

Da Zi Bao

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Update on Da Zi Bao Process

For those of you who have been waiting patiently, or not so patiently as the case may be, the staff of Da Zi Bao extends its apologies for the delays in getting the issues of Da Zi Bao out. The main reason is that we have had many more messages than we had expected, and have had to reorganize the whole operation. We are particularly behind in getting out translations of the message,s however, the revisions to the process should reduce the delays in that too. Special thanks are due to the whole Da Zi Bao team -- Nathalie Liamine, Tony Judge, Marita Reiner, Joelle Marelli, Catherine Lebrun and David Seeds, as well to as others who have been providing support for the Da Zi Bao process, especially those who have been contributing messages. #64
Robert Pollard, Da Zi Bao

Pakistani Women and the Environment

52% of Pakistan's population consists of women. They should be involved in environmental projects at grass-roots level, as they have a direct contribution and impact on various factors influencing environmental conditions. Perhaps one day we shall succeed in mobilizing our women NGOs to combat the menace of environmental degradation. #65
Shireen Gul, Foundation for Integrated Development, Pakistan

Write off debts

To improve the financial resources of developing countries, West should write off the debt, subject to the condition that the amount required for debt servicing each year would be earmarked for environment projects. #66
Raziuddin Shaikh, Family Planning Association of Pakistan, PAKISTAN

Stop La Guerre

Aidez-nous à "Stopper la Guerre" en Yougoslavie. C'est une priorité pour l'écologie européenne et mondiale. Faisons un appel! #67
Mikhail Tokarev

Eco-social Justice & Solidarity With Living Beings

We must change our work, production and consumption patterns in order to achieve a world "injustice free (between peoples and individuals), greed-free, country-free (even towards animals). Actually such three goals are not expressed in one movement all together. Lets start this movement. #68
Marinella Correggia, Italy

Impact on South of reform

Anybody interested in Ms S Muntamba's mention of the impact of the EC's cap on peasant farmers in the South - especially if you have case study information - is invited to meet at 18:15 Tuesday, upstairs at Press Desk. #69
Alistair Smith, NEAD, UK

Engaging the TNC's in debate

Meeting about NGO strategies vis a vis TNCs - especially those interested in engagement/dialogue - South and North. Farmers Link (UK) is working on Cargill, ICI and Rhone Poulenc. Interested parties please leave message at Hotel Arcade Cambronne (Room 542). #70
Alistair Smith, NEAD, UK

A view from Japan?

Japan's view of the world (corporate Japan that is). America is our field! Enough said?! #71
Alistair Smith, NEAD, UK

Youth recycling

Organizations and persons interested in networking to generate, collect and distribute information of importance to youth and/or recycling. Let's meet Thursday at 8:45 in front of Da Zi Bao booth #72
Julio Ivan Rovi S., FUNDEJOVEN, PANAMA

Latin American input

From 1-3 October, a Latin American NGO Conference for input into '92 took place in Sao Paulo, Brazil. It was organized by the Brazilian NGO Forum and Friends of the Earth. The report is now available in English and Spanish from Ruban Prieto, Bert van Pinxteren or other FOE delegates #73
Bert van Pinxteren, Friends of the Earth International, Netherlands

Biodiversity: not only for scientists!

Would you like to know more about the latest negotiations on the biodiversity convention and actions NGOs can take to influence the process? Wednesday evening, 18:30. Cafe of the Youth Hostel d'Artagnan, 80 rue de Vitruve (Metro: Porte de Bagnoles) #74
Simone Bilderbeek, IUCN Netherlands, Netherlands

Global Alliances

We are building a worldwide network for the creation of new ways of human interaction. We are part of the Latin American Pact for Eco-Action. Ad: Casilla 60-Sucursal 14-Buenos Aires 1405 Argentina. Fax: (541) 331 1033. Staying at Hotel Arcade Cambronne. #75
Miguel Grinberg, Promundo Internacional, ARGENTINA

Our destination

The term nongovernmental organization (NGO) conveys nothing of the vitality, struggle and richness of spirit our efforts for survival and reconstruction proceed from. In India we call ourselves 'Svechhaka Sancathana' or voluntary associations of people as citizens and social persons. I call for the recognition and honouring of our true vocation. #76
Kishore Sant, Ubeshwar Vikas Mandal (UVM), INDIA

Resolutions for Unity and Cooperation ...

At the great NGOs December 17-20, 91, Paris conference, let us resolve and demonstrate that we are an NGO community and live and die for each other. Let us hold discussions for possible cooperation in matters of mutual interest and reach some concrete conclusions before we leave Paris. #77
Syed Atiq Ahmad, Community Capital Management Ass., PAKISTAN

Announcement of meeting

of the alliance of Northern people for environment and development for participants and observers. The alliance meeting on Eastern Europe and the unced process will discuss the purpose and ways to contribute to the Paris Conference and peoples Action Plan for Environment and Development for Eastern Europe, identify priorities, lobby strategies and participation to the New York PrepCom and Rio. In addition, daily meetings will be held every morning from 9AM to 10AM at the "Hall Laser" at La Villette Conference Center (Observers Room) #78
Jeannette Kingham, Alliance of Northern People for Environment & Development, Germany

Caribbean Region needs space

Caribbean region requires display space! There are materials which we have bought but no possibility/opportunity to share. #79
Regina Dumas, CNIRD, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Human Shelter and Environment

Shelter, which is one of necessary elements for human, is in close relation with the environment. Shelter needs solid, suitable and artistic housing buildings, and what is more, it needs clear, quiet and beautiful environment. Let us hand by hand effort for protecting environment, improving shelter condition and maintaining the right of human existence. #80

A Holistic, Integrative View

The Baha'i approach to environmental preservation is holistic and integrative. It is based on a new vision for humanity and the natural environment that emphasizes unity of effort, spiritual values like sacrifice, social integration, selfless action and unity of purpose. "The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens." Baha'u'llah #81
Mullai Vithirapathy, Singapore Council of Women's Organizations, SINGAPORE

Survival and Humility

"If the earth is to survive with all its existing living forms, man will have to become humbler and exist as just one of the many life forms, not the dominant one." #82
Gurmit Singh, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development Malaysia, MALAYSIA

Let's Get Beyond Complaining

The role of NGOs should involve more than the right to complain or the right to point out limitations within the public sector. Instead, this role should be based on the right to participate effectively by demonstrating what works and that alternative solutions are effective, economically feasible and environmentally sustainable. #83
Waafas Ofosu-Amaah, Worldwide Network, USA

Northern Alliance Meeting

Alliance of Northern people for environment and development. Planning meeting on Eastern and Central Europe. All invited. 7PM, Wednesday 18th, Amphitheatre, Auberge de la Jeunesse d'Artagnan, 80, rue Vitruve, Paris 20th, Metro Porte de Bagnolet. #84
Jeannette Kingham, Alliance of Northern People for Environment & Development, Germany

Environmental Economics

Scarcity is shifting from man-made capital to natural capital. Our economic thinking had to be adapted and economic instruments have to be developed. Discussion Thursday 19th from 4PM to 6PM in the meeting room Youth Hostel d'Artagnan, 80, rue Vitruve, Paris 20th. #85

Agriculture

Discussion on the resolution on (organic) agriculture, still missing in the agenda Ya Wananchi, Wednesday 18th, from 4PM to 6PM in the meeting room Youth Hostel d'Artagnan, 80, rue Vitruve, Paris 20th. #86

Our Culture and Environment

The cultural values of the people are in a crucial factor in the success or failure of every development program. Projects that did not account for local customs and traditional beliefs of the communities, have collapsed due to lack of popular mobilization. We must, therefore, re-discover our cultural roots, integrate progress with tradition and strengthen the roots for the future. #87
Sylvester Sentamu-Makumbi, Jeep, Uganda

Brundtland Buzzwords

The primary surviving buzzwords from the Brundtland commission, "sustainable development", have been manipulated and co-opted beyond belief as seen through corporate advertising and rubber boned political reelection campaigns speeches of the North. From Rio we need words that guarantee action ones that cannot be hidden behind. I suggested for discussion: Justice between people - Justice between species - Justice between generations #88
Douglas Gook, Caribou Horse Loggers Ass., CANADA

Access for Observers

As there are no facilities for observers to participate to any workshops: considering the restrain numbers of them in the show-room, would be possible to obtain an access for them at some of the workshops??? #89
Thuriel Taddeo, Academie International de l'Environnement, Suisse

Gongsa - Network

Twenty eight NGOs from the Sahel have formed an information and training/research network - "Groupment des ONG du Sahel" GONGSA. We would like to join us if you are in the Sahel. Contact us at P.B. 1272, Fax 517810 Addis Ababa. Please sign the declaration we have prepared on behalf of Sahelian NGOs on the notice board. #90
Constantinos Berhe, LEMLEU, ETHIOPIA

Annual Prisoners Day

Ansar Burney welfare trust Pakistan has succeeded in getting the release of more than 57000 illegally and unlawfully confined prisoners and sane inmates of the mental asylums from throughout the world, some of them were confined within the high walls illegally for about 60 to 65 years and some of them were born there and not released until 40 years and were released only because of the efforts of Ansar Burney Welfare Trust. We would like to suggest a "Prisoners Day" Every year from the UN side on any day on month of every year. #91
Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

A Point to Ponder On

Imagine everyday one million plastic bags being thrown over your town or village or country. In some days you will be walking, sleeping, dancing on plastics. Anybody to tell us what to do about this? #92
Awadhoomarsing Balluck, Care for Rural Environment, MAURITIUS

Vision from the South

Dutch policies on sustainable development criticized by four guests from the "South". Critical of Northern overconsumption and alienation from nature, the book is an important companion not only to the Netherlands National Report to the UNCED in 1992 but also to the National Reports from Northern countries. On sale at the EUROPE stand and from Ian van Arkel Publishers, A. Numkade, 17, 3572 KP, Utrecht, Netherlands. Price US \$10 or equivalent. Concession for the Eastern and Southern NGOs. #93
Ian Tellam, Wise - Amsterdam, Netherlands

The Public's Rights to Know & Participate

Before UNCED, all governments must make clear, specific and timely commitment to introduce all necessary measures to give the public, especially locally affected people, the timely, unrestricted right to all information on all products, processes and whatever their origin. Government must guarantee peoples' participation to influence decisions. #94
Andrew Dilworth, Friends of the Earth, England & Wales