to make a conceptual distinction between consumption and other environmental problems. One such approach is to work within the consumption-production dichotomy, examining not just purchasing but product-use and non-purchase decisions. A second approach, one that challenges the prevailing dichotomy and its propensity to relegate consumption to a black box, is to treat all resource-use as consuming, that is 'using up', and asking what risks are entailed.

/Biodiversity

Intellectual property rights on biological resources: Benefiting from biodiversity and people's knowledge, Current Science, 1999, Vol.77, No.11, pp.1418-1425. G. Utkarsh, M.Gadgil and PRS Rao (Bangalore) discuss the amendment of the Indian Patent Act, which is being undertaken, in part, to comply with commitments under the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT). The authors note that similar considerations have prompted the Indian Government to formulate a Protected Plant Varieties Act. At the same time, a National Biological Diversity Act is also being forged in response to India's commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The authors note that the CBD has advanced beyond the conventional intellectual property rights (IPR) regime to accept the sovereign rights of nations over their biodiversity resources and the need thereof to share the benefits of commercial applications of traditional knowledge of sustainable uses of biodiversity resources with local communities. They argue that it is important for India to benefit from these provisions and create a legislative framework that can serve as a model for other developing countries. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) are now being extended to biological resources, beyond the conventional domain of mechanical and chemical innovations.

/Oceans

Ecological Economics, Volume 21, Issue 2, November 1999. This is an edition dedicated to the issues of ocean governance, with articles addressing: the ecological economics and sustainable governance of the oceans; the role of science in ocean governance; the ecological, economic, and social importance of the oceans; integrated environmental management; human-ecosystem interactions; implementation of the Lisbon principles; spatial dynamics of a

social-ecological system, strengthening governance of ocean fishery resources, marine protected areas and the design of fishing-right systems.

General Interest

Global Environmental Change, Vol.9, Issue 3, October 1999. The latest edition of GEC includes articles on: moving beyond the climate change negotiations after Buenos Aires (COP-4) (K.Tangen); mitigation strategies to tackle the role of methane in global warming (L.Milich); selecting appropriate greenhouse gas mitigation options (R.Ramanathan); land degradation in Tanzania (S.Jones); safe policies in an uncertain climate (R.S.J. Tol); assessing relative vulnerability to climate change and variability (G.Yohe, M.Jacobsen and T.Gapotchenko); and the 'evolving' forests regime (D.Humphreys).

/WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

The Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security in California (USA) has announced that the latest version of its research bibliography on the possible impacts of climate change on flora and fauna species and associated eco-systems is now available at: www.pacinst.org/wildlife.html.

David Pearce, Jerry Vanclay and Francis Putz have recently completed a major report on sustainable forestry for the UK's Department for International Development (DfID). The report has attracted a lot of attention and is being disseminated through the World Bank's website. *A Sustainable Forest Future?* is available from Pearce (d.pearce@uea.ac.uk).

The UK Economic and Social Research Council's Global Environmental Change Programme (GECKO) has launched a new web site at www.gecko.ac.uk to coincide with the publication of a GM Food Special Briefing. As well as the Briefing, the Programme recently published *Designing 'interactive' environmental research for wider social relevance*. This report summarizes many of the experiences of both UK and Canadian researchers in their attempts to carry out research that builds in interaction with non-academic partners from the outset
<http://www.hefc.ac.uk/Research/default.asp>

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/COMINGS AND GOINGS

Details of appointments and departures among key staff at UN agencies, other international organizations, government departments and non-governmental organizations

New Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat for 2000: Ambassador Serbini Ali of Brunei Darussalam assumed this position on 4 January 2000. For more information contact: Bridget Romanes, Director (Public Affairs), APEC Secretariat; e-mail: br@mail.apecsec.org.sg; Internet: http://www.apecsec.org.sg/whatsnew/press/rel02_2000.html

New coordinator for Chemical Safety at WHO: Tim Meredith has recently been appointed as the new Coordinator, Programme of Chemical Safety (PCS) at the World Health Organization's Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. By agreement between the executive Heads of the WHO, UNEP and ILO, the director of PCS also directs the work of the International Programme on Chemical Safety (ICPS). Dr. Meredith was previously Director of the Center for Clinical Toxicology and Professor of Medicine and Pathology at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Prior to this he was a Senior Medical Officer in the UK Department of Health. He takes up his position in early 2000.

New Director-General of the Swedish EPA: The new Director-General of the Swedish EPA is Lars-Erik Liljelund, who was previously Head of the Agency's Natural Resources Department. For more information visit: <http://www.environ.se:8083/swedenvironment/>

New State Secretary at the Swedish Ministry for the Environment: Birgitta Bostrom was recently appointed State Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment. Most recently she served as head of the Ministry of the Environment's section for natural resources. She has also worked at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs as coordinator of Sweden's EU negotiating team. For more information visit: <http://www.environ.se:8083/swedenvironment/>

Head of International Affairs at Sweden's Ministry for the Environment: This position has been taken by Anna Dixelius, who has worked previously in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Environment. For more information visit: <http://www.environ.se:8083/swedenvironment/>

UNCTAD's External Relations Service: Jo Butler has taken a two-year assignment as Secretary/Legal Advisor to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa. Inquiries relating to her previous work at UNCTAD's External relations Service can be directed to: Alisa Clarke, External Relations Service, UNCTAD, Palais Des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; tel: +41-22-917-5714; fax: +41-22-907-0043; e-mail: alisa.clarke@unctad.org

World Intellectual Property Organization's Global Intellectual Property Issues Division: Richard Owens is leaving the World Intellectual Property Organization's Global Intellectual Property Issues Division at the end of March 2000. His replacement, Dick Wilder, can be reached at: WIPO, PO Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20,

Switzerland; tel: +41-22-338-9742, fax: +41-22-338-8120, e-mail: publicinf@wipo.int

New Senior Programme Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme's Economics and Trade Unit: Charles Arden-Clarke has recently been appointed as Senior Programme Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme's Economics and Trade Unit. He can be reached at: Economics and Trade Unit, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, UNEP, International Environment House, 15 ch. des Anémones, CH-1219 Chate-laine, Geneva, Switzerland, tel: +41-22-917-8168; fax: +41-22-917-8076; e-mail: etu@unep.ch



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		Convention on Biological Diversity - SBSTTA-5 - Montreal				
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		38th Session of the Commission on Social Development - New York				
		Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF-4) - New York				
						UNCTAD X -
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		Intl. Conf. on Managing Natural Resources for Sustainable Agricultural Production in the 21st Century - New Dehli				
		9th Meeting on the Caribbean Action Plan - Kingston, Jamaica				
		UNCTAD X - Bangkok, Thailand				
		38th Session of the Commission on Social Development - New York				
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		CSD Intersessionals - New York				
		1st Session of the Interim Chemical Review Cttee for the Rotterdam Convention - Geneva				
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		WTO CTE-Geneva				
		CSW 44th Session - New York				
		CSD Intersessionals - New York				

Selected Sustainable Development Meetings

March 2000

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				Intl Land Care Conference - Melbourne, Australia		
			WTO CTE-Geneva			
			CSD Intersessionals - New York			
			44th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women -			
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	Sustainability Assessment of Trade Liberalization - Quito, Ecuador				WTO CTD-Geneva	
	CSD Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Energy - New York					
Intl Land Care						
	44th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women - New York					
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		WTO TRIPs Council -Geneva				
	POPs INC-4 - Bonn, Germany					
2nd Water Forum and Ministerial Conference - The Hague						
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	Workshop on Science and Policy in Risk Assessment of Transgenic Organisms - Trieste, Italy					
	Sustainability in the WTO Millenium Round and Beyond - London					
	Intl Conf on Biodiversity Conservation in Arid Regions - Kuwait					
	CBD Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j) - Sevilla, Spain					
	33rd Session of the Commission on Population and Development - New York					