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An Interactive Exchange Process

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Conference Documents

The book "Roots of the Future: Compendium of citizens movement Responses to Environment and Development", the main background document for the Paris Conference, will be on view for references and for sale in the observers hall and the NGO compendium both. The book with about 650 pages formed the basis for the "Synthesis" document and the "Agenda Ya Wananchi". Price FFR 200 at the conference, FFR 230 for surface mail orders, FFR 260 for Air mail orders. #32
Ron Kingham, EDRC, BELGIUM

The Practice of Comprehensive Agriculture

Comprehensive Multi-storied Agriculture is popularized in the mountain area of temperature zone in China. It contents inter-cropping, multi-cropping, battery keeping, agro-forestry, aquatic mix raising, agricultural distribution with different altitudes, etc. And appropriate to mountain area racing challenge for limited land resources coupled with large population for increasing land utilized and output co-efficient and environmental effect. #33
Wang Qianzhong, Chinese Association of Agricultural Science

"Green Food" a Heathy Option

"Green Food" begin to be provided by some remote state farms, villages in P.R. China. This food is not polluted. To guarantee parity of food, soil, water and other environmental factors would be monitored. Traditional practices combined with new technology are adopted to cultivate resistant seeds, to use this technology for best control. #34
Wang Qianzhong, Chinese Association of Agricultural Science

Industrial Alliance & Victims & Disease

While Minamata disease was discovered 1956 Japanese Government allowed a china company to continue to discharge mercury contaminated wastes until 1968 because of its industrial policy. The Government should compensate Minamata victims who are filing lawsuits now, as well stop the pollution exports to the developing countries. #35
Mie Asaoka, Association of Minamata Victims, JAPAN

National Alliance & Victims of Minamato

After 35 years from the first discovery Minamata disease issue has not yet finished in Japan. Over 2000 victims have filed lawsuits to seek compensation. One of the causes is that the Government has not conducted health surveys of inhabitants. The health research of whole inhabitants and environmental surveys at the early stage are sincerely required, particularly in Amazon. #36
Mie Asaoka, Association of Minamata Victims, JAPAN

History of Environmental Conservation

In order to write a book, we search histories, chronologies, case studies and reports of the ecology/environment movements everywhere in the world with exact dates of landmark events: conferences, pollution disasters, outstanding books, etc ... Please write to: Mr Roland de Miller, Centre de Documentation Eco-Philosophique, Le Chateau, Sigoyer, 04200 Sisteron, France #37

First Call for Children

If you feel that one vitally important concern missing from UNCED agenda is: children. Come to the UNICEF NGOs workshop at l'auberge de jeunesse d'Artagnan, 80, rue Vitruve, Paris 20th, Wednesday, December 18th from 9 to 11 AM. Metro: Porte de Bagnolet, Buses: 76 (from Bastille, get down at Pelleport and take the rue de Balkans) or PC (from Porte de la Villette to P. de Bagnolet) The workshop will prepare a statement for the Paris conference and New York preparatory committee. #38
Cyril Ritchie, International Schools Association, Switzerland

Book on Grassroots Community Initiatives

Our coalition is publishing a book telling the personal stories of Southern and Northern communities working towards sustainability. It is being published by New Society Publishers and will be available in April 1992. For more information write to: BCEDWG, 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6J 3N2 #39
David Murphy, CUSO, CANADA

Economic Revolution

How much market, how much planning? Can we free the market from capitalism? How to get responsible entrepreneurship? Buy the book "The Economic Revolution" at the stand "Europe" 80 FF, discount possible. #40

Human Settlements Workshops

There are six workshops in english language on human settlements. Each lasts one hour forty five minutes, and there are two each day. Tuesday 2PM land 4.15 PM shelter infrastructure and services, Wednesday 2PM housing rights & evictions 4.15 PM urban informal economy, Thursday 2PM women and human settlement 4.15 PM participation in local governance. #41
Davinder Lamba, Habitat International Coalition, KENYA

The price of change

In redefining development we need to create concepts and attitudes that acknowledge own culture(s) this may mean sacrifice and probably pain but if we want change we have to be willing to pay the price. #42
Martin Anyoli Mark, Green Belt Movement, KENYA

From a Woman to Another Woman

To Bella: If our generation of women can act as we do is because your generation has done a very good job - don't blame us to be as we are, different from you, and thank you for all the minds you had open - with tenderness and respect. Muriel #43
Muriel Saragoussi, Brazilian Forum of NGOs, BRASIL

Meet on Agenda 21

To all NGOs South and North working on Agenda 21 position on sustainable agriculture. A draft 12-point plan exists. This is an appeal to meet all interested NGOs, at 6.15 PM at the press desk, Tuesday. #44
Alistair Smith, NEAD, UK

Réunion pour "Agenda 21"

A toutes ONGs du sud et du nord qui travaillent sur une position "Agenda 21" sur l'agriculture durable/autonome. Un texte de 12 demandes existe - a discuter. Appel à tous les interesses: rencontre 6.15PM Au rencontre presse, mardi #45
Alistair Smith, NEAD, UK

Institutions Task-Group

NGOs (especially Southern based) are warmly invited to express their views on the subject. One major focus of the task group is to establish a world wide network of 1. NGOs interested in these issues and 2. legal experts on the matter. Please write to Judi Oudejans, Bill Pace, Arthur van Buitenen (present here), (WAWF), Lilliegracht 21, Amsterdam, Netherlands #46

Où sont les Caraïbes

Il n'existe pas de stand "Caraïbes" ou l'on peut laisser des journaux et des revues, peut-on ajouter "Caraïbes" à "Amérique Latine". #47

Paul Henri Chartol, ASSAUPAMAR, FRENCH ANTILLES

Protection of Environment and Nature

Under - development has been accentuated by the interventionist omnipresence of the state and its intrusion into the lives and circumstances of the individual. In all decisions taken by the state, incoherence is aggravated by inertia. The only assured consequence of this is oppression in all its stifling misery. The remedy to this is simple: The state must only intervene in those areas where its involvement is inevitable; such as a defense, security, education, and the struggle against poverty-areas where till now its performance has been disastrous. #48

Mokhtar Azouz, Association pour la Protection de la Nature et de l'Environn, TUNISIA

Video

The movies in Salle Jean Bertin begin with environment and development issues from 10 AM to 6 Pm, please bring them to the technician Antoine Larry. #49

Lais Sonkin, Environmental Liaison Centre International

Equity

"Without ecological justice and equity, there can be no basis for sustainable development. Nature has as much right to be life-giving and life-supporting as all humanity has a right to share of the earth's resources equitably." #50

Farmers' Household Court Gardens as Lifeboat

Building farmers household court garden in "Poverty Stricken Area" of some developing countries may be one of important measures. There are millions court gardens in China's rural. Grains, vegetables, fruits, pigs, poultry, and biogas facilities have been developed with high yield, non-pollution, good income in the small plot applied eco-farming. #51

Wang Qianzhong, The Chinese Association of Agricultural Sciences Societies, CHINA

Promoting Eco-Farming to Intensive Agricult.

Promoting eco-farming to intensive agriculture seems appropriate to some developing countries with rich labour forces. 500 eco-villages, 2000 pilots projects have improved output, environment in P.R. China. Principles of sustainable intensive; environment protection, resources-saving; integrated management, increasing land utilized-co-efficient. #52

Wang Qianzhong, The Chinese Association of Agricultural Sciences Societies, CHINA

TV

What is your opinion about asking all parliaments to pass regulations that would clean up our TV channels by banning commercial advertisements? There is enough scientific basis that shows these products are harming the environment. If we do not stop these advertising programs then we can never stop overconsumption and pollution. We must be more radical and concrete. #53

Ege Hirv, Estonian Green Movement, ESTONIA

Let's not forget

This conference, in France, should not finish without a firm rejection of the aggressive french export policy of nuclear technology to a.o. Central and Eastern Europe. This policy interferences in a very negative way in the energy debates taken place, that should concentrate on energy conservation and renewables! #54

John Hontelez, FOEI, NETHERLANDS

"Food Matter Worldwide"

Magazine

Copies (free) of Magazine "Food Matters Worldwide" are available from the editor (Alistair Smith): the one with the flat cap and the colorful briefcase.

Exemplaires (gratuits) du magazine "Food Matters Worldwide" sont disponibles auprès du chef de sa redaction (en anglais!) #55

Alistair Smith, NEAD, UK

Metaphor

A conference tends to be a wonderful metaphor of the challenges and opportunities. #56

Breastfeeding is a Natural Resource

Breastfeeding is a global natural resource which saves on energy and pollution. No wastage of water and fuel for sterilising bottles or adding to formula. No pollution from empty tins or containers. #57

Claude Didierjean, La Leche League International

Impact of environmental issues on women

Women and children are most seriously affected by environment degradation all over the world. It is especially in the interest of women that urgent steps be taken to strengthen the machinery for international economic co-operation, sustainable development and control of environmental degradation. My organisation thinks that the impact of environmental and development processes on women's situation must be discussed in the UNCED and be reflected in UNCED documents. #58

Brigitte Triems, Women's International Democratic Federation, International NGO

Population taboo

It's dismaying that The issue of human overpopulation, Manifest differently in the North and in the South, seems to be taboo:

A strong guarantee of women's reproductive rights would be a good way to break this taboo. #59

Stephanie Mills, Elmwood Institute, USA

Needing transformation

Président Mitterrand said: "La planète a besoin de votre (NGO) vigilance." This is true. We are there to raise our voices. But the earth rather needs the transformation of this NGO vigilance into government action.

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GARGARA, SOMALIA

Excess packaging

Packaging is one of the activities of mankind that uses the earth's resources. Useless packaging has to be abolished, we do not want a sustainable breakfast! Let's all complain at the organizers of the conference - hand in resolutions in our hotels. #61

The German Delegation

Reimbursing disaster

Airplanes are a disaster for the environment. Therefore we demand that those who have chosen environmentally friendly means of transportation (like trains) to come here get their travelling costs reimbursed. #62

The German Delegation

No injustice in the name of development

All development policies of the future should be based on the principles of universal justice. Selective justice is nothing but injustice. National and international decisions should be governed by justice. Injustice in the name of environment or development must not be an outcome of the UNCED process. #63

Gul Najam, Foundation for Integrated Development