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SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY (SETAC) EUROPE 13TH ANNUAL MEETING: 27 April 2003 - 1 May 2003. Hamburg, Germany. SETAC is an independent non-profit society that provides a forum for individuals and institutions from academia, business and government looking for multidisciplinary approaches to solving environmental problems. The theme for the upcoming SETAC meeting is "Understanding the complexity of environmental issues: A way to sustainability." For more information contact: SETAC Europe; tel: +32-2-772-7281; fax: +32-2-770-5386; e-mail: mailto:setac@setaceu.org; Internet: http://www.setaceu.org/hamburg.html

11TH SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 28 April 2003 - 9 May 2003. New York, United States. The substantive session of CSD-11 is tentatively scheduled for 28 April – 9 May 2003. For more information contact: Zehra Aydin-Sipos, DESA; tel: +1-212-963-8811; fax: +1-212-963-1267; e-mail: mailto:aydin@un.org; Internet: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd11/csd11_2003.htm

OECD FORUM AND MINISTERIAL SUMMIT: 28 April 2003 - 30 April 2003. Paris, France. The OECD Forum is an international conference offering business, labor and civil society the opportunity to discuss key issues of the 21st century with government ministers and leaders of international organizations. Participants have the opportunity to shape the outcome of the OECD Annual Ministerial Summit to be held on 29-30 April 2003. For more information contact: John West, Forum Director; tel: +33-1-4524-8025; e-mail: mailto:john.west@oecd.org; Internet: http://www.oecd.org/forum2003

CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR LASTING PEACE: SHARED WATER, SHARED FUTURE, SHARED KNOWLEDGE: 6 May 2003 - 7 May 2003. Athens, Greece. Jointly Hosted by the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Bank, this conference's themes are: Shared Future: Developing A Common Vision for Peace, Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development - Toward Diplomacy for Environment and Sustainable Development; Shared Water: Management of Shared Resources - Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints; and Shared Knowledge: Developing, Disseminating and Applying Knowledge. Through a series of roundtables, participants will reflect on recent international, regional and national experience in transboundary management of water resources and discuss their relevance from the perspectives of peace and stability, sustainable development and poverty reduction. For more information contact: GWP-Med Secretariat; tel: +30-210-3247490; fax: +30-210-3317127; e-mail: mailto:secretariat@gwpmed.org; Internet: http://www.gwpforum.org/servlet/PSP?iNodeID=204&itemId=3172

29TH FAO COMMITTEE MEETING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY: 12 May 2003 - 16 May 2003. Rome, Italy. Open to all UN member states, the Committee on World Food Security serves as a forum to review and follow-up on policies concerning world food security, including food production, sustainable use of natural resources for food security, nutrition, physical and economic access to food and other food security related aspects of poverty eradication, and the implications of food trade for world food security. For more information contact: FAO Economic and Social Department; tel: +39-6-5705-4358; Internet: http://www.fao.org/DOCREP/MEETING/006/Y8640e.HTM

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS IN THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES: 21 May 2003 - 23 May 2003. Milos, Greece. Meeting the development needs of the world's growing population without depriving future generations of the means to meet their own needs, better known as Sustainable Development is the key challenge facing the minerals and mining industry. For more information contact: Christian Dude; e-mail: mailto:dude@bbk1.rwth-aachen.de; Internet: http://www.heliotopos.net/conf/sdimi2003/

ENVIRONMENT FOR EUROPE FIFTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE: 21 May 2003 - 23 May 2003. Kiev, Ukraine. The agenda of the Fifth Ministerial "Environment for Europe" Conference, sponsored by the United Nation's Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), will address environmental policy in transition; environmental monitoring; the third pan-European environmental assessment report; environmental strategy for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA); environment, water and security in Central Asia; mountain initiatives; environmental education; and energy. The conference will also consider the Future of the "Environment for Europe" process and will adopt a Ministerial Declaration. Environment for Europe is a major political framework for cooperation in environmental protection at the ministerial level. It is open to all 55 member states of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, including all countries of Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia, US and Canada. For more information contact: Ella Behlyarova; tel: +41-22-917-2376; fax: +41-22-917-0630; e-mail: mailto:Ella.Behlyarova@unece.org; Internet: http://www.unece.org/env/wgso/index_kyivconf.htm

2010:THE BIODIVERSITY CHALLENGE: 21 May 2003 - 23 May 2003. London, United Kingdom. This second "Biodiversity after Johannesburg" meeting will follow up on the first that was held from 2-4 March 2003. Organized by the CBD, UNEP-WCMC and UNDP, it is intended to lead to an improved understanding of what the CBD target of significantly reducing biodiversity loss by 2010 actually means in real terms, and how to know whether the targets have been achieved. For more information contact: Jerry Harrison, UNEP, World Conservation Monitoring Centre; e-mail: mailto:Jerry.Harrison@unep-wcmc.org; Internet: http://www.unep-wcmc.org

IBEROAMERICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON WETLANDS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 26 May 2003 - 28 May 2003. Panama City, Panama. For more information contact: Lucas Fernández Reyes, coordinator of the XVII CYTED Wetlands Network; tel: +537-203-0245; fax: +537-202-9372

CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDING: 26 May 2003 - 30 May 2003. Pretoria, South Africa. This third conference in the series on Sustainable Built Environments (SBE3) consists of two pre-conference workshops, on cob building and energy, on 26-27 May, and the conference itself on 28-30 May 2003. For more information contact: Glaudin Kruger, Coordinator SBE3; tel: +27-28-316-2905; fax: +27-28-316-4658; e-mail: mailto:kruger@jaywalk.com; Internet: http://www.sustainablesettlement.co.za/events/sbe2003.html

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A NEW ERA OF GLOBALIZATION, INFORMATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 26 May 2003 - 31 May 2003. Wuhan, China. For more information contact: tel: +86-10-6275-1183; fax: +86-10-6275-8811; e-mail: mailto:rsac@urban.pku.edu.cn; Internet: http://www.bjdi.org

EC ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE: 26 May 2003 - 27 May 2003. Volos, Greece. The European Commission conference on environmental governance will focus on sustainable tourism, with the aim of enhancing cooperation between all stakeholders at the local, regional, national, and European levels. For more information contact: Edward Cameron; tel: +32-2-230-5310; e-mail: mailto:edward@cameronsds.com; Internet: http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/governance/03052627secondannouncement_en.doc

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 30 May 2003 - 8 June 2003. Havana, Cuba. Leading professionals from various environmental fields and environmental justice groups will participate in this conference through the presentation of scientific and policy papers and poster displays. For more information contact: Rachel Bruhnke; tel: +1-415-575-5531; fax: +1-415-255-7498; e-mail: mailto:rachel@globalexchange.org; Internet: http://www.globalexchange.org/tours/auto/2003-05-30_thInternationalConventiononEn.html

G8 SUMMIT: 1 June 2003 - 3 June 2003. Evian-les-Bains, France. Delegates will discuss issues relating to globalization. Among the proposed major themes are solidarity, with particular emphasis on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), and access to water for all. Other topics include government and corporate responsibility, security and democracy. For more information contact: Internet: http://www.g8.fr/evian/english/home.html

UN OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON OCEANS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA: 2 June 2003 - 6 June 2003. New York, United States. This Consultative process will convene discussion panels on the safety of navigation and protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems in addition to Plenary discussions. For more information contact: tel: +1-212-963-3962; fax: +1-212-963-2811; e-mail: mailto:doalos@un.org; Internet: http://www.un.org/Depts/los/consultative_process/consultative_process.htm

MONTERREY BRIDGE COALITION MEXICO ACTION SUMMIT: 2 June 2003 - 3 June 2003. Mexico City, Mexico. This summit will explore how increased food production to feed the rural poor can be made compatible with natural resource management and biodiversity stewardship. Conference participants will examine how international trade and domestic subsidy policies can be reformed to make sustainable development possible, and the summit will provide an action programme for cooperation between business, governments, multilateral institutions and civil society from developing and developed countries. For more information contact: Secretariat-Monterrey Bridge Coalition, Future Harvest Foundation; tel: +1-202-223-1313; Internet: http://www.futureharvest.org/

REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS: 3 June 2003 - 5 June 2003. Antigua, Guatemala. This consultation is part of the preparations leading up to the Second International Early Warning Conference to take place in Bonn in October 2003. The objectives of the regional consultations includes the identification of existing early warning systems, responsible persons/organizations, as well as other relevant elements of early warning systems such as financial aspects, costs of investment, and sustainability. The workshop will also identify shortfalls and future needs such as data, information, knowledge, skills, and resources. For more information contact: Elina Palm; tel: +506-224-1186; fax: +506-224-7758; e-mail: mailto:elina.palm@eird.org; Internet: http://www.unisdr.org/unisdr/Highlights%20II_03%20english.pdf

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE URBAN DIMENSIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE – SCIENCE, EXPOSURES, POLICIES, AND TECHNOLOGIES: 3 June 2003 - 6 June 2003. Shanghai, China. This conference will examine causes, impacts, and responses to environmental change in the world's major cities and urban areas. Topics for the conference will include policy, regulation, technology, impact adaptation, mitigation, and remediation. For more information contact: Urban Dimensions of Environmental Change Conference; fax: +973-655-4072; e-mail: mailto:udec@mail.montclair.edu or udec@montclair.edu; Internet: http://www.montclair.edu/globaled/shanghai

2003 BUSINESS AND SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE: IMPLEMENTING ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES – CHALLENGES, BENEFITS AND REWARDS: 4 June 2003 - 5 June 2003. New York, United States. The Conference Board, a US non-profit organisation, is inviting to its 2003 Business and Sustainability Conference to examine the challenges and opportunities inherent in aligning sustainability with corporate objectives through effective implementation. Leaders from global firms that embrace sustainability will share their insights and experiences regarding significant impediments to, and rewards for, operating in a sustainable world. For more information contact: Marcia Carneiro; tel: +1-212-339-0345; fax: +1-212-836-9740; e-mail: mailto:marcia.carneiro@conference-board.org; Internet: http://www.conference-board.org/conferences/conference.cfm?id=457

ECOSUD 2003: FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOSYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 4 June 2003 - 6 June 2003. Siena, Italy. Organized by the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK and the University of Siena, Italy, this conference will consider: policies; modeling; natural resources management; environmental management; water resources; wetland and lakustrine issues; ecotechnologies; ecotoxicology; environmental risk; and development economics. For more information contact: Gabriella Cossutta, Conference Secretariat; fax: +44-238-029-2853; e-mail: mailto:gcossutta@wessex.ac.uk; Internet: http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/ecosud03/index.html

SHARING INDIGENOUS WISDOM: AN INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 8 June 2003 - 12 June 2003. Green Bay, Wisconsin, United States. The Sustainable Development Institute at the College of Menominee Nation will host this conference. For more information contact: Nathan Fregien; e-mail: mailto:nfregien@menominee.edu; Internet: http://www.sharingindigenouswisdom.org

14TH INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON UTILITY REGULATION AND STRATEGY: 9 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Gainesville, Florida, United States. Since 1997, over 1,100 regulators and managers from 110 countries have attended this two-week course that the Public Utility Research Center (PURC) has offered in cooperation with the World Bank. The purpose of the programme is to improve infrastructure performance, through strengthening the capacities of nations to regulate utilities, including water. For more information contact: Sanford V. Berg, Director, PURC; tel: +1-352-392-3655; fax: +1-352-392-5090; e-mail: mailto:purcecon@notes.cba.ufl.edu; Internet: http://bear.cba.ufl.edu/centers/purc/international/fourteen.htm

THIRD INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN ECOSYSTEM HEALTH - ECOSYSTEM HEALTH: NEW THINKING FOR NEW CHALLENGES: 10 June 2003 - 13 June 2003. London, ON, Canada. This event will explore the changing nature of many of today's key ecosystem health issues, including: emerging diseases, urban environments, and globalization, and will address the need for new paradigms to meet these new challenges. The course will focus both on defining the problems facing humankind and developing realistic solutions to them. For more information contact: Jennifer Hounsell; tel: +1-519-661-2111 x86223; fax: +1-519-661-3737; e-mail: mailto:jennifer.hounsell@fmd.uwo.ca; Internet: http://www.med.uwo.ca/ecosystemhealth/activities/shortcourse/2003/

AFRICA ECONOMIC SUMMIT 2003: 11 June 2003 - 13 June 2003. Durban, South Africa. The World Economic Forum's Africa Economic Summit is the region's premier gathering of leaders from business, politics and civil society. After more than a decade of public-private engagement in the Southern African Development Community region, the Summit is now a platform for dialogue and networking to marshal private sector inputs in implementing the New Partnership for Africa's Development. For more information contact: World Economic Forum; tel: +41-22-869-1212; fax: +41-22-786-2744; e-mail: mailto:africasummit@weforum.org; Internet: http://www.weforum.org/site/homepublic.nsf/Content/Africa+Economic+Summit+2003

2003 DUBROVNIK CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS: 15 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Dubrovnik, Croatia. Sponsored by UNESCO, this conference will focus on the following objectives, to: promote a new field of sustainability science that seeks to understand the fundamental interactions between nature and society; discuss sustainability and its relation to global development; present and evaluate energy, water and environment system models; present multicriteria assessment of energy, water and environment systems taking into a consideration economic, social, environmental and resource use aspects. For more information contact: fax: +385-1-6156940; e-mail: mailto:dubrovnik2003@fsb.hr; Internet: http://www.dubrovnik2003.fsb.hr

23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IAIA'03): 17 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Marrakech, Morocco. IAIA'03 will consider "Impact Assessment and Capacity Building." For more information contact: IAIA International Headquarters; tel: +1-701-297-7908; fax: +1-701-297-7917; e-mail: mailto:info@iaia.org; Internet: http://www.iaia.org/annual-meeting/index.htm

BRIDGING SCALES AND EPISTEMOLOGIES: LINKING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND GLOBAL SCIENCE IN MULTI-SCALE ASSESSMENTS: 23 June 2003 - 27 June 2003. Kunming, China. This conference is convened as part of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and organized around five key themes, each designed to address a major challenge confronted by the MA in doing a multi-scale, integrated assessment. The five themes are: Integrating Local Knowledge into Global Scientific Assessments; Understanding Cross-Scale Interactions; Methodologies for Integrating Data Across Multiple Scales; Designing Better Assessments: Lessons Learned; and Scale and Epistemology Issues in Resource and Ecosystem Management. For more information contact: Carolina Katz Reid; tel: +60-4-626-1606 ext.507; fax: +60-4-626-5530; e-mail: mailto:c.reid@cgiar.org; Internet: http://www.millenniumassessment.org/en/meetings/meeting.subglobal.2.htm

26TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION: 30 June 2003 - 7 July 2003. Rome, Italy. For more information contact: Secretariat of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme; tel: +39-06-5705-1; fax: +39-06-5705-4593; e-mail: mailto:codex@fao.org; Internet: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POVERTY, FOOD AND HEALTH IN WELFARE: CURRENT ISSUES, FUTURE PERSPECTIVES: 1 July 2003 - 4 July 2003. Lisbon, Portugal. This Conference will seek to influence agendas and set priorities of international agencies and policymakers working to fight poverty, food insecurity and disease. For more information contact: Madalena Almeida; tel: +351-214-156-121; fax: +351-214-156-383; e-mail: mailto:malmeida.lisboa@abreu.pt; Internet: http://www.pfh2003.org/

47TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE SYSTEMS SCIENCES (ISSS): 6 July 2003 - 11 July 2003. Crete, Greece. The conference theme of "Conscious evolution of humanity: Using systems thinking to construct agoras of the global village" was chosen to focus on the challenges facing humanity as it transforms from "evolutionary consciousness" to "conscious evolution," and the role systems thinking must play in constructing 21st Century Agoras in the context of globalization. For more information contact: fax: +30-210-770-5752; Internet: http://www.isss-conference.org

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT: 7 July 2003 - 13 July 2003. New London, CT, United States. The event will bring together between 600-800 children from around the world to discuss and learn about environmental problems facing the world today. At the end of the conference, the delegates (ages 10-13) will produce a challenge document that will be presented to the United Nations and heads of government agencies. For more information contact: Tim Love; e-mail: mailto:justice1@worldnet.att.net; Internet: http://www.unep.org/children_youth/kids/icc.htm

THINK TANK CONFERENCE III: 8 July 2003 - 11 July 2003. Alajuela, Costa Rica. Business Enterprises for Sustainable Travel (BEST) is hosting Think Tank III to educate the next generation of tourism professionals on issues of sustainability in their work. This meeting will address the subject areas of strategic management, and events and meeting management. For more information contact: Letticia Gilbert; tel: +1-212-339-0361; e-mail: mailto:letticia.gilbert@conference-board.org; Internet: http://www.sustainabletravel.org/industry/mtg_thinktank3_about.cfm

ECO-INNOVATE 03 FORUM: 14 July 2003 - 18 July 2003. Sydney, Australia. This will be the first event of UNEP's new global strategy for children and youth, approved by environment ministers and high level delegations from 130 countries at the recent UNEP Governing Council. The four-day programme will involve high-profile speakers, discussion forums, hands-on design sessions, and mentoring by business and technology leaders. For more information contact: Tim Higham, UNEP Regional Information Officer; tel: +66-2-288-2127; e-mail: mailto:higham@un.org; Internet: http://www.eco-innovate.net

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES MANAGEMENT 2003: 28 July 2003 - 31 July 2003. Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The theme of this conference is "Enhancing mineral and energy resources management for sustainable development and human prosperity." For more information contact: tel: +62-274-486403; fax: +62-374-486400; e-mail: mailto:hendaryono@recent.or.id; Internet: http://www.recent.or.id

FIRST INTERNATIONAL DRY TOILET CONFERENCE: 20 August 2003 - 23 August 2003. Tampere, Finland. This conference will discuss dry toilets as a viable option to waste management, especially in areas experiencing water shortage or lacking water-borne sewerage systems. Main topics considered are: controlled rural and urban environmental management; re-use of human excreta as fertilizer; technical development of dry toilets; and toilet culture. For more information contact: TAVI Congress Bureau; fax: +358-3-233-0444; e-mail: mailto:drytoilet@tavicon.fi; Internet: http://www.drytoilet.org/

EUROPARC 2003: 27 August 2003 - 31 August 2003. Stryn, Norway. Sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Environment, the Europarc General Assembly will meet to discuss ways to balance between nature conservation and local economic development in protected areas in Europe. Recommendations will be forwarded to the World Parks Congress in Durban, SA, in September 2003. For more information contact: Europarc 2003 Conference Office; tel: +47-57-877200; fax: +47-57-877201; e-mail: mailto:office@europarc2003.no; Internet: http://www.europarc2003.no

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: SHAPING THE PRACTICAL ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 10 September 2003 - 11 September 2003. Prague, Czech Republic. This conference will focus on four themes that frame the current global debate on sustainable development within the multilateral agencies of the UN system. For more information contact: Yvette Saunders, International Association of Universities; tel: +33-1-45-684-800; fax: +33-1-47-347-605; e-mail: mailto:iau@unesco.org; Internet: http://www.unesco.org/iau

COURSE ON FACILITATING MULTISTAKEHOLDER PROCESSES AND SOCIAL LEARNING: 15 September 2003 - 3 October 2003. Wageningen, Netherlands. This course considers "state-of-the-art" thinking on participation from the local to the global level and introduces up-to-date methodologies and approaches for facilitation and participation. How Multi-Stakeholder Processes (MSPs) and social learning in the field of natural resources management relate to concepts such as dialogue, interactive policy making, and adaptive management are fully explored. For more information contact: International Agricultural Centre; tel: +31-317-495-495; fax: +31-317-495-395; e-mail: mailto:training@iac.agro.nl; Internet: http://www.iac.wur.nl/services/training/regular/module.cfm?code=61/50

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS ON HEALTH: 17 September 2003 - 19 September 2003. Catania, Italy. For more information contact: tel: +44-0-238-029-3223; fax: +44-0-238-029-2853; e-mail: mailto:shobbs@wessex.ac.uk; Internet: http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/healthrisk03/index.html

29TH WEDC CONFERENCE: TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS - ACTIONS FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION: 22 September 2003 - 26 September 2003. Abuja, Nigeria. Organized by the Water, Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) and National Water Resources Institute, this conference will consider the following topics: water supply; environmental sanitation; institutional issues; water resources; and cross cutting issues such as social exclusion, sustainability, urbanization, sustainable livelihoods, poverty and gender linkages, corruption. For more information contact: Dot Barnard, Conference Co-organizer, WEDC; e-mail: mailto:wedc.conf@lboro.co.uk; Internet: http://www.lboro.ac.uk/wedc/conferences/29contents.htm

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECORESTORATION: 23 September 2003 - 30 September 2003. Dehradun and New Delhi, India. The main objectives of the Conference are, to: review the existing knowledge on ecological, socio-economic and environmental dimensions of degradation of land and water resources, especially in the developing countries; document ecorestoration approaches with case studies in different countries; review the impacts of government policies on ecorestoration of degraded environments; provide a sound scientific basis for developing appropriate policy framework for ecorestoration in developing countries; and identify areas of interdisciplinary research relevant to ecorestoration of land and water resources. For more information contact: Brij Gopal, Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University; tel: +91-11-610-7676 ext 2324; fax: +91-11-616-9962 or 61; e-mail: mailto:brij@nieindia.org; Internet: http://www.nieindia.org/conferences.htm

SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES 2003: AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH PRACTICAL, SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO WORLD POVERTY: 1 October 2003 - 4 October 2003. Boulder, Colorado, United States. This conference will provide a platform for multidisciplinary exchange in issues of concern to the developing world. For more information contact: Sustainable Village; tel: +1-303-998-1323 ext. 100; fax: +1-303-449-1348; e-mail: mailto:steve@sustainablevillage.com; Internet: http://www.carebridge.info/sr2003/index.html

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE EFFECTS OF IONIZING RADIATION: 6 October 2003 - 10 October 2003. Stockholm, Sweden. This conference is organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency. For more information contact: Regina Perricos; tel: +43-1-2600-21315; fax: +43-1-26007; e-mail: mailto:R.Perricos@iaea.org; Internet: http://www.iaea.org/worldatom/Meetings/2003/infcn109.shtml

STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE WITH FOCUS ON AFRICA: 14 October 2003 - 15 October 2003. Stockholm, Sweden. This conference will focus on African development and the steps necessary to integrate Africa into the global market. For more information contact: Africa Forum Publications; tel: +46-73-907-4348; fax: +46-73-907-4348; e-mail: mailto:africaforum@swipnet.se; Internet: http://www.africaforum.org/IC-Stockholm-2003/Stockholm2003.html

16TH WORLD LP GAS FORUM: 15 October 2003 - 17 October 2003. Santiago, Chile. Focused on sustainable energy policies and analysis of LP Gas market trends, business practices and marketing strategies, this Forum will have a Latin American dimension. For more information contact: Organizing Secretariat c/o COLLOQUIUM; tel: +33-1-44-641515; fax: +33-1-44-641516; e-mail: mailto:worldlpgas@colloquium.fr; Internet: http://www.worldlpgas.com/forum

2003 UNEP FI GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE: SUSTAINING VALUE – A MEETING ON FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY: 20 October 2003 - 21 October 2003. Tokyo, Japan. This meeting will focus on the emergence of new governance frameworks and the resulting opportunities to enhance sustainable finance. The Roundtable will convene representatives from finance, government, business and civil society. High-profile speakers will discuss how good governance, reporting and accountability can become drivers for environmental and social responsibility and what the financial community can do to promote best practice in these disciplines. For more information contact: Trevor Bowden; tel: +44-20-7249-2154; e-mail: mailto:trevor.bowden@unep.ch; Internet: http://www.unepfi.net/tokyo

FOURTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT: 20 October 2003 - 22 October 2003. Brisbane, Australia. This Summit was originally scheduled to take place in April 2003. Its theme is "Emerging Futures of the City" with discussions and debate focusing on transforming urban sprawl, greening our cities, creating healthy cities, global/local governance and alternative futures. The Asia Pacific region has possibly the highest and fastest growth potential of any region in the world and the Summit aims to create the blueprint for prosperous, sustainable cities of the future - cities built for people to live and work in, and that will attract trade and investment, yet also encourage environmental care and responsible urban management. For more information contact: Terri Birrell, Summit Secretariat; tel: +61-7-3403-4328; fax: +61-7-3229-8031; e-mail: mailto:pmcap@brisbane.qld.gov.au; Internet: http://www.apcsummit.org

AFRICAN AID, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RELIEF EXPO AND CONFERENCE 2003: 22 October 2003 - 24 October 2003. Johannesburg, South Africa. This event will look at aid relief, development aid, and disaster management, with a focus on environment and health issues. For more information contact: Bette McNaughton; tel: +27-21-683-1117; fax: +27-21-683-1119; e-mail: mailto:bettemc@iafrica.com

CONFERENCE ON WATER FOR THE POOREST: 4 November 2003 - 5 November 2003. Stavanger, Norway. Organized by the International Water Academy and sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this conference will look at lessons learned from relief and development work in areas of drought and unrest. This conference aims to produce a programme of actions for consideration by governments, donor and relief-organizations on sustainable water supply and sanitation for the poorest. For more information contact: IWA; tel: +47-22-42-81-00; fax: +47-22-42-81-06; e-mail: mailto:thewateracademy@thewateracademy.org; Internet: http://www.thewateracademy.org/stavanger/inforpage.html

HARVARD UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION POLICY: 30 November 2003 - 12 December 2003. Cambridge, MA, United States. This programme aims to enhance the capacity of high-level decision-makers in government, private sector, academia and civil society around the world to incorporate science and technology into national development policy. For more information contact: Kathy Eckroad, Deputy Director of Executive Programs Operations, John F. Kennedy School of Governmen; tel: +1-617-495-1101; fax: +1-617-496-4474; e-mail: mailto:Kathy_eckroad@harvard.edu; Internet: http://www.execprog.org/home.asp

FIRST GLOBAL WASH FORUM: IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS OF THE WSSD: 1 December 2003 - 5 December 2003. Dakar, Senegal. Organized by the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), the first Global WASH Forum aims to draw lessons on the success of water, sanitation and hygiene programmes, sector reforms and development partnerships in poverty eradication, and to strengthen regional and national partnership initiatives aimed at attaining the relevant goals of the WSSD. For more information contact: Forum Manager; tel: +41-22-917-8657; fax: +41-22-917-8084; e-mail: mailto:wsscc@who.int; Internet: http://www.wsscc.org/load.cfm?edit_id=332

SUSTAINABLE DRYLAND AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS CONFERENCE: 2 December 2003 - 5 December 2003. Niamey, Niger.Partially supported by Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the central theme of the conference is "Interactions between Estuaries, Coasts and Human Environment". The symposium will feature presentations and papers on agro-ecological production systems in areas where farmers strive to meet their family needs from small parcels of land in low rainfall regions. For more information contact: Arnie Schlissel, IPALAC, Secretary; fax: +972-647-2984; e-mail: mailto:ipalac@bgumail.bgu.ac.il

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY: 10 December 2003 - 12 December 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. The international community is organizing a World Summit on the Information Society. It will take place in two phases: in Geneva, December 2003, to be followed up in Tunis two years later. The Information Society is at the heart of the political, social, cultural and economic questions confronting us in the beginning of the 21st century. The focus of the Information Society Summit is not technology but the human being - we must keep in mind that it is not enough to be connected to resolve the fundamental problems that exist in the world. For more information contact: Executive Secretariat - Civil Society Division; tel: +41-22-730-6304; fax: +41-22-730-6393; e-mail: mailto:info@geneva2003.org; Internet: http://www.itu.int/wsis/

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE: 9 July 2004 - 11 July 2004. Auckland, New Zealand. The conference objectives are to provide an international forum for discussion on engineering and science research for achieving sustainability, and to determine mechanisms for ongoing collaboration and dissemination of such research for the future. For more information contact: Vickya Adin, Conference Secretariat; tel: +64-9-299-7538; e-mail: mailto:vickya@kiwilink.co.nz; Internet: http://www.icser.auckland.ac.nz

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UNU MEETING ON BIOTECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: 22 April 2003 - 29 April 2003. Hanoi, Vietnam. The meeting is organized by the UN University. For more information contact: A.H. Zakri, Director, Institute of Advanced Studies, UNU; tel: +81-3-5467-2323; fax: +81-3-5467-2324; e-mail: mailto:zakri@ias.unu.edu; Internet: http://www.ias.unu.edu

SIXTH GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION FACILITY: 28 April 2003 - 2 May 2003. Copenhagen, Denmark. The meeting is organized by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility. For more information contact: James Edwards; tel: +45-3532-1470; fax: +45-3532-1480; e-mail: mailto:gbif@gbif.org; Internet: http://www.danbif.dk/gbif_gb6/

31ST SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING: 28 April 2003 - 2 May 2003. Ottawa, Canada. For more information contact: Secretariat of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme; tel: +39-06-5705-1; fax: +39-06-5705-4593; e-mail: mailto:codex@fao.org; Internet: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/ccfl31/fl03_01e.htm

FORUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE - REGULATING GMOS IN DEVELOPING AND TRANSITION COUNTRIES: 28 April 2003 - 25 May 2003. *electronic. The outcome of this Forum will be used in the preparation of The State of Food and Agriculture 2003, one of FAO's main publications, which will be entitled "Agricultural biotechnologies: Meeting the needs of the poor?" For more information contact: Internet: http://www.fao.org/biotech/C9doc.htm

CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY: A BAPTISM BY FIRE FOR THE WTO: 29 April 2003. Imperial College, London, United Kingdom. As part of the lecture series on international and European environmental law, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and IC Legal Environmental Affairs Centre, Imperial College, is hosting a conference on biotechnology. For more information contact: tel: +44-20-7862-5163; fax: +44-20-7862-5152; e-mail: mailto:info@biicl.org

SECOND SESSION OF THE PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES: 12 May 2003 - 24 May 2003. New York, United States. The meeting is organized by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. For more information contact: Secretariat of the Permanent Forum; tel: +1-917-367-5100; e-mail: mailto:indigenouspermanentforum@un.org; Internet: http://www.unhchr.ch/indigenous/forum.htm

THIRD INTERNATIONAL BALKAN BOTANICAL CONGRESS - PLANT RESOURCES IN CREATION OF THE NEW VALUES: 18 May 2003 - 24 May 2003. Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. This congress is organized by the University of Sarajevo. For more information contact: the Congress Organizing Committee; tel: +387-33-649-196; fax: +387-33-649-196; e-mail: mailto:3bbc@email.com; Internet: http://tibbc-2003.pmf.unsa.ba

CONFERENCE ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND THE NEW TRADE AGENDA: 19 May 2003 - 20 May 2003. London, United Kingdom. This RIIA conference will address questions related to food production, transportation, and sales - issues that are often subject to contradictory pressures in the WTO Doha Round and the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). For more information contact: RIIA; tel: +44-20-7957-5700; fax: +44-20-7957-5710; e-mail: mailto:contact@riia.org; Internet: http://www.riia.org

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RURAL LIVELIHOODS, FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY: 19 May 2003 - 23 May 2003. Bonn, Germany. This conference will consider the role of forests in supporting rural livelihoods in developing countries and in maintaining biodiversity. For more information contact: William Sunderlin; tel: +251-622-622; fax: +251-622-100; e-mail: mailto:w.sunderlin@cgiar.org; Internet: http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/shared/template/livelihoodconference.asp

2010:THE BIODIVERSITY CHALLENGE: 21 May 2003 - 23 May 2003. London, United Kingdom. This second "Biodiversity after Johannesburg" meeting will follow up on the first that was held from 2-4 March 2003. Organized by the CBD, UNEP-WCMC and UNDP, it is intended to lead to an improved understanding of what the CBD target of significantly reducing biodiversity loss by 2010 actually means in real terms, and how to know whether the targets have been achieved. For more information contact: Jerry Harrison, UNEP, World Conservation Monitoring Centre; e-mail: mailto:Jerry.Harrison@unep-wcmc.org; Internet: http://www.unep-wcmc.org

55TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: 16 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Berlin, Germany. This meeting will be preceded by meetings of the Scientific Committee and various sub-groups. For more information contact: International Whaling Commission; tel: +44-0-1223-233971; fax: +44-0-1223-232876; e-mail: mailto:iwc@iwcoffice.org; Internet: http://www.iwcoffice.org/2003_meeting.htm

FOURTH TRONDHEIM CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND CAPACITY BUILDING: 23 June 2003 - 27 June 2003. Trondheim, Norway. The conference is organized by the Norwegian Ministry of Environment in collaboration with UNEP. For more information contact: Trondheim Conference Secretariat; tel: +47-22-24-5700; fax: +47-73-80-1401; e-mail: mailto:rita.strand@nina.no; Internet: http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/abs/abswscb-01/other/abswscb-01-norway-en.pdf

26TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION: 30 June 2003 - 7 July 2003. Rome, Italy. For more information contact: Secretariat of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme; tel: +39-06-5705-1; fax: +39-06-5705-4593; e-mail: mailto:codex@fao.org ; Internet: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp

FIFTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE: 7 July 2003 - 17 July 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting is organized by WIPO. For more information contact: Kamil Idris; tel: +41-22-338-8161; Internet: http://www.wipo.org/documents/en/meetings/2003/igc/index_5.htm

SEMINAR ON CHALLENGES AND RISKS OF GMOS - WHAT RISK ANALYSIS IS APPROPRIATE? OPTIONS FOR FUTURE POLICY MAKING TOWARDS INTEGRATED AGRO-FOOD SYSTEMS: 16 July 2003 - 18 July 2003. Maastricht, Netherlands. This Seminar will present the multinational framework determining scope and restrictions for national policies and border protection. Relevant WTO-Agreements on Standard Setting, Labeling Requirements and Intellectual Property Rights will be considered. Parallel Multinational Agreements are presented and their respective relation to WTO Agreements clarified. For more information contact: Ruggero Lala; tel: +31-20-620-0225; fax: +31-20-624-9368; e-mail: mailto:ruggero.lala@amsu.edu; Internet: http://www.amsu.edu/courses/law/publ12003.htm

19TH MEETING OF THE CITES ANIMALS COMMITTEE: 18 August 2003 - 21 August 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting is organized by the CITES Secretariat. For more information contact: CITES Secretariat; tel: +41-22-917-8139; fax: +41-22-797-3417; e-mail: mailto:cites@unep.ch; Internet: http://www.cites.org

EUROPARC 2003: 27 August 2003 - 31 August 2003. Stryn, Norway. Sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Environment, the Europarc General Assembly will meet to discuss ways to balance between nature conservation and local economic development in protected areas in Europe. Recommendations will be forwarded to the World Parks Congress in Durban, SA, in September 2003. For more information contact: Europarc 2003 Conference Office; tel: +47-57-877200; fax: +47-57-877201; e-mail: mailto:office@europarc2003.no; Internet: http://www.europarc2003.no

FIFTH WORLD PARKS CONGRESS - BENEFITS BEYOND BOUNDARIES: 8 September 2003 - 17 September 2003. Durban, South Africa. The congress occurs once every decade and is sponsored by the IUCN. For more information contact: Peter Shadie, IUCN Programme on Protected Areas; tel: +41-22-999-0159; fax: +41-22-999-0025; e-mail: mailto:pds@iucn.org; Internet: http://wcpa.iucn.org/wpc/wpc.html

THIRD MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCE: 22 September 2003 - 27 September 2003. Istanbul, Turkey. A special session of the third triennial meeting of the European Academy of Forensic Science will be dedicated to wildlife forensics. For more information contact: EAFS 2003 Istanbul Meeting Secretariat; tel: +90-212-287-5800; fax: +90-212-263-4581; e-mail: mailto:eafs2003@enfsi.org; Internet: http://www.eafs2003.org

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON FOREST PROTECTED AREAS: 6 November 2003 - 8 November 2003. Montreal, Canada. This workshop is sponsored by the Convention on Biological Diversity. For more information contact: CBD Secretariat; tel: +1-514-288-2220; fax: +1-514-288-6588; e-mail: mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org; Internet: http://www.biodiv.org

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FIRST SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP (OEWG 1) OF THE BASEL CONVENTION: 28 April 2003 - 2 May 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: Basel Secretariat; tel: +41-22-917-8218; fax: +41-22-797-3454; e-mail: mailto:sbc@unep.ch; Internet: http://www.unep.ch/basel/meetings/Oewg%2003-04-28/oewg1-pre.htm

SEVENTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE OF THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION: 14 July 2003 - 18 July 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: Interim Secretariat for the Stockholm Convention; tel: +41-22-917-8191; fax: +41-22-797-3460; e-mail: mailto:ssc@chemicals.unep.ch; Internet: http://www.chem.unep.ch/pops/newlayout/calendar_of_events.htm

FOURTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON CHEMICAL SAFETY: 1 November 2003 - 7 November 2003. Bangkok, Thailand. FORUM V will take place in Hungary in late 2005 or 2006. For more information contact: Judy Stober, IFCS Executive Secretary; tel: +41-22-791-3650; fax: +41-22-791-4875; e-mail: mailto:ifcs@who.ch; Internet: http://www.ifcs.ch

SECOND SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP (OEWG 2) OF THE BASEL CONVENTION: 3 November 2003 - 7 November 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: Basel Secretariat; tel: +41-22-917-8218; fax: +41-22-797-3454; e-mail: mailto:sbc@unep.ch; Internet: http://www.unep.ch/basel/

PIC INC-10: 17 November 2003 - 21 November 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) for an international legally binding instrument for the application of the PIC procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade will be held in Geneva in November 2003. For more information contact: Interim Secretariat for the Rotterdam Convention, UNEP Chemicals Unit; tel: +41-22-917-8183; fax: +41-22-797-3460; e-mail: mailto:pic@unep.ch; Internet: http://www.pic.int/en/viewpage.asp?Id_Cat=89&mTitre=WHAT%60S+NEW

THIRD SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP (OEWG 3) OF THE BASEL CONVENTION: 26 April 2004 - 30 April 2004. Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: Basel Secretariat; tel: +41-22-917-8218; fax: +41-22-797-3454; e-mail: mailto:sbc@unep.ch; Internet: http://www.unep.ch/basel/

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP7) TO THE BASEL CONVENTION: 25 October 2004 - 29 October 2004. Geneva, Switzerland. Basel COP-7 is tentatively scheduled to be held in Geneva from 25-29 October 2004. For more information contact: Basel Secretariat; tel: +41-22-917-8218; fax: +41-22-797-3454; e-mail: mailto:sbc@unep.ch; Internet: http://www.unep.ch/basel/

/CLIMATE AND ATMOSPHERE

WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURING, FINANCING, AND MONITORING PPP PROJECTS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR: 7 April 2003 - 25 April 2003. Washington, DC, United States. Participants to this workshop will learn how to identify, design, structure, implement, and monitor public-private partnership (PPP) projects in the energy sector. For more information contact: tel: +1-202-466-8930; fax: +1-202-466-8934; e-mail: mailto:training@ip3.org; Internet: http://www.ip3.org/t_workshops_1305.htm

14TH ANNUAL EARTH TECHNOLOGIES FORUM (ETF): 22 April 2003 - 24 April 2003. Washington DC, United States. The Earth Technologies Forum provides information on two significant environmental issues affecting industry today - climate change and stratospheric ozone protection. Technology development and dissemination are critical for industry's response to these environmental problems. Three days of conference sessions will provide a forum for discussion of current technologies and efforts to bring them into the marketplace. The conference agenda is developed by a committee of international industry, government and academic experts to provide a comprehensive and intensive programme. For more information contact: ETF; tel: +1-703-807-4052; fax: +1-703-528-1734; e-mail: mailto:earthforum@alcalde-fay.com; Internet: http://www.earthforum.com

SIXTH WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE POLICY: 25 April 2003 - 26 April 2003. Vienna, Austria. For more information contact: Clemens Ploechl; e-mail: mailto:c.ploechl@ic-vienna.at

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON RESTRUCTURING THE ENERGY SECTOR IN TRANSITION COUNTRIES - LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES AHEAD: 28 April 2003 - 30 April 2003. Leipzig, Germany. This event is organized by Verbundnetz Gas AG, Stadtwerke Leipzig and the World Bank. Online information is available in German, English, Russian and Chinese. For more information contact: Pauline Massart; tel: +49-341-1492-393; e-mail: mailto:p.massart@ombiasy.com; Internet: http://www.restc.com/english/framesets/home_e.html

CONFERENCE ON GHG REGISTRIES - THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF CLIMATE POLICY: 4 May 2003 - 6 May 2003. San Francisco, CA, United States. Hosted by the California Climate Action Registry, IETA and BP, this conference is designed to provide useful information and insights to companies, policymakers and NGOs. Participants will attend sessions on: registries from the perspective of participants; transaction/trading issues and registries; registries, truth and trust; and economic perspectives. There will also be workshops on industry-based intensity metrics, value-chain accounting analysis and best practices for reducing GHG emissions. For more information contact: California Climate Action Registry; tel: +1-213-891-1444; fax: +1-213-623-6716; e-mail: mailto:info@climateregistry.org; Internet: http://www.climateregistry.org/

XIX LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (CLER): 5 May 2003 - 10 May 2003. Havana, Cuba. For more information contact: Internet: http://www.geprop.cu/cler/cler.htm

EUROPEAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE NEW DELHI WORK PROGRAMME ON UNFCCC ARTICLE 6: 6 May 2003 - 8 May 2003. Le Grand Hornu, Belgium. For more information contact: UNFCCC Secretariat; tel: +49-228-815-1000; fax: +49-228-815-1999; e-mail: mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int; Internet: http://unfccc.int/sessions/workshop/060503/index.html

THE FOURTH SUSTAIN WORLD SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION: 13 May 2003 - 14 May 2003. Amsterdam, Netherlands. This annual conference will consider development trends in renewable energy, clean energy and energy efficiency. The programme will cover a range of topics, including regulatory, strategic and technical developments in wind, offshore, biomass, solar/PV, solar/thermal, ocean, waste-to-energy, emissions and CO2 trading. For more information contact: EcoSecurities; tel: +31-20-549-1212; fax: +31- 34-655-6537; e-mail: mailto:info@sustain2003.com; Internet: http://www.sustain2003.com/

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (ICEE): 22 May 2003 - 24 May 2003. Shanghai, China. Organized by the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology and George Washington University, this conference aims to provide an international forum for the discussion of clean city energy and related topics. For more information contact: Daoping Liu; tel: +86-21-6568-9564; fax: +86-21-6568-0843; e-mail: mailto:dpliu@online.sh.cn; Internet: http://www.gwu.edu/%7Eeem/ICEE/firstpagenew.htm

UNFCCC SB-18: 4 June 2003 - 13 June 2003. Bonn, Germany. The Subsidiary bodies will meet to continue negotiations on the institutional and implementation aspects of the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol. For more information contact: UNFCCC Secretariat; tel: +49-228-815-1000; fax: +49-228-815-1999; e-mail: mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int; Internet: http://www.unfccc.int

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURE (ICRCCA 2003): 5 June 2003 - 7 June 2003. Chhattisgarh, India. For more information contact: A.S.R.A.S. Sastri; tel: +91-771-2442557; fax: +91-771-2442131

14TH INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON UTILITY REGULATION AND STRATEGY: 9 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Gainesville, Florida, United States. Since 1997, over 1,100 regulators and managers from 110 countries have attended this two-week course that the Public Utility Research Center (PURC) has offered in cooperation with the World Bank. The purpose of the programme is to improve infrastructure performance, through strengthening the capacities of nations to regulate utilities, including water. For more information contact: Sanford V. Berg, Director, PURC; tel: +1-352-392-3655; fax: +1-352-392-5090; e-mail: mailto:purcecon@notes.cba.ufl.edu; Internet: http://bear.cba.ufl.edu/centers/purc/international/fourteen.htm

INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY (ISES) SOLAR WORLD CONGRESS 2003: 14 June 2003 - 19 June 2003. Göteborg, Sweden. The congress' scientific programme addresses financial, environmental and policy issues relating to solar energy. For more information contact: ISES; tel: +46-31-81-8220; fax: +46-31-81-8225; e-mail: mailto:ISES2003@gbg.congrex.se; Internet: http://www.congrex.com/ISES2003/

2003 DUBROVNIK CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS: 15 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Dubrovnik, Croatia. Sponsored by UNESCO, this conference will focus on the following objectives, to: promote a new field of sustainability science that seeks to understand the fundamental interactions between nature and society; discuss sustainability and its relation to global development; present and evaluate energy, water and environment system models; present multicriteria assessment of energy, water and environment systems taking into a consideration economic, social, environmental and resource use aspects. For more information contact: fax: +385-1-6156940; e-mail: mailto:dubrovnik2003@fsb.hr; Internet: http://www.dubrovnik2003.fsb.hr

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL: 17 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Vienna, Austria. For more information contact: Secretariat for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol; tel: +254-20-62-3850; fax: +254-20-62-3601; e-mail: mailto:Marco.Gonzalez@unep.org; Internet: http://www.unep.org/ozone/meet2003.shtml

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EARTH SYSTEM MODELING: 15 September 2003 - 19 September 2003. Hamburg, Germany. The conference is held four years after the Fourth International Conference on Modelling of Global Climate Change and Variability. It will address global, regional and reducted complexity modelling, provide an opportunity to present new results in this field, and discuss recent developments and plans for the future. For more information contact: Max Planck Institute for Meteorology; tel: +49-40-41173-311; fax: +49-40-41173-366; e-mail: mailto:mpi-conference2003@dkrz.de; Internet: http://www.mpimet.mpg.de

CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE UK: IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH: 16 September 2003. University of Leicester, Leicester, United Kingdom. The aim of the seminar is to explore the possible impacts of climate change and how these will affect the well-being and quality of life in the UK public. For more information contact: Miriam Turner, MRC Institute for Environment and Health, Leicester University; tel: +44-116-223-1616; fax: +44-116-223-1601; e-mail: mailto:msto1@leicester.ac.uk; Internet: http://www.le.ac.uk/ieh/news/news.html

AIR POLLUTION 2003 - 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MODELLING, MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT OF AIR POLLUTION: 17 September 2003 - 19 September 2003. Catania, Italy. For more information contact: Conference Secretariat; tel: +44-0-238-029-3223; fax: +44-0-238-029-2853; e-mail: mailto:shobbs@wessex.ac.uk; Internet: http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/air03/index.html

THE THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE: 29 September 2003 - 3 October 2003. Moscow, Russia. The conference aims to address key scientific issues and policy responses to the problem of climate change. For more information contact: Conference Secretariat; tel: +95-252-0708; fax: +95-252-0708; e-mail: mailto:wccc2003@mecom.ru; Internet: http://www.meteo.ru/wccc2003/econc.htm

16TH WORLD LP GAS FORUM: 15 October 2003 - 17 October 2003. Santiago, Chile. Focused on sustainable energy policies and analysis of LP Gas market trends, business practices and marketing strategies, this Forum will have a Latin American dimension. For more information contact: Organizing Secretariat c/o COLLOQUIUM; tel: +33-1-44-641515; fax: +33-1-44-641516; e-mail: mailto:worldlpgas@colloquium.fr; Internet: http://www.worldlpgas.com/forum

15TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL (MOP-15): 10 November 2003 - 14 November 2003. Nairobi, Kenya. For more information contact: Secretariat for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol; tel: +254-20-62-3850; fax: +254-20-62-3601; e-mail: mailto:Marco.Gonzalez@unep.org; Internet: http://www.unep.org/ozone/meet2003.shtml

SECOND WORLD WIND ENERGY CONFERENCE - RENEWABLE ENERGY EXHIBITION 2003: 23 November 2003 - 26 November 2003. Cape Town, South Africa. This conference will address technological issues in addition to policy and regulatory aspects, funding, return on investment and environmental impact of wind energy. For more information contact: The Registrar; tel: +27-21-914-2888; fax: +27-21-914-2890; e-mail: mailto:registrar@sbs.co.za; Internet: http://www.sbs.co.za/wwec2003/

UNFCCC COP-9: 1 December 2003 - 12 December 2003. Milan, Italy. The ninth Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change will continue deliberations from SB-18. For more information contact: UNFCCC Secretariat; tel: +49-228-815-1000; fax: +49-228-815-1999; e-mail: mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int; Internet: http://www.unfccc.int/

19TH WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS: 5 September 2004 - 9 September 2004. Sydney, Australia. This Congress is the pre-eminent international Energy Industry event. A Technical Programme will focus on key energy issues covering a wide range of topics within the energy industry. For more information contact: 19th World Energy Congress Managers; tel: +612-9248-0800; fax: +612-9248-0894; e-mail: mailto:energy2004@tourhosts.com.au; Internet: http://www.tourhosts.com.au/energy2004/

/FORESTS, DESERTS, LAND

FOURTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE PROTECTION OF FORESTS IN EUROPE: 28 April 2003 - 30 April 2003. Vienna, Austria. The European ministers responsible for forests will take further decisions to promote the progress towards the protection and sustainable management of forests in Europe. The Conference will be held under the joint chairmanship of Austria and Poland and is open to participants and observers of the MCPFE. For more information contact: Peter Mayer, Liaison Unit Vienna; tel: +43-1-710-7702; fax: +43-1-710-7702-13; e-mail: mailto:liaison.unit@lu-vienna.at; Internet: http://www.mcpfe.org

FAO-ECE FOREST COMMUNICATORS NETWORK: 5 May 2003 - 9 May 2003. Edinburgh, United Kingdom. This is the annual meeting of the Team of Public Relations Specialists in the Forest and Forest Industries Sector, which was created by the UN-ECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission to support the overall goal of creating a positive image of the forest sector. For more information contact: Timber Section, UN-ECE Trade Division; fax: +41-22-917-0041; e-mail: mailto:info.timber@unece.org; Internet: http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/pr/pr.htm

ITTC-34: 12 May 2003 - 17 May 2003. Panama City, Panama. The thirty-fourth session of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC-34) will convene on these dates. The First Preparatory Committee for the negotiations of the Successor Agreement to ITTA, 1994 will be held immediately following the session. For more information contact: Alastair Sarre, ITTO Secretariat; tel: +81-45-223-1110; fax: +81-45-223-1111; e-mail: mailto:editor@itto.or.jp; Internet: http://www.itto.or.jp

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RURAL LIVELIHOODS, FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY: 19 May 2003 - 23 May 2003. Bonn, Germany. This conference will consider the role of forests in supporting rural livelihoods in developing countries and in maintaining biodiversity. Key objectives are to survey current knowledge, and identify policy lessons and a future research strategy. Organizers include the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the German Foundation for International Development (DSE), in collaboration with Germany's Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and 'Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit'(GTZ). For more information contact: William Sunderlin; tel: +251-622-622; fax: +251-622-100; e-mail: mailto:w.sunderlin@cgiar.org; Internet: http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/shared/template/livelihoodconference.asp

CENTRAL AMERICAN CONGRESS ON FORESTRY: 21 May 2003 - 23 May 2003. Panama City, Panama.Organized by the Association of Central American Forestry Professionals (ACAPROF), this Fifth Central American Congress on Forestry will bring together researchers, experts, technicians, indigenous peoples, entrepreneurs, teachers and professionals from science and technology institutions to discuss their findings, field experiences and main results from their most recent research. For more information contact: Irving R. Díaz, ACAPROF; e-mail: mailto:irving_diaz@hotmail.com; Internet: http://www.catie.ac.cr/news/notas/nota24.htm

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS OF SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT: 22 May 2003 - 24 May 2003. Toronto, Canada. This conference, which will meet at the University of Toronto, will focus on economic principles, theories, methods, and models reflective of the distinct features of sustainable forest management. For more information contact: Shashi Kant, Conference Secretariat; tel: +1-416-978-6196; fax: +1-416-978-3834; e-mail: mailto:shashi.kant@utoronto.ca; Internet: http://www.forestry.utoronto.ca/socio_economic/icesfm/

THIRD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON FORESTS (UNFF-3): : 26 May 2003 - 6 June 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. Delegates will discuss a variety of issues, including: means of implementation; progress in implementation, specifically related to economic aspects of forests, forest health and productivity, and maintaining forest cover to meet present and future needs; and common items. For more information contact: Mia Soderlund, UNFF Secretariat; tel: +1-212-963-3262; fax: +1-212-963-4260; e-mail: mailto:unff@un.org; Internet: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm

THE FOREST SCIENCE/POLICY INTERFACE IN EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST WORKSHOP: 23 June 2003 - 27 June 2003. Copenhagen, Denmark. This workshop will cover issues related to the management of natural and plantation forests and woodlands for economic, social and environmental goods and services in the European-African region and the Middle East. For more information contact: John Parrotta, IUFRO Division 1; tel: +1-703-605-4178; fax: +1-703-605-5131; e-mail: mailto:jparrotta@fs.fed.us; Internet: http://www.flec.kvl.dk/

PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT SEMINAR: 7 August 2003 - 23 August 2003. Missoula, Montana, United States. This meeting will address integrated planning for protected areas, community involvement, tourism, concessions and visitor management, and communication, marketing and environmental education. For more information contact: Wayne Freimund; tel: +1-406-243-5148; fax: +1-406-243-6656; e-mail: mailto:wayne@forestry.umt.edu; Internet: http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/ispam/welcome.htm

INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM SERIES ON LAND USE/COVER CHANGE SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS – STUDYING LAND USE EFFECTS IN COASTAL ZONES WITH REMOTE SENSING AND GIS: 13 August 2003 - 16 August 2003. Kemer/Antalya, Turkey. This is the first conference of a new colloquium series devoted to the issues of changes in coastal zones as related to land use. For more information contact: Garik Gutman, Land Cover-Land Use Change Program, NASA HQ; tel: +1-202-358-0276; fax: +1-202-358-2770; e-mail: mailto:ggutman@hq.nasa.gov; Internet: http://www.ins.itu.edu.tr/rslucoast1/

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON FOREST AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT: 24 August 2003 - 11 September 2003. Denver, Colorado, United States. This seminar's themes are global perspective, policy, programmes and administration, sustainable management, and research and technology transfer. For more information contact: Ann Keith, Seminar Coordinator; tel: +1-970-482-8098; fax: +1-970-490-2449; e-mail: mailto:IFS@cnr.colostate.edu; Internet: http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/ispam/welcome.htm

UNCCD COP-6: 25 August 2003 - 5 September 2003. Havana, Cuba. For more information contact: UNCCD Secretariat; tel: +49-228-815-2802; fax: +49-228-815-2898/99; e-mail: mailto:secretariat@unccd.int; Internet: http://www.unccd.int/main.php

SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR ON FOREST RESEARCH CROSSING BORDERS: 28 August 2003 - 29 August 2003. Joensuu, Finland. Topics for this seminar include the role of forests in creating welfare, effect of global change on sustainable forest management, and better information for good governance of forests. For more information contact: Anu Ruusila, European Forest Institute; tel: +358-13-252-0215; fax: +358-13-124-393; e-mail: mailto:anu.ruusila@efi.fi; Internet: http://www.efi.fi/events/2003/10AC/seminar.html

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TROPICAL SAVANNAS AND SEASONALLY DRY FORESTS – ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT: 14 September 2003 - 20 September 2003. Edinburgh, United Kingdom. For more information contact: Edinburgh Centre for Tropical Forests; tel: +44-131-440-0400; fax: +44-131-440-4141; e-mail: mailto:savanna-conference@ectf-ed.org.uk; Internet: http://www.nmw.ac.uk/ectf/events.htm#International

12TH WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS: 21 September 2003 - 28 September 2003. Quebec City, Canada. The World Forestry Congress of 2003 welcomes everyone interested in forests and trees, and their future and sustainable management throughout the world. Organized under the auspices of the FAO, the congress is held every six years. For more information contact: World Forestry Congress 2003 Secretariat; tel: +1-418-694-2424; fax: +1-418-694-9922; e-mail: mailto:sec-gen@wfc2003.org; Internet: http://www.wfc2003.org

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECORESTORATION: 23 September 2003 - 30 September 2003. Dehradun and New Delhi, India. The main objectives of the Conference are, to: review the existing knowledge on ecological, socio-economic and environmental dimensions of degradation of land and water resources, especially in the developing countries; document ecorestoration approaches with case studies in different countries; review the impacts of government policies on ecorestoration of degraded environments; provide a sound scientific basis for developing appropriate policy framework for ecorestoration in developing countries; and identify areas of interdisciplinary research relevant to ecorestoration of land and water resources. For more information contact: Brij Gopal, Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University; tel: +91-11-610-7676 ext 2324; fax: +91-11-616-9962 or 61; e-mail: mailto:brij@nieindia.org; Internet: http://www.nieindia.org/conferences.htm

INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION: 3 October 2003 - 6 October 2003. Sydney, Australia. The Third International Wildland Fire Conference is designed to stimulate the wildland fire industry and provide impetus for ongoing global cohesion. For more information contact: Conference and Exhibition Managers; tel: +61-2-9248-0800; fax: +61-2-9248-0894; e-mail: mailto:wildlandfire03@tourhosts.com.au; Internet: http://www.wildlandfire03.com/home.asp

ITTC-35: 3 November 2003 - 8 November 2003. Yokohama, Japan. The thirty-fifth session of the International Tropical Timber Council will convene from 3-8 November 2003. For more information contact: Alastair Sarre, ITTO Secretariat; tel: +81-45-223-1110; fax: +81-45-223-1111; e-mail: mailto:editor@itto.or.jp; Internet: http://www.itto.or.jp

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON FOREST PROTECTED AREAS: 6 November 2003 - 8 November 2003. Montreal, Canada. This workshop is sponsored by the Convention on Biological Diversity. For more information contact: CBD Secretariat; tel: +1-514-288-2220; fax: +1-514-288-6588; e-mail: mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org; Internet: http://www.biodiv.org

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON QUALITY TIMBER PRODUCTS OF TEAK FROM SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT: 2 December 2003 - 5 December 2003. Peechi, Kerala, India. This conference will address the various issues involved in the Tree-to-Product wood chain. It is targeted at both the public and private sectors concerned with timber production. For more information contact: K. M. Bhat, Convener, International Teak Conference 2003; tel: +91-487-269-9037; fax: +91-487-269-9249; e-mail: mailto:kmbhat@kfri.org; Internet: http://www.kfri.org/html/k0500frm.htm

19TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE (ICID): 10 September 2005 - 18 September 2005. Beijing, China. For more information contact: Chinese National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage; tel: +86-10-6841-5522/6841-6506; fax: +86-10-6845-1169; e-mail: mailto:cncid@iwhr.com ; Internet: http://www.icid.org/index_e.html

/HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

19TH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UN-HABITAT: 5 May 2003 - 9 May 2003. Nairobi, Kenya. This session will discuss UN-HABITAT's work programme for 2004-2005 and the proposed budget for UN-Habitat and the Human Settlements Foundation for the same biennium. It will also follow-up on the 25th special session of the General Assembly to get an appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Istanbul +5) and consider cooperation between UN-HABITAT and UNEP, as well as cooperation with other UN agencies and organizations, IGOs, and NGOs. The two main themes of the session are "Urban development strategies and shelter strategies favouring the poor" and "The rural dimension of sustainable urban development." For more information contact: Joseph Mungai; tel: +254-2-623133; fax: +254-2- 624175; e-mail: mailto:Joseph.Mungai@unhabitat.org; Internet: http://www.unhabitat.org/governingbodies/default.asp

FOURTH WORLD FORUM OF PARLIAMENTARIANS ON HABITAT: 12 May 2003 - 14 May 2003. Berlin, Germany. For more information contact: Francisco Bautista González; tel: +52-55-345-3070; fax: +52-55-345-3599; e-mail: mailto:fbautista.apri@senado.gob.mx; Internet: http://www.unhabitat.org/conference/Programa_ING._21.01.pdf

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE URBAN DIMENSIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE – SCIENCE, EXPOSURES, POLICIES, AND TECHNOLOGIES: 3 June 2003 - 6 June 2003. Shanghai, China. This conference will examine causes, impacts, and responses to environmental change in the world's major cities and urban areas. Topics for the conference will include policy, regulation, technology, impact adaptation, mitigation, and remediation. For more information contact: Urban Dimensions of Environmental Change Conference; fax: +973-655-4072; e-mail: mailto:udec@mail.montclair.edu or udec@montclair.edu; Internet: http://www.montclair.edu/globaled/shanghai

THIRD INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN ECOSYSTEM HEALTH - ECOSYSTEM HEALTH: NEW THINKING FOR NEW CHALLENGES: 10 June 2003 - 13 June 2003. London, ON, Canada. This event will explore the changing nature of many of today's key ecosystem health issues, including: emerging diseases, urban environments, and globalization, and will address the need for new paradigms to meet these new challenges. The course will focus both on defining the problems facing humankind and developing realistic solutions to them. For more information contact: Jennifer Hounsell; tel: +1-519-661-2111 x86223; fax: +1-519-661-3737; e-mail: mailto:jennifer.hounsell@fmd.uwo.ca; Internet: http://www.med.uwo.ca/ecosystemhealth/activities/shortcourse/2003/

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS ON HEALTH: 17 September 2003 - 19 September 2003. Catania, Italy. For more information contact: tel: +44-0-238-029-3223; fax: +44-0-238-029-2853; e-mail: mailto:shobbs@wessex.ac.uk; Internet: http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/healthrisk03/index.html

13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS AND STIS IN AFRICA (ICASA): 21 September 2003 - 26 September 2003. Nairobi, Kenya. ICASA is a forum for African scientists, social leaders, political leaders and communities, who come together every two years to share experiences and updates on the responses to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The conference will meet to, inter alia: review and discuss updates on major advances in understanding HIV/AIDS; provide a forum for critical analysis of various responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic; discuss responses and their impacts on the course and status of the epidemic; and to outline and set effective strategies and priorities for dealing with the epidemic from an African point of view. For more information contact: ICASA Secretariat; tel: +254-2-2715109/44/27; fax: +254-2-2711072/231; e-mail: mailto:icasa2003@todays.co.ke; Internet: http://www.icasanairobi2003.org/secretariat.htm

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY: 10 December 2003 - 12 December 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. This Summit will take place in two phases: in Geneva, December 2003, to be followed up in Tunis two years later. The Information Society is at the heart of the political, social, cultural and economic questions confronting us in the beginning of the 21st century. The focus of the Information Society Summit is not technology but the human being - we must keep in mind that it is not enough to be connected to resolve the fundamental problems that exist in the world. For more information contact: Executive Secretariat - Civil Society Division; tel: +41-22-730-6304; fax: +41-22-730-6393; e-mail: mailto:info@geneva2003.org; Internet: http://www.itu.int/wsis/

/INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

29TH FAO COMMITTEE MEETING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY: 12 May 2003 - 16 May 2003. Rome, Italy. Open to all UN member states, the Committee on World Food Security serves as a forum to review and follow-up on policies concerning world food security, including food production, sustainable use of natural resources for food security, nutrition, physical and economic access to food and other food security related aspects of poverty eradication, and the implications of food trade for world food security. For more information contact: FAO Economic and Social Department; tel: +39-6-5705-4358; Internet: http://www.fao.org/DOCREP/MEETING/006/Y8640e.HTM

GEF COUNCIL MEETING: 14 May 2003 - 16 May 2003. Washington, DC, United States. The Global Environment Facility (GEF) will hold its annual council meeting to discuss, *inter alia*, relations with other conventions, the operational programme for prevention and control of desertification and deforestation through sustainable land management, monitoring and evaluation, and the Facility's business plan. For more information contact: GEF Secretariat; tel: +1-202-473-0508; fax: +1-202-522-3240; e-mail: mailto:secretariatofgef@worldbank.org; Internet: http://gefweb.org/Whats_New/C.21.1_Provisional_Agenda.doc

ABCDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING: 15 May 2003 - 16 May 2003. Paris, France. The Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics in Europe offers a platform for debate that recognizes Europe's role in development assistance. Presentations by leading development thinkers are on the agenda, and the conference is designed to bring the Bank's research on development into closer contact with European perspectives. For more information contact: Jean-Christophe Bas, World Bank; tel: +33-1-40-693035; fax: +33-1-47-237436; e-mail: mailto:jbas@worldbank.org; Internet: http://wbln0018.worldbank.org/EURVP/web.nsf/Pages/ABCDE%20Home%20Page

EC ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE: 26 May 2003 - 27 May 2003. Volos, Greece. The European Commission conference on environmental governance will focus on sustainable tourism, with the aim of enhancing cooperation between all stakeholders at the local, regional, national, and European levels. Workshops will address, *inter alia*, the responsible use of natural resources; nature protection and conservation; integrated coastal zone management and eco-development of mountain areas; and information, awareness-raising, and marketing as key elements to promote sustainable tourism. For more information contact: Edward Cameron, DG Environment; tel: +32-2-230-5310; e-mail: mailto:edward@cameronsds.com; Internet: http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/governance/03052627secondannouncement_en.doc

EUROPEAN GREEN WEEK CONFERENCE: 2 June 2003 - 5 June 2003. Brussels, Belgium. The European Commission's Environment Directorate-General is sponsoring a 'Green Week' conference aimed at bringing together local, regional and national decision-makers, as well as environmental stakeholders such as companies, industry associations and non-governmental organizations. Key environmental issues to be discussed include sustainable consumption and production, renewable energy, climate change and water. For more information contact: EC/EDG; fax: +32-2-29-69560; e-mail: mailto:env-greenweek@cec.eu.int; Internet: http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/greenweek/index_en.htm

27TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE: 29 June 2003 - 5 July 2003. Suzhou, China. The World Heritage Committee meets once a year to select new cultural and natural sites for the World Heritage List. For more information contact: World Heritage Centre, UNESCO; tel: +33-1-4568-5570; e-mail: mailto:wh-info@unesco.org; Internet: http://www.27whc.org/en/home.asp

EUROPARC 2003: 27 August 2003 - 31 August 2003. Stryn, Norway. Sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Environment, the Europarc General Assembly will meet to discuss ways to balance between nature conservation and local economic development in protected areas in Europe. Recommendations will be forwarded to the World Parks Congress in Durban, SA, in September 2003. For more information contact: Europarc 2003 Conference Office; tel: +47-57-877200; fax: +47-57-877201; e-mail: mailto:office@europarc2003.no; Internet: http://www.europarc2003.no

2003 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE WORLD BANK GROUP AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND: 23 September 2003 - 24 September 2003. Dubai, United Arab Emirates For more information contact: tel: +971-4-222-5522; fax: +971-4-222-6655; e-mail: mailto:generalenquiries@dubai2003.co.ae; Internet: http://www.dubai2003.org/

/TRADE AND INVESTMENT

SECOND INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON TRADE FACILITATION - SHARING THE GAINS OF GLOBALIZ ATION IN THE NEW SECURITY ENVIRONMENT: 14 May 2003 - 15 May 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. Organized by the UN Economic Commission for Europe, this Forum aims to define practical measures to progress trade facilitation in the new international environment, highlighting possible ways of constructing an equitable mechanism of facilitating trade, and allowing small and large countries and businesses to share the benefits. Workshops on technical issues and intellectual property rights in trade facilitation will be organized in parallel. For more information contact: Mario Apostolov, Forum Coordinator; tel: +41-22-917-1134; fax: +41-22-917-0034; e-mail: mailto:mario.apostolov@unece.org; Internet: http://www.unece.org/trade/forums/forum03/index.htm

CONFERENCE ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND THE NEW TRADE AGENDA: 19 May 2003 - 20 May 2003. London, United Kingdom. This two-day conference hosted by the Royal Institute for International Affairs will address questions related to food production, transportation, and sales - issues that are often subject to contradictory pressures in the WTO Doha Round of trade negotiations and the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). For more information contact: RIIA; tel: +44-20-7957-5700; fax: +44-20-7957-5710; e-mail: mailto:contact@riia.org; Internet: http://www.riia.org

MONTERREY BRIDGE COALITION MEXICO ACTION SUMMIT: 2 June 2003 - 3 June 2003. Mexico City, Mexico. This summit will call together leaders and stakeholders from around the world to explore how increased food production to feed the rural poor can be made compatible with natural resource management and biodiversity stewardship. Conference participants will examine how international trade and domestic subsidy policies can be reformed to make sustainable development possible, and the summit will provide an action programme for cooperation between business, governments, multilateral institutions and civil society from developing and developed countries. For more information contact: Secretariat-Monterrey Bridge Coalition, Future Harvest Foundation; tel: +1-202-223-1313; Internet: http://www.futureharvest.org/

WTO PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM: CHALLENGES AHEAD ON THE ROAD TO CANCÚN: 16 June 2003 - 18 June 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. The WTO is hosting a public symposium on the challenges being faced by WTO Members, in anticipation of the September Ministerial meeting in Cancún, Mexico. The symposium will feature an opening plenary followed by work sessions on key subjects being negotiated in the Doha Round. Topics include trade and development, issues related to agriculture, trade in services and trade and environment. Time will be set aside for governments, parliamentarians and civil society to organise their own events during the symposium on issues of their choice. For more information contact: Bernard Kuiten; tel: +41-22-739-5676; e-mail: mailto:symposium2003@wto.org; Internet: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dda_e/symp_devagenda_03_e.htm

10TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NAFTA COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND COOPERATION: 23 June 2003 - 25 June 2003. Washington, DC, United States. During this session, the Council will examine opportunities and challenges for enhancing North America's environmental cooperation, and identify priorities for 2004 and beyond. Members of the public are invited to attend. For more information contact: Daniel Brevé; tel: +1-514-350-4368; fax: +1-514-350-4345; e-mail: mailto:dbreve@ccemtl.org; Internet: http://www.cec.org/news/details/index.cfm?varlan=english&ID=2528

WTO FIFTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE: 10 September 2003 - 14 September 2003. Cancun, Mexico. The fifth WTO Ministerial Conference will be a stock-taking exercise and a review of progress on the Doha Declaration. For more information contact: WTO; tel: +41-22-739-5111; fax: +41-22-731-4206; e-mail: mailto:enquiries@wto.org; Internet: http://www.wto.org/

IBD BUSINESS SEMINAR: FINANCING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS: 25 September 2003 - 26 September 2003. Washington, DC, United States. Organized by the Inter-American Development Bank, this seminar will consider: project financing options for large infrastructure projects via the IDB Private Sector Department; equity funds, private-sector support activities and related business opportunities supported by the Multilateral Investment Fund; financing small and medium-sized privately owned projects through the loans and guarantee programmes; and development of financial, regulatory and other institutions that govern and support private-sector development; and related procurement opportunities. For more information contact: IDB; tel: +1-202-623-1397; fax: +1-202-623-1403; Internet: http://www.iadb.org/exr/bs/index.htm

STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE WITH FOCUS ON AFRICA: 14 October 2003 - 15 October 2003. Stockholm, Sweden. This conference will focus on African development and the steps necessary to integrate Africa into the global market. For more information contact: Africa Forum Publications, Malmo, Sweden; tel: +46-73-907-4348; fax: +46-73-907-4348; e-mail: mailto:africaforum@swipnet.se; Internet: http://www.africaforum.org/IC-Stockholm-2003/Stockholm2003.html

EASTERN EUROPEAN INVESTMENT SUMMIT - EXPANDING THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT FRONTIER: 14 October 2003 - 15 October 2003. Bucharest, Romania. The International Herald Tribune and UNDP will jointly convene this Summit, whose principal aim is to increase Foreign Direct Investment to Eastern Europe, promote free trade and strengthen cross-border cooperation. For more information contact: Brenda Erdmann Hagerty, IHT; tel: +44-20-7510-5707; e-mail: mailto:Bhagerty@iht.com; Internet: http://www.undp.ba/shnews.asp?idItem=55

2003 UNEP FI GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE: SUSTAINING VALUE – A MEETING ON FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY: 20 October 2003 - 21 October 2003. Tokyo, Japan. This meeting will focus on the emergence of new governance frameworks and the resulting opportunities to enhance sustainable finance. The Roundtable will convene representatives from finance, government, business and civil society. High-profile speakers will discuss how good governance, reporting and accountability can become drivers for environmental and social responsibility and what the financial community can do to promote best practice in these disciplines. For more information contact: Trevor Bowden; tel: +44-20-7249-2154; e-mail: mailto:trevor.bowden@unep.ch; Internet: http://www.unepfi.net/tokyo

/WATER, WETLANDS, COASTS

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT: 28 April 2003 - 30 April 2003. Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain. River Basin Management 2003 will aim to communicate recent advances in the overall management of riverine systems, including advances in hydraulic and hydrologic modelling, environmental protection and flood forecasting. For more information contact: Stacey Hobbs, Wessex Institute of Technology; tel: +44-238-029-3223; fax: +44-238-029-2853; e-mail: mailto:shobbs@wessex.ac.uk; Internet: http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/riverbasin03/index.html

WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURING, FINANCING, AND MONITORING PPP PROJECTS IN THE WATER SECTOR: 5 May 2003 - 23 May 2003. Washington, DC, and Philadelphia, PA, United States. Participants to this workshop will learn how to identify, design, structure, implement, and monitor PPP projects in the water sector. For more information contact: tel: +1-202-466-8930; fax: +1-202-466-8934; e-mail: mailto:training@ip3.org; Internet: http://www.ip3.org/t_workshops_1307.htm

CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR LASTING PEACE: SHARED WATER, SHARED FUTURE, SHARED KNOWLEDGE: 6 May 2003 - 7 May 2003. Athens, Greece. Jointly Hosted by the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Bank, this conference's themes are: Shared Future: Developing A Common Vision for Peace, Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development - Toward Diplomacy for Environment and Sustainable Development; Shared Water: Management of Shared Resources - Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints; and Shared Knowledge: Developing, Disseminating and Applying Knowledge. Through a series of roundtables, participants will reflect on recent international, regional and national experience in transboundary management of water resources and discuss their relevance from the perspectives of peace and stability, sustainable development and poverty reduction. For more information contact: GWP-Med Secretariat; tel: +30-210-3247490; fax: +30-210-3317127; e-mail: mailto:secretariat@gwpmed.org; Internet: http://www.gwpforum.org/servlet/PSP?iNodeID=204&itemId=3172

THIRD INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT: 20 May 2003 - 24 May 2003. Havana, Cuba. This conference is organized by the University of Havana. For more information contact: Fernando Delgado Hernández; e-mail: mailto:fdo@geo.uh.cu; Internet: http://www.unesco.org/water/water_events/Detailed/303.shtml

IBEROAMERICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON WETLANDS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 26 May 2003 - 28 May 2003. Panama City, Panama. For more information contact: Lucas Fernández Reyes, coordinator of the XVII CYTED Wetlands Network; tel: +537-203-0245; fax: +537-202-9372

UN OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON OCEANS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA: 2 June 2003 - 6 June 2003. New York, United States. This Consultative process is organized by the UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and DESA/DSD. It will convene discussion panels on the safety of navigation and protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems in addition to Plenary discussions. For more information contact: Secretary of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of th; tel: +1-212-963-3962; fax: +1-212-963-2811; e-mail: mailto:doalos@un.org; Internet: http://www.un.org/Depts/los/consultative_process/consultative_process.htm

FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON WETLAND RESTORATION: 2 June 2003 - 1 July 2003. Lelystad, Netherlands. Hosted by the Institute for Inland Water Management and Waste Water Treatment (RIZA), this course is organized according to approved Ramsar Convention principles and guidelines, and graduates from 40 countries have returned to their own countries with a thorough experience of the Convention's work both in theory and practice. For more information contact: WATC; tel: +31-320-298-346; fax: +31-320-298-339; e-mail: mailto:watc@riza.rws.minvenw.nl; Internet: http://ramsar.org/watc_courses_2003.htm

GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON LEADING EDGE WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES: 2 June 2003 - 4 June 2003. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Organized by the International Water Association (IWA), this new annual conference will focus on the most recent advancements in water and wastewater treatment technology. For more information contact: Lara Changizi, IWA; fax: +44-20-7654-5555; e-mail: mailto:lara.changizi@iwahq.org.uk; Internet: http://www.iwahq.org.uk/template.cfm?name=technology2003

ECOSUD 2003: FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOSYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 4 June 2003 - 6 June 2003. Siena, Italy. Organized by the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK and the University of Siena, Italy, this conference will consider: policies; modeling; natural resources management; environmental management; water resources; wetland and lakustrine issues; ecotechnologies; ecotoxicology; environmental risk; and development economics. For more information contact: Gabriella Cossutta, Conference Secretariat; fax: +44-238-029-2853; e-mail: mailto:gcossutta@wessex.ac.uk; Internet: http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/ecosud03/index.html

SECOND DAMS AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM (DDF) MEETING: 5 June 2003 - 6 June 2003. UNEP Headquarters, Nairobi, Kenya. For more information contact: UNEP DDP; tel: +27-21-426-4000; fax: +27-21-426-0036; e-mail: mailto:info@unep-dams.org; Internet: http://www.unep-dams.org/document.php?cat_id=25

13TH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA: 9 June 2003 - 13 June 2003. New York, United States. For more information contact: tel: +1-212-963-3962; fax: +1-212-963-5847; e-mail: mailto:doalos@un.org; Internet: http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/new_developments_and_recent_adds.htm

14TH INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON UTILITY REGULATION AND STRATEGY: 9 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Gainesville, Florida, United States. Since 1997, over 1,100 regulators and managers from 110 countries have attended this two-week course that the Public Utility Research Center (PURC) has offered in cooperation with the World Bank. The purpose of the programme is to improve infrastructure performance, through strengthening the capacities of nations to regulate utilities, including water. For more information contact: Sanford V. Berg, Director, PURC; tel: +1-352-392-3655; fax: +1-352-392-5090; e-mail: mailto:purcecon@notes.cba.ufl.edu; Internet: http://bear.cba.ufl.edu/centers/purc/international/fourteen.htm

2003 DUBROVNIK CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS: 15 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Dubrovnik, Croatia. Sponsored by UNESCO, this conference is devoted to the ultimate goal of modern society: sustainable development of energy, water and environment systems. The Conference will focus on the following objectives, to: promote a new field of sustainability science that seeks to understand the fundamental interactions between nature and society; discuss sustainability and its relation to global development; present and evaluate energy, water and environment system models; present multicriteria assessment of energy, water and environment systems taking into a consideration economic, social, environmental and resource use aspects. For more information contact: fax: +385-1-6156940; e-mail: mailto:dubrovnik2003@fsb.hr; Internet: http://www.dubrovnik2003.fsb.hr

SECOND INTERNATIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT SEMINAR: 15 June 2003 - 28 June 2003. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States. The second International Seminar on Watershed Management, sponsored by the US Forest Service, and the University of Wisconsin, is an intensive, interactive training programme designed for senior watershed management professionals to improve their understanding of watershed tools and techniques. For more information contact: Earl Spangenberg, Seminar Coordinator; tel: +1-715-346-2372; fax: +1-715-346-3624; e-mail: mailto:espangen@uwsp.edu; Internet: http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/watershed/welcome.htm

21ST CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON LARGE DAMS: 16 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Montreal, Canada. This triennial meeting will convene approximately 2000 decision makers, experts, engineers, geologists and other professionals from the dam industry. For more information contact: Lise Pinsonneault; tel: +1-514-289-4628; fax: +1-514-289-4546; e-mail: mailto:pinsonneault.lise@hydro.qc.ca; Internet: http://www.cigb-icold.org

55TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: 16 June 2003 - 20 June 2003. Berlin, Germany. This meeting will be preceded by meetings of the Scientific Committee and various sub-groups. For more information contact: International Whaling Commission; tel: +44-0-1223-233971; fax: +44-0-1223-232876; e-mail: mailto:iwc@iwcoffice.org; Internet: http://www.iwcoffice.org/2003_meeting.htm

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON WATER: 23 June 2003 - 27 June 2003. Cannes, France. This Symposium will address the topics of water and the environment, and capacity building. It will also assess the outcome of the Third World Water Forum. For more information contact: International Symposium on Water; tel: +33-4-92-09-0273; fax: +33-4-92-09-0273; e-mail: mailto:water-cannes-symposium@wanadoo.fr; Internet: http://www.symposium-h2o.com/symposium.html

AWRA INTERNATIONAL WATER CONGRESS: WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS: 29 June 2003 - 2 July 2003. New York, United States. This event is organized by the American Water Resources Association (AWRA). For more information contact: Peter Black; e-mail: mailto:peblack@esf.edu; Internet: http://www.awra.org/meetings/NewYork2003/index.html

NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RIVER RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS: 6 July 2003 - 11 July 2003. New South Wales, Australia. The theme of this year's conference is "The nature, causes and consequences of variability in large rivers." For more information contact: Elizabeth Medley; e-mail: mailto:conference@conlog.com.au; Internet: http://www.conlog.com.au/NISORS/

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ON CONTINENTAL AND COASTAL MARINE WATERS: 16 July 2003 - 18 July 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: Jenny Walker; e-mail: mailto:morawel@tinyworld.co.uk; Internet: http://www.unige.ch/sciences/near/

2003 WORLD WATER WEEK IN STOCKHOLM AND STOCKHOLM WATER SYMPOSIUM: 11 August 2003 - 14 August 2003. Stockholm, Sweden. The 2003 Stockholm Water Symposium theme is "Drainage Basin Security: Balancing Production, Trade and Water Use." Plenary sessions will include experts focusing on this theme from a variety of perspectives, and a high-level panel debate will address the role of agricultural subsidies that constrain the trade exchange of food products between the North and the South. For more information contact: David Trouba; tel: +46-8-522-139-89; fax: +46-8-522-139-61; e-mail: mailto:dave.trouba@siwi.org; Internet: http://www.siwi.org/waterweek2003

10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON WETLAND MANAGEMENT: 19 August 2003 - 1 October 2003. Lelystad, Netherlands. Since 1994, the Institute for Inland Water Management and Waste Water Treatment (RIZA), has hosted the International Course in Wetland Management at the Wetlands Advisory and Training Centre (WATC) annually. This course is organized according to approved Ramsar Convention principles and guidelines, and graduates from 40 countries have returned to their own countries with a thorough experience of the Convention's work both in theory and practice. For more information contact: WATC; tel: +31-320-298-346; fax: +31-320-298-339; e-mail: mailto:watc@riza.rws.minvenw.nl; Internet: http://ramsar.org/watc_courses_2003.htm

FIRST INTERNATIONAL DRY TOILET CONFERENCE: 20 August 2003 - 23 August 2003. Tampere, Finland. This conference will discuss dry toilets as a viable option to waste management, especially in areas experiencing water shortage or lacking water-borne sewerage systems. Main topics considered are: controlled rural and urban environmental management; re-use of human excreta as fertilizer; technical development of dry toilets; and toilet culture. For more information contact: TAVI Congress Bureau; fax: +358-3-233-0444; e-mail: mailto:drytoilet@tavicon.fi; Internet: http://www.drytoilet.org/

11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS: 25 August 2003 - 29 August 2003. Mexico City, Mexico. With the theme "Towards a New Green Revolution and Sustainable Development Through an Efficient Use of Rainwater," this conference will provide an opportunity for participants to exchange experiences and information on enhancing collection and effective use of rainwater for domestic, agriculture, industry, freshwater ecology and environmental purposes. For more information contact: Manuel Anaya-Garduño, Coordinador General; tel: +52-595-951-0323; fax: +52-595-952-0238; e-mail: mailto:ircsa@colpos.mx; Internet: http://www.colpos.mx/ircsa/ingles/inden.html

YOUTH WATER PARLIAMENT: 1 September 2003 - 7 September 2003. Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. This event will convene youth, local authorities, school authorities and NGOs in the municipality of Stara Zagora, as well delegates from developed countries and European countries in transition, with the aim of raising youth leaders' awareness and strategic decision-making skilld in the water and sanitation sector. For more information contact: Earth Forever Foundation; tel: +359-42-46050; fax: +359-42-46050; e-mail: mailto:earth-forever@mbox.digsys.bg; Internet: http://www.gwpforum.org/servlet/PSP?iNodeID=204&itemId=3174

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS IN WATER INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKING: 1 September 2003. Perth, Australia. Convened by the Western Australian Office of Water Regulation, this conference aims to explore and bring together global developments in benchmarking tools, techniques, methods, perspectives and approaches. For more information contact: tel: +61-8-9213-0100; fax: +61-8-9213-0101; Internet: http://www.wrc.wa.gov.au/owr/content/specialEvents/default.cfm?section=specialEvents

SIXTH WATER INFORMATION SUMMIT 2003: 9 September 2003 - 12 September 2003. Delft, Netherlands. The Summit's theme is "Breaking the barriers: Let water information flow!" This event is a joint effort of the IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre and the Water Web Consortium, with assistance from the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and International Institute for Communication and Development. For more information contact: Ingeborg Krukkert; tel: +31-15-219-2985; fax: +31-15-219-0955; e-mail: mailto:http://www.irc.nl/contact.php?rcpt=krukkert&subject=WIS6; Internet: http://www.irc.nl/news/wis6.html

OASIS, WATER AND POPULATION CONFERENCE: 22 September 2003 - 24 September 2003. Biskra, Algeria. This conference will consider issues regarding water resources and population in the Oases, town and country planning, and water quality and treatment in arid zones. For more information contact: tel: +213-33-733-204; fax: +213-33-733-204; e-mail: mailto:info@larhyss.net; Internet: http://larhyss.net/

29TH WEDC CONFERENCE: TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS - ACTIONS FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION: 22 September 2003 - 26 September 2003. Abuja, Nigeria. This conference will consider the following topics: water supply; environmental sanitation; institutional issues; water resources; and cross cutting issues such as social exclusion, sustainability, urbanization, sustainable livelihoods, poverty and gender linkages, corruption. For more information contact: Dot Barnard, WEDC; e-mail: mailto:wedc.conf@lboro.co.uk; Internet: http://www.lboro.ac.uk/wedc/conferences/29contents.htm

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECORESTORATION: 23 September 2003 - 30 September 2003. Dehradun and New Delhi, India. The Conference objectives are to: review the existing knowledge on ecological, socio-economic and environmental dimensions of degradation of land and water resources, especially in the developing countries; review the impacts of government policies on ecorestoration of degraded environments; provide a sound scientific basis for developing appropriate policy framework for ecorestoration; and identify areas of interdisciplinary research relevant to ecorestoration of land and water resources. For more information contact: Brij Gopal; tel: +91-11-610-7676 ext 2324; fax: +91-11-616-9962 or 61; e-mail: mailto:brij@nieindia.org; Internet: http://www.nieindia.org/conferences.htm

IBD BUSINESS SEMINAR: FINANCING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS: 25 September 2003 - 26 September 2003. Washington, DC, United States. Organized by the Inter-American Development Bank, this seminar will consider: project financing options for large infrastructure projects via the IDB Private Sector Department; equity funds, private-sector support activities and related business opportunities supported by the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF); financing small and medium-sized privately owned projects through the loans and guarantee programmes of the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC); and development of financial, regulatory and other institutions that govern and support private-sector development; and related procurement opportunities. For more information contact: Office of External Relations, IDB; tel: +1-202-623-1397; fax: +1-202-623-1403; Internet: http://www.iadb.org/exr/bs/index.htm

IDA WORLD CONGRESS ON DESALINATION AND WATER REUSE: 28 September 2003 - 3 October 2003. Paradise Island, Bahamas.Organized by the International Desalination Association (IDA), this event will consider the following topics: thermal and membrane desalination; integrated thermal systems; energy considerations; innovative renewable resources; integrated membrane systems; pretreatment for control of scale and fouling; potable water reuse; materials and corrosion; desalination economics and water supply planning; regulation; potable water quality challenges; and innovation in project delivery mechanisms. For more information contact: Secretary General, IDA; fax: +1-978-887-0411; e-mail: mailto:paburke@idadesal.org; Internet: http://www.idadesal.org/

INTERNATIONAL FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE: 1 October 2003 - 2 October 2003. Sarawak, Malaysia. This conference, organized jointly by Sarawak Rivers Board and Sarawak Development Institute (SDI), is an effort to increase awareness of the importance of sustainable freshwater use, management and protection. For more information contact: Melinda Chai; tel: +60-8-241-5484; fax: +60-8-241-2799; e-mail: mailto:sdi@po.jaring.my; Internet: http://www.emang.net/sdiform/freshwater/main_freshwater.htm

XI WORLD WATER CONGRESS - WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY: 5 October 2003 - 9 October 2003. Madrid, Spain. This Congress will focus on making the fullest possible use of research in solving water resource problems. Major themes are: water planning under uncertainty (climatic variability and changes); valuing water; impact of new technologies in water management; relevance and sustainability of intensive groundwater developments; water infrastructure development; influence of socio-economic, cultural and religious factors in water resources policies; and funding and participation in water management. For more information contact: Manuel Martín Antón; e-mail: mailto:wwater2003@cedex.es; Internet: http://www.cedex.es/iwracongress2003/en/hoja2_en.htm

HYDRO 2003: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION: 3 November 2003 - 6 November 2003. Dubrovnik, Croatia. This conference will focus on themes relating to the future of hydropower development and will feature a technical exhibition. For more information contact: Alan Manchester; fax: +44-20-8643-8200; e-mail: mailto:alan@hydropower-dams.com; Internet: http://www.iahr.org/newsweb/files/Croatia_Prelim_Bulletin.pdf

CONFERENCE ON WATER FOR THE POOREST: 4 November 2003 - 5 November 2003. Stavanger, Norway. Organized by the International Water Academy and sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this conference will look at lessons learned from relief and development work in areas of drought and unrest. This conference aims to produce a programme of actions for consideration by governments, donor and relief-organizations on sustainable water supply and sanitation for the poorest. For more information contact: IWA; tel: +47-22-42-81-00; fax: +47-22-42-81-06; e-mail: mailto:thewateracademy@thewateracademy.org; Internet: http://www.thewateracademy.org/stavanger/inforpage.html

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ESTUARIES AND COASTS: 9 November 2003 - 11 November 2003. Hangzhou, China. For more information contact: Secretariat, Zhejiang Institute of Hydraulics and Estuary; tel: +86-571-8643-8009; fax: +86-571-8643-8009; e-mail: mailto:icec@cnzj.org zihe@cnzj.org; Internet: http://www.irtces.org/isshhu/icec/index.htm

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE: 12 November 2003. Mexico City, Mexico. For more information contact: Internet: http://www.iingen.unam.mx/isw/index.html

GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON OCEANS, COASTS AND ISLANDS: 12 November 2003 - 14 November 2003. Paris, France. Organized by the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands, this conference aims to help countries implement integrated coastal management and will review WSSD implementation of related issues. For more information contact: Secretariat, Center for the Study of Marine Policy, University of Delaware; tel: +1-302-831-8086; fax: +1-302-831-3668; e-mail: mailto:johnston@udel.edu; Internet: http://icm.noaa.gov

FIRST GLOBAL WASH FORUM: IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS OF THE WSSD: 1 December 2003 - 5 December 2003. Dakar, Senegal. Organized by the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), the first Global WASH Forum aims to draw lessons on the success of water, sanitation and hygiene programmes, sector reforms and development partnerships in poverty eradication, and to strengthen regional and national partnership initiatives aimed at attaining the relevant goals of the WSSD. For more information contact: Forum Manager; tel: +41-22-917-8657; fax: +41-22-917-8084; e-mail: mailto:wsscc@who.int; Internet: http://www.wsscc.org/load.cfm?edit_id=332

DEEP SEA 2003 CONFERENCE: 1 December 2003 - 4 December 2003. Queenstown, New Zealand. Deep Sea 2003 is an international conference that will provide a forum for experts to discuss the issues relating to the present and future needs for science, conservation, and governance and management of the continental slope and deep seas. The conference is organized by the New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries, the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and the Australian Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, with the technical co-operation of the FAO. For more information contact: Ross Shotton; e-mail: mailto:ross.shotton@fao.org; Internet: http://www.deepsea.govt.nz/index.aspx

SUSTAINABLE DRYLAND AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS CONFERENCE: 2 December 2003 - 5 December 2003. Niamey, Niger.Partially supported by Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the central theme of the conference is "Interactions between Estuaries, Coasts and Human Environment". The symposium will feature presentations and papers on agro-ecological production systems in areas where farmers strive to meet their family needs from small parcels of land in low rainfall regions. For more information contact: Arnie Schlissel, IPALAC, Secretary; fax: +972-647-2984; e-mail: mailto:ipalac@bgumail.bgu.ac.il

THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WATER HISTORY ASSOCIATION: 11 December 2003 - 14 December 2003. Cairo, Egypt. Reflecting UNESCO International Hydrological Programme's book series on Water and Civilization, the three major themes of this conference are: the ideas of water; the history of water, science and technology; and the history of water: law, economics and politics. For more information contact: Alv Terje Fotland; tel: +47-55-589-315; fax: +47-55-589-892; e-mail: mailto:a.fotland@iwha.net; Internet: http://www.svf.uib.no/sfu/iwha/callforpapers.htm

30TH MEETING OF THE RAMSAR STANDING COMMITTEE: 12 January 2004 - 16 January 2004. Gland, Switzerland. For more information contact: Dwight Peck, Executive Assistant for Communications; tel: +41-22-999-0170; fax: +41-22-999-0169; e-mail: mailto:peck@ramsar.org; Internet: http://ramsar.org/meetings.htm

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