

UN-System Climate Change Events Calendar for 2008

January

UN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH: 1 January- 31 December 2008. The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the year 2008 to be UN International Year of Planet Earth. The Year's activities will span the three years 2007-2009. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has been designated to organize activities during the Year, in collaboration with The United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant United Nations bodies, the International Union of Geological Sciences and other Earth sciences societies and groups throughout the world.

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

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMBATING DESERTIFICATION: 22-24 January 2008. Beijing, China. The State Forestry Administration of the People's Republic of China (SFA) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) will organize this conference, which will bring together senior government decision-makers, representatives of local authorities, officials from the UN system, researchers and experts, as well as practitioners, to share lessons learned and best practices in combating desertification. It will be convened as an intersessional event in contribution to the 16th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/calendar/desertification_beijing2008.htm

FOURTH AUSTRIAN JI/CDM WORKSHOP: 24 January 2008 - 25 January 2008. Vienna, Austria. This Austrian Workshop on Joint Implementation (JI) and the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) under the Kyoto Protocol will bring together project developers, investors, validators and governmental authorities with the aim of updating participants about recent developments and future perspectives after the UN climate change conference in Bali. The workshop is aimed at companies and institutions interested in exchanging information and lessons learned.

<http://www.ji-cdm-austria.at/en/portal/index.php>

CSD REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MEETING (RIM) FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA: 28 January 2008 - 29 January 2008. Geneva, Switzerland. This meeting will be organized by the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Participants will prepare for the 16th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16), which will focus on agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa.

<http://www.unece.org/env/SustainableDevelopment/welcome.htm>

February

DELHI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT (DSDS) 2008: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE: 7-9 February 2008, New Delhi, India. DSDS will offer a platform for leading figures from North and South to address the vital issues of climate change and sustainable development, and to set the stage for an intensified search for global solutions during the year.

<http://www.teriin.org/dsds/2008/index.htm>

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEMATIC DEBATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE: 11-12 February, New York, USA. The Thematic Debate is a follow up to the September 2007 High-Level Meeting on Climate Change and the 2007 UN Climate Change Conference in Bali. The meeting will involve government delegations, panelists, special guests, and representatives of civil society and non-governmental organizations. The focus of discussions will be on partnerships, cooperation and UN activities on climate change.

<http://www.un.org/ga/president/62/ThematicDebates/themclimatechange.shtml>

IFAD FARMER'S FORUM: 11-12 February, Rome, Italy. The Farmers' Forum is an emerging, bottom-up process of consultation and dialogue between small farmers and rural producers' organizations, IFAD and governments, focused on rural development and poverty reduction. The Farmers' Forum brings together more than 50 leaders, representing millions of small farmers and rural producers, from Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Near East and Europe to interact with IFAD staff and selected partners.

<http://www.ifad.org/events/gc/29/farmer/index.htm>

IFAD COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS: 13-14 February, Rome, Italy. There will be three roundtable discussions on Climate change and the future of small holder agriculture, biofuel expansion and Growing demand on agriculture and rising prices of commodities. <http://www.ifad.org/events/gc/31/roundtable/index.htm>

13th MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE OF THE UN COVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: 18-22 February , Rome, Italy. The meeting will review Scientific and technical issues of relevance to the implementation of the 2010 target, including options for mutually supportive actions addressing climate change within the three Rio conventions. There will also be side events on Biodiversity for Biofuel production and climate change adaptation, and Communities, climate change and agricultural biodiversity and forests and climate change: why policies intended to mitigate climate change could undermine the protection of the world's forests and the rights of indigenous people <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=SBSTTA-13>

10th SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM (GCSS-10/GMEF): 20 – 22 February, Monaco. Meeting of world's Environment Ministers to discuss: "Globalization and the environment: Mobilizing finance to meet the climate challenge. The Ninth Session of the Global Civil Society Forum of UNEP will be held on 19 February. <http://www.unep.org/gc/gcss-x/>

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND BIODIVERSITY (COHAB 2): 25- 28 February, Galway, Ireland. COHAB 2 will explore health-biodiversity linkages through the framework of the UN Millennium Development Goals and findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Conference workshops will focus on three areas: disaster prevention, relief and recovery; integrating biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management into disease prevention and control programmes; and meeting nutrition security and poverty challenges with biodiversity. <http://www.cohabnet.org/cohab2008/index.htm>

4th ANNUAL BRUSSELS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE: 26-27 February, Brussels, Belgium. The Conference will focus upon EU and global issues relating to climate change, and in particular looks at issues involving the Post-2012 after Bali and before the Hokkaido G8 summit; progress of EU integrated energy and climate package, burden-sharing renewables and technology; EU Emissions Trading Review with a focus on investment, and transport. <http://www.climate-policy.eu>

March

FAO 29th REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE NEAR EAST: 1-5 March, Cairo, Egypt. This Conference will report on FAO Activities in the Region, with a focus on the achievement of the World Food Summit (WFS) target and the Millennium Development Goals. It will assess prospects for food and agriculture, including fisheries and forestry and the socio-economic impacts of transboundary animal diseases in the Near East with particular emphasis on avian influenza, and global and regional emergency issues. There will be a Roundtable discussion on Climate change implications for the Near East. http://www.fao.org/Unfao/Bodies/RegConferences/nerc29/Index_en.htm

WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE (WIREC) 2008: 4- 6 March 2008. Washington DC, USA. The WIREC 2008 event will aim to advance goals on energy security, climate change, air quality, and sustainable development, including agriculture and rural development. It will also seek to demonstrate global leadership in renewable energy research, policy development, technology innovation, commercialization and development, and to foster industry and government collaboration. WIREC 2008 will include five related events, including a ministerial meeting, legislators meeting, side events, business conference, and trade show exhibition. UN-Energy and GBEP are participating in the conference. <http://www.wirec2008.org/>

UNFCCC EXPERT MEETINGS ON METHODS AND TOOLS, AND ON DATA AND OBSERVATIONS, UNDER THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME: 4 - 7 March, Mexico City, Mexico. Two related, back-to-back UNFCCC meetings will be held on different elements of the Nairobi Work Programme on Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change. The first, which will address issues relating to methods and tools, will be held on 4 and 5 March. The second, which will consider data and observations, is scheduled for 6 and 7 March. http://unfccc.int/adaptation/sbsta_agenda_item_adaptation/items/4259.php

UNFCCC MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER: 10-11 March Bonn, Germany http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

UNFCCC EXPERT MEETING ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC INFORMATION UNDER THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME: 10-12 March, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. This event, which will follow two other events on the Nairobi Work Programme in Mexico City, will focus on the socio-economic aspects of the Programme. http://unfccc.int/adaptation/sbsta_agenda_item_adaptation/items/4265.php

38th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM (CDM-EB 38): 12-14 March Bonn, Germany
http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

BERN CONVENTION GROUP OF EXPERTS ON BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:
13 - 14 March Seville, Spain http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/conventions/bern/Seville_2008_en.asp

GLENEAGLES DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE, CLEAN ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: 14 -16 March, Chiba, Japan. The Gleneagles Dialogue is a multi-year, multi-government, public-private policy dialogue on climate change and clean energy issues, the findings of which will be submitted to the G8 summit process at this meeting in Japan. <http://www.env.go.jp/earth/g8/en/g20/index.html>

UNIDO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY IN AFRICA: 16-18 March 2008 Dakar, Senegal. A joint activity of the African Union, the Government of Senegal, the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The theme of the conference is making renewable energy markets work for Africa: Policies, Industries and Finance for Scaling-Up. <http://www.unido.org/en/doc/76539>

WORLD WATER DAY: 22 March 2008 Theme: Sanitation <http://www.worldwaterday.org>

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY: 23 March 2008 Theme: Observing our planet for a better future
<http://www.wmo.int/pages/wmd>

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHANGE FOR INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, THEIR TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: 25- 28 March, Helsinki, Finland. This meeting is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EMCCILC-01>

FIRST SESSION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION UNDER THE UNFCCC AND FIFTH SESSION OF THE AWG UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL: 31- 4 April, Bangkok, Thailand. The first meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Long-Term Cooperative Action, a new body established at COP 13 in Bali, will develop the Group's work programme. The fifth session of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol will also be held at the same time. http://unfccc.int/meetings/intersessional/awg-lca_1_and_awg-kp_5/items/4288.php

April

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS 1-2 April, New York, USA. The President of the General Assembly of the United Nations Dr. Srgjan Kerim will convene a thematic debate on 1st and 2nd April 2008 on the theme "Recognising the achievements, addressing the challenges and getting back on track to achieve the MDGs by 2015." The thematic debate will focus on poverty, education and health. MDGs, where progress is most urgently required and where experience suggests that positive results have a catalytic effect on the other goals. The discussions over the two days will focus on the most intractable problems, identify lessons learnt and possible additional measures to ensure the attainment of the goals by 2015. <http://www.un.org/ga/president/62/ThematicDebates/mdgthematicdebate.shtml>

FOOD SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: 2-4 April, Oxford, UK. At this conference, delegates from the research and policy communities will address food security, environmental change and food policy, and discuss adaptation options to improve food security. <http://www.foodsecurity.elsevier.com/>

UNFCCC EXPERT MEETING ON TECHNOLOGIES FOR ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE: 5 April Bangkok, Thailand.

<http://ttclear.unfccc.int/ttclear/jsp/index.jsp?mainFrame=../html/WshpBangkok2.html>

UNFCCC INFORMAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM PARTIES ON THE OUTCOMES OF COMPLETED ACTIVITIES UNDER THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME ON IMPACTS, VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE: 7-9 April, Bangkok, Thailand.

http://unfccc.int/adaptation/sbsta_agenda_item_adaptation/items/4290.php

4th GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON OCEANS, COASTS AND ISLANDS: 7- 11 April, Hanoi, Vietnam. The Conference will review progress achieved (or lack thereof) in advancing ecosystem management and integrated coastal and ocean management by 2010 at national and regional levels, and in areas beyond national jurisdiction, and on the goals of reducing marine biodiversity loss by 2010 and of establishing networks of marine protected areas by 2012. These goals were adopted at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development and will be considered in the context of climate change, which, as indicated in the 2007 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will have profound effects on ecosystems and coastal populations around the world.

<http://www.globaloceans.org/globalconferences/2008/index.html>

28th SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (IPCC): 9-10 April, Budapest, Hungary. The focus of the meeting will be on the future of the IPCC, including key aspects of the IPCC's work programme and the future structure of the Bureau and of the Task Force Bureau on the National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Programme. The IPCC will also be invited to consider a possible Special Report on renewable energy, the finalization of a technical paper on climate change and water, and a proposal for the use of the funds resulting from the Nobel Peace Prize.

<http://www.ipcc.ch/meetings/session28.htm>

FAO 30th REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: 14-18 April Brasilia, Brazil. The Conference will address policies to promote and/or strengthen the participation and joint action of public and private actors in rural development, transboundary diseases, and opportunities and challenges of biofuel production for food security and the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean.

http://www.fao.org/Unfao/Bodies/RegConferences/Larc30/Index_en.htm

EARTH DAY: 22 April <http://www.earthday.net/earthday2008.aspx>

UNEP/GLOBAL COMPACT GLOBAL BUSINESS SUMMIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: B4E – the Global Business Summit for the Environment – is an international conference focusing on business and the environment. Now in its second year, B4E 2008 will highlight the most urgent environmental challenges facing the world today and discuss business-driven solutions for mitigating and adapting to climate change. Important topics addressed will include: resource efficiencies, renewable energies, new business models and climate strategies. Delegates will learn best practices for identifying and managing the risks posed by climate change and uncover opportunities for developing competitive advantages.

<http://www.b4esummit.com/>

OECD-UNEP CONFERENCE ON RESOURCE EFFICIENCY: 23-25 April, Paris, France. The Conference provides an opportunity for senior representatives from governments, businesses, international organisations and civil society to discuss resource efficiency issues and influence international debates.

<http://www.unep.fr/scp/events/details.asp?id=466>

OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS: 28-29 April, Paris, France. OECD Environment Ministers will meet to discuss recent environmental trends and the projections in the OECD Environmental Outlook to 2030, environmental co-operation between OECD countries and emerging economies, challenges (competitiveness concerns) and opportunities (eco-innovation) associated with policies to address climate change, and the need for enhanced government-wide co-operation to shift towards a low-carbon society.

http://www.oecd.org/site/0,3407,en_21571361_40172921_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

7th SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES (UNPFII): 21-April- 2 May 2008 United Nations Headquarters, New York. The special theme will be “Climate change, bio-cultural diversity and livelihoods: the stewardship role of indigenous peoples and new challenges”.

http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/session_seventh.html

12th SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD XII) Accra, Ghana 20-25 April. The theme of the Conference is “Addressing the opportunities and challenges of globalization for development”

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Meeting.asp?intItemID=4287&lang=1>

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY COUNCIL MEETING: 21-25 April, Washington, USA.

http://www.thegef.org/interior_right.aspx?id=20612

FOREST DAY: SHAPING THE DEBATE ON FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN CENTRAL AFRICA: 24 April, Yaoundé, Cameroon. Forest Day aims to provide a regional perspective on the issue of forests and climate change. A broad range of forest stakeholders are expected to analyze the social, economic, scientific, technological and political issues, to provide a stepping stone for informed climate policies in the region: http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/Events/CIFOR/forest_day_cameroon.htm

UNFCCC WORKSHOP ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND REVIEW OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL PURSUANT TO ITS ARTICLE 9 28-29 April, Bonn, Germany

http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/4359.php

May

ECOSOC SPECIAL EVENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2 May 2008, NY, USA. “Achieving the MDGs and coping with the challenges of climate change: A review of commitments and actions by ECOSOC”. The objectives of the event are to promote efforts to integrate climate change into the UN development agenda; identify the actions needed for the mainstreaming of climate change in the United Nations system and the role that ECOSOC can play in this regard. It will also provide a useful contribution to the July session, which would take up the issue in the context of the 2008 AMR. <http://www.un.org/ecosoc/newfunct/climatechange.shtml>

16th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 5 - 16 May, New York, USA. This review session will focus on agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa. <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd>

INTERNATIONAL GEF WORKSHOP ON EVALUATING CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT: RESULTS, METHODS AND CAPACITIES: 10 -13 May, Alexandria, Egypt. The GEF Evaluation Office is organizing this workshop, which will permit sharing of experiences in evaluating projects and programs aimed at the nexus between climate change and development. Special attention will be paid to the results reported and whether there is convergence in findings throughout agencies. The workshop aims to realize the potential of evaluations to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

<http://www.esdevaluation.org>

UNFCCC CDM-EB 39 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM, 39th MEETING 12-14 May, Bonn, Germany http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php

IPCC WORKSHOP ON IPCC GUIDANCE ON ESTIMATING EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS FROM LAND USES 13-15 May, Helsinki, Finland. <http://www.ipcc.ch/meetings/calendar.htm>

FAO 29th REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 19-23 May, Islamabad, Pakistan http://www.fao.org/unfao/bodies/regconferences/rc2008/index_en.htm

ECOSOC SPECIAL MEETING ON GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS 20-22 May, United Nations Headquarters, New York. The objectives of the meeting were to: 1) identify short-term emergency measures that can be taken at national and international levels to feed the hungry and to bring prices down while strengthening household food security via targeted safety nets; 2) enhance regional and international cooperation to address both the causes and the consequences of high food prices and to work towards greater price stability; 3) identify a strong coordinated and coherent approach both by the UN system and between the UN system and the broader international community. <http://www.un.org/ecosoc/GlobalFoodCrisis/index.shtml> A Presidential Statement (E/2008/66) was issued at the end of the meeting. <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=E/2008/66>

GLOBAL RENEWABLE ENERGY FORUM 18-21 May, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil. Organized jointly by the Ministry of Mining and Energy of Brazil, Binacional Itaipu and UNIDO, the Global Renewable Energy Forum will provide a platform for further discussion of the potential of renewable energy sources, particularly hydro energy and bio-fuels at the global level, sharing them with other regions in order to establish strong linkages oriented to increase specific joint actions for enhancing the use of renewable energy world wide.
http://www.unido.org/file-storage/download/?file_id=69286

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD) 22 May. Theme: "Biodiversity and Agriculture" <http://www.cbd.int/ibd/2008/>

UNFCCC MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, 29-30 May, Bonn, Germany http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php

38th INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS WORLD FARMERS' CONGRESS, May 30- June 7: Warsaw, Poland.
<http://www.ifap.org/en/newsroom/WorldFarmersCongress.html>

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (COP-9) May 19 - 30, Bonn, Germany. COP 9 will include a high-level ministerial segment from 28 to 30 May 2008. Issues for in-depth consideration include agricultural biodiversity, global strategy for plant conservation, invasive alien species, forest biodiversity, incentive measures, ecosystem approach, progress in the implementation of the strategic plan and progress towards the 2010 target and relevant Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), financial resources and the Financial Mechanism. <http://www.cbd.int/cop9/>

G8 ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS MEETING 25-27 May, Kobe, Japan
<http://www.env.go.jp/earth/g8/en/index.html>

4TH TOKYO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (TICAD IV): 28 - 30 May, Yokohama, Japan. TICAD seeks to promote high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and development partners. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad4/>

June

28TH SESSIONS OF THE UNFCCC SUBSIDIARY BODIES: 2 -13 June, Bonn, Germany. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) – are scheduled to take place from 2-13 June 2008, in Bonn, Germany. In addition, the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-Term Cooperative Action, a new body established at COP 13 in Bali, is expected to be held alongside the SBI and SBSTA. The resumed fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol will also be held at the same time.
<http://unfccc.int/meetings/sb28/items/4328.php>

37th MEETING OF THE RAMSAR STANDING COMMITTEE 2 - 6 June, Gland, Switzerland
<http://www.ramsar.org/meetings.htm>

FAO HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIOENERGY 3 - 5 June 2008 Rome, Italy. The conference will address food security and poverty reduction in the face of climate change and energy security. The conference will seek to contribute to the UN system efforts in the field of climate change. <http://www.fao.org/foodclimate>

OECD FORUM 2008 CLIMATE CHANGE, GROWTH, STABILITY 3-4 June, OECD Conference Centre, Paris. The OECD Forum is a "multi-stakeholder summit" which brings together business and labour leaders, civil society personalities, government ministers and leaders of international organisations to discuss the hottest issues on the international agenda. It takes place in conjunction with the annual OECD ministerial summit.
http://www.oecd.org/site/0,3407,en_21571361_39644413_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

OECD COUNCIL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON OUTREACH, REFORM, and the ECONOMICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 4 -5 June chaired by France. Paris. The economic impact of climate change, rising food prices and a broad range of other trade, growth and development issues will be

discussed at this year's Ministerial Council Meeting.

http://www.oecd.org/site/0.3407.en_21571361_40155017_1_1_1_1_1.00.html

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5 June, Theme: Kick the Habit! Towards a Low Carbon Economy

<http://www.unep.org/wed/2008/english/>

UNFCCC CDM-EB 40 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM, 40th

Meeting 14-16 June, Bonn Germany. http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

UNFCCC JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE, 12th Meeting 16-17 June, Bonn,

Germany http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

FAO 25th REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA 16-17 June, Nairobi, Kenya.

http://www.fao.org/unfao/bodies/RegConferences/RC2008/index_en.htm

WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (UNCCD) 17 June. Theme: "Combating Land

Degradation for Sustainable Agriculture" <http://www.unccd.int/publicinfo/june17/2008/menu.php?newch=11>

FAO 26th REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR EUROPE 23-27 June Innsbruck, Austria.

http://www.fao.org/unfao/bodies/regconferences/rc2008/index_en.htm

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GROUNDWATER AND CLIMATE IN AFRICA: 25 - 28 June 2008. Kampala, Uganda. This conference is organized by the University College London (UK), the Directorate of Water Development of Uganda and UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP). The conference seeks to bring together water and climate scientists from research/academic institutions, government departments, and private sector as well as representatives from international agencies and donors in order to share knowledge and expertise, and thereby improve current understanding of the impact of climate variability and change on groundwater resources in Africa. <http://www.gwclim.org/>

WORKSHOP ON BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: 29 June- 4 July. Kushiro, Japan. Co-organized by the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Kushiro International Wetland Centre, in partnership with Japan-UNDP Partnership Fund and the Secretariats of the Ramsar Convention and the Convention on Biological Diversity, this workshop aims to support the sharing of scientific facts and policies on biodiversity, wetlands and climate change, provide analytical knowledge to understand and practically use the scientific data and documentation, facilitate exchange of ideas and strengthen the Kushiro/UNITAR network of experts in wetlands, biodiversity and climate change. <http://www.unitar.org/hiroshima/programmes/kushiro08/>

July

SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF THE UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC) 30 June-25 July New York, USA. The session will include the Annual Ministerial Review (AMR), a new function of ECOSOC that was mandated by Heads of State and Government at the 2005 World Summit. The 2008 AMR will focus on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development" and will consist of three main elements: a global review of the UN development agenda, a thematic review, and a series of national voluntary presentations by countries on their national development strategies. The first biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) will also take place during the July ECOSOC session. <http://www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/>

FAO INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON COPING WITH GLOBAL CHANGE IN MARINE SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS 8 - 11 July, Rome, Italy <http://www.fao.org/fishery/nems/36388/en>

G8 SUMMIT 7-9 July, Hokkaido Japan. <http://www.do-summit.jp/en/about/>

SYMPOSIUM: COPING WITH GLOBAL CHANGE IN MARINE SOCIAL –ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM: 8-11 July, Rome. Organized Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) Global Ocean Ecosystem Dynamics (GLOBEC), European Network of Excellence for Oceans Ecosystem Analysis, (EUR-OCEANS), the central goals of the symposium are to share experiences across disciplines and to identify key

next steps and common elements and approaches that promote resilience of marine social-ecological systems in the face of global changes. <http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=846&nid=6530>

28th MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER 7-11 July 2008 Bangkok, Thailand <http://ozone.unep.org/>

UNFCCC CDM-EB 41 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM, 41st MEETING 30 July-1 August, Bonn, Germany. http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

August

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: ADAPTATION OF FORESTS AND FOREST MANAGEMENT TO CHANGING CLIMATE WITH EMPHASIS ON FOREST HEALTH: A REVIEW OF SCIENCE, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES: 25- 28 August, Umeå, Sweden. Co-hosted by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, this conference will focus on the current state of knowledge of ongoing changes in climatic conditions in different regions of the world, and the implications of these changes for forest health, forest management and conservation. Presentations and discussions will emphasize research, policies and practices that are needed to enable us to plan for and manage healthy, productive forests to meet future societal needs for forest products and the full range of forest goods and services. <http://www.forestadaptation2008.net/home/en/>

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AGRICULTURE, MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION OPTIONS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE IN SOUTH ASIA: 25-29 August, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Ohio State University, World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) and other co-sponsors are organizing this symposium. http://www.wmo.ch/pages/prog/wcp/agm/meetings/rsama08/index_en.html

September

13th WORLD WATER CONGRESS Montpellier, France 1 – 4 September. The main theme of this congress will be 'Global Changes and Water Resources: Confronting the Expanding and Diversifying Pressures.' The congress aims to enhance knowledge and raise global consciousness of the impact of global changes on water resources. The main themes of the congress are: water availability, use and management; towards the future: water resources and global changes; climate change and disasters; the development of water resources and infrastructure; water governance and water security: 30 years after the UN Conference on Water, Mar del Plata, Argentina of 1977; water conservation and demand management; financing water development and capacity building; and capacity-building in developing countries. <http://wwc2008.msem.univ-montp2.fr/>

29th SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (IPCC 29) first week of September, Geneva, Switzerland. Date TBC <http://www.ipcc.ch/meetings/calendar.htm>

WORLD AGRICULTURAL FORUM: 2008 AFRICAN CONGRESS September 3 - 5, 2008, Kampala, Uganda This meeting will discuss "Creating Prosperity by Investing in Agriculture." <http://www.worldagforum.org/index.php?section=1>

UNFCCC JISC12 JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE 13th MEETING, 9-10 September Bonn, Germany http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN WEST AFRICAN AGRICULTURE 15-19 September, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Drylands Development Centre of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are organizing this workshop. http://www.wmo.ch/pages/prog/wcp/agm/meetings/iwacc08/index_en.html

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OZONE LAYER 16 September.
<http://www.unep.org/ozone/>

63rd SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 16-September-mid December, New York, USA. <http://www.un.org/ga/>

UNFCCC CDM-EB 42 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM, 42nd MEETING 24-26 September 2008, Bonn, Germany.
http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

October

IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS October 5 – 14, Barcelona, Spain The World Conservation Congress is the world's largest and most diverse conservation event. Held every four years, the Congress aims to improve how we manage our natural environment for human, social and economic development.
<http://www.iucn.org/congress/2008/congress.htm>

FAO GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON SMALL SCALE FISHERIES: (Co-organised with Thai Department of Fisheries) 13-17 October, Bangkok, Thailand. <http://www.fao.org/fishery/nems/36382/en>

WORLD FOOD DAY: 16 October Theme: World Food Security and the Challenges of climate change and bioenergy <http://www.fao.org/wfd2007/index-wfd2007.html>

10th CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE RAMSAR CONVENTION: 28 October – 4 November, Changwon, Republic of Korea http://www.ramsar.org/index_cop10_e.htm

UNFCCC EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM 43rd MEETING (UNFCCC CDM-EB 43): 22-24 November, Chile.
http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

November

WORLD URBAN FORUM IV: 3-7 November, Nanjing, China.
<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=4613&catid=535&typeid=24&subMenuId=0>

GEF COUNCIL MEETING AND NGO CONSULTATION: 10-14 November, Washington DC, USA. The GEF Council Meeting will develop, adopt, and evaluate GEF programs. Council members representing 32 constituencies (16 from developing countries, 14 from developed countries, and two from countries with transitional economies) will be represented at the Council Meeting. An NGO Consultation will be held on the first day. <http://www.thegef.org/interior.aspx?id=268>

TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL (MOP-20): 17- 21 November, Doha, Qatar. This meeting is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the eighth Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention. <http://ozone.unep.org/>

UNFCCC EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM, 44th MEETING (UNFCCC CDM-EB 44): 26-28 November Poznań, Poland.
http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

UNFCCC JISC 13 JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE, 14th MEETING: 26-29 November, Poznań, Poland. http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

FOLLOW-UP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTERREY CONSENSUS: November 29 - December 2, 2008 Doha, Qatar The review conference will address progress made, reaffirm goals and commitments, and share best practices and lessons learned. It should also identify obstacles and constraints encountered, actions and initiatives to overcome them and important measures for further implementation, as well as new challenges

and emerging issues. Several meetings will also be held during the year in preparation for the Conference, including six substantive informal review sessions of the whole on the six thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus, to be held during the period from January to June 2008. <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>

December

FOURTEENTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNFCCC AND FOURTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL: 1-12 December, Poznań, Poland. UNFCCC COP 14 and Kyoto Protocol COP/MOP 4 will coincide with the 29th meetings of the UNFCCC's subsidiary bodies. http://unfccc.int/meetings/unfccc_calendar/items/2655.php?year=2008

FAO HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON WATER FOR AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY IN AFRICA: THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE 15-17 December, Sirte, Libya. The overall purpose of this conference will be to address the availability of water resources in Africa, under the circumstances of increased demand by the agricultural and energy sectors and in the context of changing climatic conditions. The conference will analyse the present situation and needs, in terms of water for agriculture and energy, the potentials, the costs and the sources of financing, with a view to proposing to Heads of State and Government the policies, strategies and programmes for an effective use and management of water resources.