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## /IISD LINKAGES UPCOMING MEETINGS

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*Information on upcoming conferences, workshops and symposia in the field of international environment and development negotiations*

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### /SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING:** 23 January 2003 - 28 January 2003. Davos, Switzerland. The theme of the next WEF annual meeting is "Building Trust." For more information contact: e-mail: <mailto:contact@weforum.org>; Internet: <http://www.weforum.org>

**WORLD SOCIAL FORUM:** 23 January 2003 - 28 January 2003. Porto Alegre, Brazil. The World Social Forum is an open meeting place where groups and movements of civil society opposed to neo-liberalism and a world dominated by capitalism or any form of imperialism, but who are engaged in building a planetary society centred on the human person, come together to pursue their thinking, to debate ideas democratically, to formulate proposals, share their experiences freely and network for effective action. This year's five thematic areas will focus on: Democratic Sustainable Development; Principles and values, human rights, diversity and equality; Media, culture and counter-hegemony; Political power, civil society and democracy; and Democratic world order, fight against militarism and promoting peace. For more information contact: tel: +55-11-3258-8914; fax: +55-11-3258-8914; Internet: <http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br/home.asp>

**EC ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE:** 27 January 2003 - 28 January 2003. Brussels, Belgium. The European Commission is organizing a conference on environmental governance and civil society to address, inter alia, European environmental decision-making and implementation of European environmental policies. For more information contact: European Commission's Environment Directorate-General, Office of the Director-General; tel: +32-2-295-8312; e-mail: <mailto:envinfo@cec.eu.int>; Internet: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/governance/03012728\\_programme\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/governance/03012728_programme_en.pdf)

**JUDGES AD HOC MEETING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN OF WORK AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE GLOBAL JUDGES SYMPOSIUM RELATING TO CAPACITY BUILDING OF JUDGES, PROSECUTORS, AND OTHER LEGAL STAKEHOLDERS:** 30 January 2003 - 31 January 2003. Nairobi, Kenya. This meeting will gather 25 Chief Justices and Senior Judges representing different regions and legal systems, to provide advice and guidance on the development of a plan of work for the capacity-building of judicial officers in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as other legal stakeholders active in the implementation and enforcement of national environmental law, such as prosecutors, enforcement officers, lawyers, public interest litigation groups, civil society groups active in safeguarding environmental rights of people as well as, in the longer term, teachers and students of environmental law. For more information contact: Bakary Kante; e-mail: <mailto:bakary.kante@unep.org>; Internet: <http://www.unep.org/dpdl/symposium/>

**22ND SESSION OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL/GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM:** 3 February 2003 - 7 February 2003. Nairobi, Kenya. Ministers and delegates will discuss issues of global environmental governance. For more information contact: Secretary for Governing Council, UNEP; tel: +254-2-623431; fax: +254-2-623929; e-mail:

<mailto:beverly.miller@unep.org>; Internet: <http://www.unep.org/GoverningBodies/GC22/>

**CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF THE FOOD ECONOMY - EXPLORING THE POLICY ISSUES:** 6 February 2003 - 7 February 2003. The Hague, Netherlands. This conference is organized by the OECD Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries in collaboration with the government of the Netherlands to examine changes in the food economy and explore their policy implications. The main themes of the conference are: changing balance of power along the food supply chain; food lifestyles and challenges for the food industry; and transparency and responsibility in the food economy. For more information contact: Loek Boonekamp, OECD; e-mail: <mailto:loek.boonekamp@oecd.org>; Internet: <http://www.oecd.org/oecd/pages/documentation/displayxml/0,3375,EN-document-0-nodirectorate-35999-0,0>

**SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSITIONS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** 10 February 2003 - 11 February 2003. New Delhi, India. This conference will identify, document and further the research on industrial transformation in South Asia. It will consider different categories of needs, including water, food, energy, materials, shelter, communication, recreation, and financial services. For more information contact: Kaushik Deb; tel: +91-11-468-2100; fax: +91-11-468-2144; e-mail: <mailto:kdeb@teri.res.in>; Internet: <http://www.teriin.org>

**SECOND GLOBAL CONFERENCE: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP - ENVIRONMENTS, SUSTAINABILITY AND TECHNOLOGIES:** 13 February 2003 - 15 February 2003. Copenhagen, Denmark. This inter- and multi-disciplinary conference aims to explore the role of ecology and environmental ideas in the context of contemporary society and international politics, and assess the implications for our understandings of fairness, justice and global citizenship. For more information contact: Internet: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/ejgc.htm>

**WORKSHOP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR STRATEGIC INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT:** 13 February 2003 - 14 February 2003. Chavannes-de-Bogis, Switzerland. UNEP is establishing a Working Group to develop a framework for strategic integrated planning. The objectives of this meeting are to review and provide input to the preparation of the framework, a draft of which will be made available prior to the meeting, and agree on a road map for the testing of the framework and selection and implementation of country projects. For more information contact: tel: +41-22-917-8243; e-mail: <mailto:etb@unep.ch>; Internet: <http://www.unep.ch/etu/etp/events/Integrated%20Assessment/Feb2003.htm>

**WSIS PREPCOM2:** 17 February 2003 - 28 February 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. The main objective of the Second Preparatory Committee meeting will be to begin the consideration of a draft Declaration of Principles and Action Plan, to be submitted eventually for the approval of Heads of State attending the Summit in December 2003. For more information contact: e-mail: <mailto:info@geneva2003.org>; Internet: <http://www.geneva2003.org/home/annexes/>

**THIRD UNEP WORKING GROUP MEETING ON ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS:** 17 February 2003 - 18 February 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. Participants at this working group will discuss two papers: "Opportunities, Prospects and Challenges for the Use of Economic Instruments in Environmental Policy Making" and "The Use of Economic Instruments to Implement Selected Multilateral Environmental Agreements." For more information contact: UNEP DTIE Economics and Trade Branch; tel: +41-22-917-8243; e-mail: <mailto:etb@unep.ch>; Internet: [http://www.unep.ch/etu/etp/events/Economic\\_Instruments/2003\\_17Feb.htm](http://www.unep.ch/etu/etp/events/Economic_Instruments/2003_17Feb.htm)

**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON METHODS AND TOOLS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS:** 6 March 2003 - 7 March 2003. Copenhagen, Denmark. This workshop is organized by the EU Research Project "Sustainable Renovation of Buildings for Sustainable Neighbourhoods" (HQE<sup>2</sup>R – Haute Qualité Environnementale et Economique Réhabilitation), which aims to provide a global methodology for helping municipalities and their local partners to move towards sustainable urban renewal or development, at both the neighborhood and the building levels. For more information contact: Celia Robbins; tel: +44-117-344-3215; e-mail: <mailto:celia.robbins@uwe.ac.uk>; Internet: <http://hqe2r.cstb.fr>

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EU BETWEEN JO'BURG FOLLOW-UP AND CANCUN POLITICS: HOW TO SET THE RIGHT FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTMENT RULES:** 6 March 2003. Brussels, Belgium. Organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation EU Regional Office in collaboration with the European Parliament, this public hearing will assess the outcomes of WSSD on globalization, trade and corporate accountability, and public-private partnerships in the field of water; address some of the sustainable development-related aspects of the EU's services liberalization and investment agenda in the WTO; and elaborate on alternatives to trade and investment liberalization and possibilities for developing binding rules for corporations at the European and international level. Invitees include: MEPs, in particular of the Trade/Industry and Environment Committee, the Permanent Representations in Brussels of the EU member states, accession countries and developing countries; the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Environment Ministries; representatives of key NGOs dealing with WTO, WSSD matters and corporate accountability issues; other stakeholders; and the media. For more information contact: Heinrich Böll Foundation EU Regional Office; tel: +32-2-7434112; e-mail: [mailto:Brussels\\_2@boell.de](mailto:Brussels_2@boell.de);

**BEST PRACTICES IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES:** 17 March 2003 - 28 March 2003. Washington, DC, United States. This two-week course focuses on corporate governance rules, guidelines and procedures. Key topics include: creating the enabling regulatory environment; promoting corporate governance; designing and enforcing corporate governance strategies; structuring of corporate governance principles and procedures; and understanding disclosure and financial management in public and private enterprises. For more information contact: Institute for Public-Private Partnerships, Inc.; tel: +1-202-466-8930; fax: +1-202-466-8934; e-mail: <mailto:training@ip3.org>; Internet: [http://www.ip3.org/t\\_workshops\\_1303.htm](http://www.ip3.org/t_workshops_1303.htm)

**GREENING THE FTAA? - TOWARDS THE PROTECTION OF ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY IN OUR HEMISPHERE:** 17 March 2003 - 18 March 2003. Montreal, Canada. Environmental Law McGill (ELM) will host this conference to highlight issues of environmental governance and sustainable development in the context of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations. The event is intended to foster an inclusive dialogue between civil society, academia, the private sector and government on environmental issues associated with the ongoing Americas integration process. For more information contact: William Amos, Conference Director, ELM; tel: +1-514-845-3605; e-mail: <mailto:wamos@po-box.mcgil.ca>; Internet: <http://www.law.mcgill.ca/elmftaaconference>

**AMERICANA 2003:** 18 March 2003 - 21 March 2003. Montreal, Canada. Pan-American environmental trade show and conference. For more information contact: Internet: <http://www.americana.org/>

**OECD CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION:** 23 March 2003 - 25 March 2003. Nagoya, Japan. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), together with the Japanese Ministries of Environment and Transportation, is sponsoring an international conference on environmentally sustainable transportation in the Asian region. The OECD's Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) programme, as well as outcomes from the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) will provide the basis for discussion. For more information contact: Conference Secretariat; tel: +81-3-5216-5552; e-mail: <mailto:est-nagoya@env.go.jp>; Internet: <http://www.oecd.org/pdf/M00034000/M00034076.pdf>

**REGIONAL SEMINAR ON POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF FARMERS' RIGHTS IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS:** 24 March 2003 - 26 March 2003. Godavari, Lalitpur, Nepal. The seminar is organized by South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) and International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). The seminar will seek to help participants understand the debate on intellectual property protection and the rights of the poor, marginalized farmers in the region; to explore options available under the TRIPS Agreement to prepare legislation that would protect the rights of commercial breeders without impairing the rights of farmers to save, exchange, re-use and sell seeds; and to provide trade negotiators with skills and knowledge necessary to negotiate during the on-going review of the TRIPS Agreement. For more information contact: Dhruv Chandra Regmi, SAWTEE; tel: +977-1-482217; fax: +977-1-430608; e-mail: <mailto:dhruv@hqsawtee.wlink.com.np>; Internet: <http://www.sawtee.org/forthcoming.html>

**UNEP CAPACITY BUILDING MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT, TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** 27 March 2003 - 28 March 2003. Mexico City, Mexico. This meeting is held in collaboration with the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation. The meeting will address a number of issues, including environmental goods and services, the TRIPS agreement, trade liberalization in agriculture and the use of economic instruments to achieve environment and trade objectives. For more information contact: Charles Arden-Clarke; tel: +41-22-917-8168; e-mail: <mailto:charles.arden-clarke@unep.ch>; Internet: <http://www.cec.org/symposium/>

**MEETING ON DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION - HOW TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION IN A FORM USEFUL TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:** 27 March 2003 - 28 March 2003. New York, United States. For more information contact: Chantal Line Carpentier; tel: +1-514-350-4336; fax: +1-514-350-4314; e-mail:

<mailto:clcarpentier@cceintl.org>; Internet:  
<http://www.cec.org/calendar/details/index.cfm?varlan=english&ID=1831>

**GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY - EXPECTATIONS, CAPACITIES AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL NGOS:** 28 March 2003 - 5 April 2003. Oxford, England, United Kingdom. This conference is organized by the 21st Century Trust. It will assess different types of NGOs alongside their changing relationships, both co-operative and antagonistic, with governments, intergovernmental organizations and corporations. Among the questions to be asked are: How far are NGOs leaving governments behind in responding to the challenges posed by globalization, in terms of their flexibility and a growing sense - nurtured by ever more sophisticated communications technologies - of international responsibility for issues such as the environment, sustainable development and human rights? For more information contact: Internet:

<http://www.21stCenturyTrust.org>

**FORUM ON HIV/AIDS/STD IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:** 7 April 2003 - 12 April 2003. Havana, Cuba. The central themes to be discussed include basic sciences, prevention, behavioural and epidemiological studies, social response and public policy. For more information contact: Zosima Lopez Ruiz, Conference Organizer; tel: +53-7-208-5199; fax: +53-7-202-8382; e-mail:

<mailto:zosima@palco.cu>; Internet: <http://www.foro2003.sld.cu/ingles/index.html>

**FOURTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT:** 13 April 2003 - 16 April 2003. Brisbane, Australia. The theme of the 2003 Summit 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 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:pm-cap@brisbane.qld.gov.au>; Internet: <http://www.apcsummit.org>

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BUILDING THE INFORMATION COMMONWEALTH: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AND BUILDING PROSPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS IN THE CIS COUNTRIES:** 22 April 2003 - 24 April 2003. St. Petersburg, Russia. For more information contact: Organizing Committee; fax: +7-812-272-6547; e-mail: <mailto:irpnnis@mail.ru>; Internet: <http://www.communities.org.ru/conference>

**SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY (SETAC) EUROPE 13TH ANNUAL MEETING:** 27 April 2003 - 1 May 2003. Hamburg, Germany. 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](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd11/csd11_2003.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](http://www.unece.org/env/wgso/index_kyivconf.htm)

**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, Global Exchange; tel: +1-415-575-5531; fax: +1-415-255-7498; e-mail: <mailto:rachel@globalexchange.org>; Internet: [http://www.globalexchange.org/tours/au-to/2003-05-30\\_thInternationalConventionOnEn.html](http://www.globalexchange.org/tours/au-to/2003-05-30_thInternationalConventionOnEn.html)

**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](mailto:udec@montclair.edu); Internet: <http://www.montclair.edu/globaled/shanghai>

**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>

**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/>

**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](mailto:mailto:dubrovnik2003@fsb.hr); Internet: <http://www.dubrovnik2003.fsb.hr>

**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](http://www.millenniumassessment.org/en/meetings/meeting_subglobal.2.htm)

**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>

**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>

## **/BIODIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE**

**TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - OPTIONS FROM LIFE SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGIES:** 30 January 2003 - 31 January 2003. Brussels, Belgium. This conference is organized by the European Group on Life Sciences of the Research Directorate-General of the European Commission. It aims to foster a debate on the role of life sciences in addressing the economic and social challenges of developing countries. For more information contact: Marianne Parel, Scientific Officer, Research Directorate-General; fax: +32-2-299-18-60; e-mail: <mailto:Marianne.parel@cec.eu.int>; Internet: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2003/sadc/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2003/sadc/index_en.html)

**THIRD WORLD CONGRESS ON MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS FOR HUMAN WELFARE:** 3 February 2003 - 7 February 2003. Chiang Mai, Thailand. The theme of this conference is "From Biodiversity through Science and Technology, Trade and Industry to Sustainable Use." For more information contact: Wocmap III; tel: +53-944933; fax: +53-944934; e-mail: [secretariat@wocmap3.org](mailto:secretariat@wocmap3.org); Internet: <http://www.wocmap3.org>

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**EXPERT MEETING ON INDICATORS OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY INCLUDING INDICATORS FOR RAPID ASSESSMENT OF INLAND WATER ECOSYSTEMS:** 10 February 2003 - 12 February 2003. Montreal, Canada. This meeting is organised by Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. For more information contact: CBD Secretariat; tel: +1-514-288-2220; fax: +1-514-288-6588; e-mail: [secretariat@biodiv.org](mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org); Internet: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.asp?wg=EMIND-01>

**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CBD SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTTA-8):** 10 March 2003 - 14 March 2003. Montreal, Canada. 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/doc/meeting.asp?wg=SBSTTA-08>

**CBD INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING ON THE MULTI-YEAR WORK PROGRAMME:** 17 March 2003 - 19 March 2003. Montreal, Canada. The ad hoc inter-sessional meeting on the multi-year programme of work of the CBD Conference of the Parties up to 2010 is organized by the CBD Secretariat. 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>

**FOURTH EURSAFE CONGRESS:** 20 March 2003 - 22 March 2003. Toulouse, France. The Congress of the European Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics will address economic and technical developments in the agrifood sector from various ethical perspectives and in relation to policy within Europe and internationally. For more information contact: Internet: <http://capoul.toulouse.inra.fr/eursafe2003/congress/index.html>

**REGIONAL SEMINAR ON POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF FARMERS' RIGHTS IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS:** 24 March 2003 - 26 March 2003. Godavari, Lalitpur, Nepal. The seminar is organized by South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) and International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). The seminar will seek to help participants understand the debate on intellectual property protection and the rights of the poor, marginalized farmers in the region; to explore options available under the TRIPS Agreement to prepare legislation that would protect the rights of commercial breeders without impairing the rights of farmers to save, exchange, re-use and sell seeds; and to provide trade negotiators with skills and knowledge necessary to negotiate during the on-going review of the TRIPS Agreement. For more information contact: Dhruv Chandra Regmi, SAWTEE; tel: +977-1-482217; fax: +977-1-430608; e-mail: <mailto:dhruv@hqsawtee.wlink.com.np>; Internet: <http://www.sawtee.org/forthcoming.html>

**49TH MEETING OF THE CITES STANDING COMMITTEE:** 22 April 2003 - 25 April 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: CITES Secretariat; tel: +41-22-917-8139/40; fax: +41-22-797-3417; e-mail: <mailto:cites@unep.ch>; Internet: <http://www.cites.org/eng/news/calendar.shtml>

**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](http://www.iwcoffice.org/2003_meeting.htm)

**25TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION:** 30 June 2003 - 5 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/timetab.htm>

**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>

## ***/CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT***

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**FOURTH SESSION OF THE INTERIM CHEMICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ICRC-4):** 3 March 2003 - 7 March 2003. Rome, Italy. For more information contact: Interim Secretariat for the Rotterdam Convention, UNEP Chemicals; 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](http://www.pic.int/en/viewpage.asp?Id_Cat=89&mTitre=WHAT%60S+NEW)

**FIRST SESSION OF BAT/BEP EXPERT GROUP OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE OF THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION:** 10 March 2003 - 14 March 2003. Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, United States. 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](http://www.chem.unep.ch/pops/newlayout/calendar_of_events.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](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>

**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](http://www.pic.int/en/viewpage.asp?Id_Cat=89&mTitre=WHAT%60S+NEW)

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**20TH SESSION OF THE IPCC:** 19 February 2003 - 21 February 2003. Paris, France. For more information contact: IPCC Secretariat; tel: +41-22-730-8208; fax: +41-22-730-8025; e-mail: [mailto:ipcc\\_sec@gateway.wmo.ch](mailto:ipcc_sec@gateway.wmo.ch); Internet: <http://www.ipcc.ch/meet/session20.htm>

**STRATEGIC ENERGY DIALOGUES:** 24 February 2003 - 25 February 2003. Chatham House, London, United Kingdom. This conference will provide a forum for dialogue between oil and gas exporters and importers. For more information contact: Georgina Wright; tel: +44-20-7957-5700; fax: +44-20-7321-2045; e-mail: <mailto:conferences@riia.org>; Internet: <http://www.riia.org>

**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](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 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:** 1 June 2003 - 12 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 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. There will also be three thematic days covering Solar Buildings, Solar Thermal and Solar Electricity, where plenary speakers will highlight the present status and recent findings of these topics, as an introduction to parallel sessions and three professional seminars on "Energy Efficient Buildings, District heating and Renewables and Electricity from Renewables." 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 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>

**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 reduced 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>

**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>

**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. The Congress will include oral and poster sessions, workshops, tutorials, symposia and panel sessions. 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**

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**CONTRIBUTION OF CRITERIA AND INDICATORS TO SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT – THE WAY AHEAD:** 3 February 2003 - 7 February 2003. Guatemala City, Guatemala. This Conference is organized in follow-up to recommendations made by the FAO/ITTO/UNEP/CIFOR/IUFRO Expert Meeting on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management held in Rome in November 2000. CICI-2003 will be hosted by the National Forest Service of Guatemala, in cooperation with the FAO, ITTO, the US Government and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland. Participation will be by invitation only. Invitations will be sent to forest services and other relevant institutions; anyone interested in attending the Conference should contact their respective national forestry authority to make the necessary arrangements for being selected. For more information contact: Internet: <http://www.inab.gob.gt/>

**FAO EXPERT CONSULTATION ON TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT - IMPACTS AND INTERACTION:** 3 February 2003 - 5 February 2003. Rome, Italy. The meeting is organized around four themes: Policy Instruments and Processes; Trade and Finance; Governance and Trade; and New Markets for Environmental Services. For more information contact: Christian Mersmann, FAO; tel: +39-6-5705-6682; fax: +39-6-5705-5137; e-mail: <mailto:christian.mersmann@fao.org>; Internet: <http://www.iisd.ca/linkages/sd/tsfm/>

**TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION AREAS WORKSHOP:** 17 February 2003 - 21 February 2003. Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand. The workshop will bring together practitioners involved in the implementation of ITTO's transboundary conservation areas programme and experts from IUCN and other interested organizations. For more information contact: Dena Cator, IUCN; tel: +41-22-999-0265; fax: +41-22-999-0025; e-mail: <mailto:transboundary@iucn.org>; Internet: <http://www.iucn.org/themes/fcp/activities/transboundary1.htm>

**16TH SESSION OF THE FAO COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY (COFO):** 10 March 2003 - 14 March 2003. Rome, Italy. This 16th biennial session of COFO, to be held at FAO headquarters, will bring together heads of forest services and other senior government officials to identify emerging policy and technical issues, to seek solutions and to advise FAO and others on appropriate action. Other international organizations and, increasingly, NGOs participate in COFO. For more information contact: Michael Martin, FAO; e-mail: <mailto:michael.martin@fao.org>; Internet: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/foris/webview/forestry2/index.jsp?siteId=1400&langId=1&sitetreeId=3282>

**FOREST PRODUCTS RESEARCH: PROVIDING FOR SUSTAINABLE CHOICES:** 11 March 2003 - 15 March 2003. Rotorua, New Zealand. This All Division 5 IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organizations) meeting will serve as a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience in forest products research at national and international levels. Discussion will consider scientific progress towards meeting the rapidly increasing demands for all kinds of forest products, while maintaining the forest as the source of such products and a resource for social, economic and environmental benefits. The fourth World Symposium on Logistics in Forest Sector will convene in conjunction with this meeting from 11-15 March 2003, also in Rotorua, New Zealand. For more information contact: tel: +64-7-343-5846; fax: +64-7-343-5507; e-mail: <mailto:alldiv5iufroz@forestresearch.co.nz>; Internet: <http://forestresearch.co.nz>

**SECOND INTERNATIONAL EXPERT CONSULTATION ON THE ROLE OF PLANTED FORESTS:** 24 March 2003 - 30 March 2003. Wellington, New Zealand. The meeting will aim to, inter alia, promote the role of planted forests and identify ways to maximize their contribution to global sustainable forest management. For more information contact: ECPF Secretariat; tel: +64-4-498-9847; fax: +64-4-498-9891; e-mail: <mailto:plantedforestrymeeting@maf.govt.nz>; Internet: <http://www.maf.govt.nz/mafnet/unff-planted-forestry-meeting>

**STRATEGIES TO STIMULATE AND PROMOTE THE SOUND USE OF WOOD AS A RENEWABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MATERIAL:** 24 March 2003 - 28 March 2003. Poiana Brasov, Romania. The UN Intergovernmental Forum on Forests called on governments to explore "strategies to stimulate and promote the sound use of wood as a renewable and environmentally friendly material." The UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission, with the Government of Romania, have responded to this call by convening this seminar on the topic. The seminar is open to all. There will be invited and voluntary papers. For more information contact: Christopher Prins; e-mail: <mailto:Christopher.Prins@unece.org>; Internet: <http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/tc-meet.htm>

**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>

**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>

**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>

**UNCCD COP-6:** 1 September 2003 - 12 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>

**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>

**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](http://www.icid.org/index_e.html)

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**CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF THE FOOD ECONOMY - EXPLORING THE POLICY ISSUES:** 6 February 2003 - 7 February 2003. The Hague, Netherlands. This conference is organized by the OECD Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries in collaboration with the government of the Netherlands to examine changes in the food economy and explore their policy implications. The main themes of the conference are: changing balance of power along the food supply chain; food lifestyles and challenges for the food industry; and transparency and responsibility in the food economy. For more information contact: Loek Boonekamp, OECD; e-mail: <mailto:loek.boonekamp@oecd.org>; Internet: <http://www.oecd.org/oecd/pages/documentation/displayxml/0,3375,EN-document-0-nodirectorate-35999-0,0>

**OHCHR AND UNESCO JOINT WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP A PUBLICATION TO COMBAT RACISM AND FOSTER TOLERANCE:** 19 February 2003 - 20 February 2003. Paris, France. For more information contact: H el ene Orru, OHCHR; fax: +41-22-917-9050; Internet: <http://www.unhchr.ch/html/calen2003.htm>

**FORUM ON HIV/AIDS/STD IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:** 7 April 2003 - 12 April 2003. Havana, Cuba. The event will follow in the footsteps of the First Forum and the Second Conference of Horizontal Technical Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean on HIV/AIDS/STD. The central themes to be discussed include basic sciences, prevention, behavioural and epidemiological studies, social response and public policy. For more information contact: Zosima Lopez Ruiz, Conference Organizer; tel: +53-7-208-5199; fax: +53-7-202-8382; e-mail: <mailto:zosima@palco.cu>; Internet: <http://www.foro2003.sld.cu/ingles/index.html>

**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 <mailto:udec@montclair.edu>; Internet: <http://www.montclair.edu/global/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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:mailto:info@geneva2003.org); Internet: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/>

## ***/INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS***

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**EC ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE:** 27 January 2003 - 28 January 2003. Brussels, Belgium. The European Commission is organizing a conference on environmental governance and civil society to address, inter alia, European environmental decision-making and implementation of European environmental policies. For more information contact: European Commission's Environment Directorate-General, Office of the Director-General; tel: +32-2-295-8312; e-mail: [mailto:envinfo@cec.eu.int](mailto:mailto:envinfo@cec.eu.int); Internet: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/governance/03012728\\_programme\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/governance/03012728_programme_en.pdf)

**22ND SESSION OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL/GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM:** 3 February 2003 - 7 February 2003. Nairobi, Kenya. Ministers and delegates will discuss issues of global environmental governance. For more information contact: Secretary for Governing Council, UNEP; tel: +254-2-623431; fax: +254-2-623929; e-mail: [mailto:beverly.miller@unep.org](mailto:mailto:beverly.miller@unep.org); Internet: <http://www.unep.org/GoverningBodies/GC22/>

**OECD GLOBAL SCIENCE FORUM WORKSHOP:** 12 February 2003 - 14 February 2003. Tokyo, Japan. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is convening a global science forum workshop on best practices in international scientific cooperation. For more information contact: GSF Workshop Secretariat; fax: +81-3-5253-4058; e-mail: [mailto:gsf@mext.go.jp](mailto:mailto:gsf@mext.go.jp); Internet: [http://www.oecd.org/EN/document/0\\_EN-document-0-nodirectorate-no-20-33312-0.00.html](http://www.oecd.org/EN/document/0_EN-document-0-nodirectorate-no-20-33312-0.00.html)

**OECD CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION:** 23 March 2003 - 25 March 2003. Nagoya, Japan. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), together with the Japanese Ministries of Environment and Transportation, is sponsoring an international conference on environmentally sustainable transportation in the Asian region. The OECD's Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) programme, as well as outcomes from the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) will provide the basis for discussion. For more information contact: Conference Secretariat; tel: +81-3-5216-5552; e-mail: [mailto:est-nagoya@env.go.jp](mailto:mailto:est-nagoya@env.go.jp); Internet: <http://www.oecd.org/pdf/M00034000/M00034076.pdf>

**UNIDO TECHNOLOGY FORESIGHT SUMMIT:** 27 March 2003 - 29 March 2003. Budapest, Hungary. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is promoting the Regional Initiative on Technology Foresight for Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the Newly Independent States (NIS). This regional initiative will be instrumental in providing assistance to economies in transition for sustainable and innovative development aimed at fostering economic, environmental and social benefits at national and regional levels. For more information contact: Ricardo Seidl da Fonseca, UNIDO Industrial Promotion and Technology Branch; tel: +43-1-26026 3737; fax: +43-1-26026 6805; e-mail: [mailto:R.Seidl-da-Fonseca@unido.org](mailto:mailto:R.Seidl-da-Fonseca@unido.org); Internet: <http://www.unido.org/en/doc/view/5208>

**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](mailto:mailto:Ella.Behlyarova@unece.org); Internet: [http://www.unece.org/env/wgso/index\\_kyivconf.htm](http://www.unece.org/env/wgso/index_kyivconf.htm)

**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: Internet: <http://www.dubai2003.org/>

## **/TRADE AND INVESTMENT**

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**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING:** 23 January 2003 - 28 January 2003. Davos, Switzerland. The theme of the next WEF annual meeting is "Building Trust." For more information contact: e-mail: <mailto:contact@weforum.org>; Internet: <http://www.weforum.org>

**FAO EXPERT CONSULTATION ON TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT - IMPACTS AND INTERACTION:** 3 February 2003 - 5 February 2003. Rome, Italy. The meeting is organized around four themes: Policy Instruments and Processes; Trade and Finance; Governance and Trade; and New Markets for Environmental Services. For more information contact: Christian Mersmann, FAO; tel: +39-6-5705-6682; fax: +39-6-5705-5137; e-mail: <mailto:christian.mersmann@fao.org>; Internet: <http://www.iisd.ca/linkages/sd/tsfm/>

**ICTSD CONFERENCE ON MAKING THE WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SYSTEM WORK FOR DEVELOPING AND LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES:** 7 February 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. For more information contact: Victor Mosoti; tel: +41-22-917-8356; e-mail: <mailto:vmosoti@ictsd.ch>; Internet: <http://www.ictsd.org>

**WTO SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT:** 12 February 2003 - 13 February 2003. Geneva, Switzerland. Discussions at the Special Session on the Committee for Trade and Environment will focus on clarifying the relationship between international trade and specific multilateral environmental agreements, as specified in paragraph 31 of the Doha Declaration. It is expected that the meeting will focus on trade obligations set out in the Convention on Biological Diversity, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the International Tropical Timber Organization, and the Basel Convention. 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>

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EU BETWEEN JO'BURG FOLLOW-UP AND CANCUN POLITICS: HOW TO SET THE RIGHT FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTMENT RULES:** 6 March 2003. Brussels, Belgium. Organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation EU Regional Office in collaboration with the European Parliament, this public hearing will assess the outcomes of WSSD on globalization, trade and corporate accountability, and public-private partnerships in the field of water; address some of the sustainable development-related aspects of the EU's services liberalization and investment agenda in the WTO; and elaborate on alternatives to trade and investment liberalization and possibilities for developing binding rules for corporations at the European and international level. Invitees include: MEPs, in particular of the Trade/Industry and Environment Committee, the Permanent Representations in Brussels of the EU member states, accession countries and developing countries; the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Environment Ministries; representatives of key NGOs dealing with WTO, WSSD matters and corporate accountability issues; other stakeholders; and the media. For more information contact: Heinrich Böll Foundation EU Regional Office; tel: +32-2-7434112; e-mail: [mailto:Brussels\\_2@boell.de](mailto:Brussels_2@boell.de)

**GREENING THE FTAA? - TOWARDS THE PROTECTION OF ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY IN OUR HEMISPHERE:** 17 March 2003 - 18 March 2003. Montreal, Canada. Environmental Law McGill (ELM) will host this conference to highlight issues of environmental governance and sustainable development in the context of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations. The event is intended to foster an inclusive dialogue between civil society, academia, the private sector and government on environmental issues associated with the ongoing Americas integration process. For more information contact: William Amos, Conference Director, ELM; tel: +1-514-845-3605; e-mail: <mailto:wamos@po-box.mcgil.ca>; Internet: <http://www.law.mcgill.ca/elmftaaconference>

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON NAFTA CHAPTER 11:** 24 March 2003. Mexico City, Mexico. Does Chapter 11 of NAFTA protect the rights of foreign investors over the environment? The Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) will host this one-day workshop to focus the widening debate on the controversial dispute settlement process. A JPAC regular session will follow on 27 March. For more information contact: Manon Pepin; tel: +1-514-350-4305; e-mail: <mailto:mpepin@ccemtl.org>; Internet: <http://www.ccc.org/symposium/>

**REGIONAL SEMINAR ON POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF FARMERS' RIGHTS IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS:** 24 March 2003 - 26 March 2003. Godavari, Lalitpur, Nepal. This seminar will seek to help participants understand the debate on intellectual property protection and the rights of the poor, marginalized farmers in the region; to explore options available under the TRIPS Agreement to prepare legislation that would protect the rights of commercial breeders without impairing the rights of farmers to save, exchange, re-use and sell seeds; and to provide trade negotiators with skills and knowledge necessary to negotiate during the on-going review of the TRIPS Agreement. For more information contact: Dhrubesh Chandra Regmi, SAWTEE; tel: +977-1-482217; fax: +977-1-430608; e-mail: <mailto:dhrubesh@hqsawtee.wlink.com.np>; Internet: <http://www.sawtee.org/forthcoming.html>

**SECOND NORTH AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM ON ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF TRADE:** 25 March 2003 - 26 March 2003. Mexico City, Mexico. Energy and agriculture are the focus of this second trade and environment symposium. Thirteen research papers, on issues ranging from energy subsidies to intensive livestock operations, will be presented and discussed. The impact of trade on indigenous communities and invasive species will also be featured. For more information contact: Chantal Line Carpentier; tel: +1-514-350-4336; fax: +1-514-350-4314; e-mail: <mailto:clcarpentier@ccemtl.org>; Internet: <http://www.ccc.org/symposium/>

**UNEP CAPACITY BUILDING MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT, TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** 27 March 2003 - 28 March 2003. Mexico City, Mexico. Participants will meet to identify priorities for capacity building activities and develop a long-term capacity building program in the region. The meeting will address a number of issues, including environmental goods and services, the TRIPS agreement, trade liberalization in agriculture and the use of economic instruments to achieve environment and trade objectives. For more information contact: Charles Arden-Clarke; tel: +41-22-917-8168; e-mail: <mailto:charles.arden-clarke@unep.ch>; Internet: <http://www.ccc.org/symposium/>

**MEETING ON DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION - HOW TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION IN A FORM USEFUL TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:** 27 March 2003 - 28 March 2003. New York, United States. For more information contact: Chantal Line Carpentier; tel: +1-514-350-4336; fax: +1-514-350-4314; e-mail:

<mailto:clcarpentier@ccemtl.org>; Internet:  
<http://www.cec.org/calendar/details/index.cfm?varlan=english&ID=1831>

**STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE WITH FOCUS ON AFRICA:** 16 May 2003 - 17 May 2003. Stockholm, Sweden. This conference will focus on, *inter alia*, investment opportunities in Africa, trade, infrastructure, institutional foundations for creating real market economies, the problems and hindrances to investment inflow, and the role of democratic culture and high social capital in promoting investment and socio-economic growth. It will discuss the "will to invest in Africa" on the part of Western nations. For more information contact: tel: +46-73-907-4348 ; fax: +46-40-239354 ; e-mail: <mailto:africaforum@swipnet.se>; Internet:

<http://www.africaforum.org/IC-Stockholm-2003/Stockholm2003.html>

**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/>

## **/WATER, WETLANDS, COASTS**

**WORLD WETLANDS DAY:** 2 February 2003. 2 February each year is World Wetlands Day, and this year's theme is "No Wetlands - No Water!" For more information contact: Ramsar Convention Bureau; tel: +41-22-999-0170; fax: +41-22-999-0169; e-mail:

<mailto:ramsar@ramsar.org>; Internet:  
[http://www.ramsar.org/wwd2003\\_index.htm](http://www.ramsar.org/wwd2003_index.htm)

**EXPERT MEETING ON INDICATORS OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY INCLUDING INDICATORS FOR RAPID ASSESSMENT OF INLAND WATER ECOSYSTEMS:** 10 February 2003 - 12 February 2003. Montreal, Canada. This meeting is organised by Secretariat of 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/doc/meeting.asp?wg=EMIND-01>

**THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF LARGE RIVERS FOR FISHERIES - SUSTAINING LIVELIHOODS AND BIODIVERSITY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM:** 11 February 2003 - 14 February 2003. Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The objectives of the symposium will be to: provide a forum to review and synthesize the current status of large rivers systems including their ecology, fisheries, environmental impact assessments, multiple uses of resources and associated socio-economic considerations; raise the political, public and scientific awareness of the importance of river systems, the living aquatic resources they support and the people that depend upon them; and contribute to better management, conservation and restoration of the living aquatic resources of large rivers. For more information contact: e-mail: <mailto:info@lars2.org>; Internet: <http://www.lars2.org/>

**FRESHWATER FORUM:** 18 February 2003. Winnipeg, Canada. The Manitoba Clean Environment Commission, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Freshwater Institute), and Manitoba Conservation are sponsoring a public forum to discuss the current status and future of freshwater. The objective of this free one-day forum will be to share perspectives on the many critical issues facing this resource in Canada and Manitoba. For more information contact: tel: +1-204-945-0594; fax: +1-204-945-0090; e-mail:

<mailto:rgrewar@gov.mb.ca>; Internet: <http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/>

**WORKSHOP ON MONITORING FOR EFFECTIVENESS IN COMMUNITY-BASED WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION:** 10 March 2003 - 21 March 2003. Nairobi, Kenya. For more information contact: tel: +254-2-890-555/6/7; fax: +254-2-890-553/4; e-mail: <mailto:netwas@nbnnet.co.ke>; Internet:

<http://www.irc.nl/products/training/event.php?id=11>

**THIRD WORLD WATER FORUM:** 16 March 2003 - 23 March 2003. Kyoto, Japan. A Ministerial Conference will be held during the Forum, where Ministers will work towards framing and adopting a political declaration concerning global water problems. For more information contact: Forum Secretariat; tel: +81-3-5212-1645; e-mail: <mailto:office@water-forum3.com>; Internet: <http://www.worldwaterforum.org>

**WORLD WATER DAY 2003:** 22 March 2003. The goal for World Water Day 2003 is to inspire worldwide political and community action and encourage greater global understanding of the need for more responsible water use and conservation. The theme for this year's event is "Water for the Future," calling on all to observe sustainable approaches to water use for the benefit of future generations. For more information contact: tel: +254-2-621-234; fax: +254-2-624-489/90; e-mail: <mailto:waterday2003@unep.org>; Internet: <http://www.waterday2003.org>

**FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE - ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE OF AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS:** 23 March 2003 - 27 March 2003. Zurich, Switzerland. Following the World Day for Water in the International Year of Freshwater, the fifth ICEF will assess threats to resilience and likely changes in 21 major aquatic systems over the next 25 years. For more information contact: Christiane Rapin Nussbaumer, Swiss Federal Institute for Environmental Science and Technology; tel: +41-1-823-5336; fax: +41-1-823-5315; e-mail: <mailto:icef@eawag.ch>; Internet: <http://www.icef.eawag.ch/>

**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT:** 7 April 2003 - 11 April 2003. Denver, CO, United States. This Workshop aims to provide an overview of planning and management practices, evaluate inter-organizational cooperation and demonstrate actual procedures, facilities, and techniques used in integrated water resources management. For more information contact: US Bureau of Reclamation; tel: +1-303-445-2127; fax: +1-303-445-6322; e-mail:

<mailto:lprincipe@do.usbr.gov>; Internet: <http://www.usbr.gov>

**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](http://www.ip3.org/t_workshops_1307.htm)

**MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON OCEANS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA:** 2 June 2003 - 6 June 2003. New York 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](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/new_developments_and_recent_adds.htm)

**12TH 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](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/new_developments_and_recent_adds.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>

**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](http://www.iwcoffice.org/2003_meeting.htm)

**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. The Symposium will also be a key forum for follow-up discussion from the WSSD in Johannesburg and the 3rd World Water Forum to be held in March 2003 in Kyoto, Japan. 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>

**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!" Water and information have a lot in common. Both flow from a source to users. There can be too much of it, or too little, it can be clear or 'polluted'. 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, IRC; tel: +31-15-219-2985; fax: +31-15-219-0955; e-mail: <http://www.irc.nl/contact.php?rcpt=krukkert&subject=WIS6>; Internet: <http://www.irc.nl/news/wis6.html>

**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>

**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](http://www.cedex.es/iwracongress2003/en/hoja2_en.htm)

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

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