

Protecting our Planet

The aims of this conference must not be forgotten. We are here to protect our environment. Not just the environment of a particular country but that of our planet the earth. The environment knows no frontiers. Les buts de cette réunion ne devraient pas être perdus. Nous sommes ici pour protéger notre environnement à tous, qui est notre planète terre et non un pays particulier. Ce qui veut dire que l'environnement n'a pas de frontières. #95

Khadija Arfaoui, Association Feminine pour la protection de la nature et l'en, TUNISIA

Interview African or Caribbean Woman

Urgent Henri, journalist from the magazine "Amenia" would like to interview a woman of Africa or French Caribbean origin holding the position of President or secretary general of a NGO. Please contact 48.43.49.97. #96

Femme de l'Afrique our Caraïbes

Henri, reporteur de la revue féminine "Aminia", voudrez interviewer une femme originaire d'Afrique ou des DOM TOM, ayant la qualité de présidente ou de secrétaire générale, ayant des responsabilités au sein d'une NGO. Contactez 48.43.49.97 #97

Chinese Delegation

Dear Co-delegates: What do you think of the (big) Chinese delegation? Are they NGOs, grassroots movement, representatives or government officials? Do we care about democracy in China? Can we afford to let this case (and others) pass unremarked? If we find a way to express our discomfort, maybe it will be reported and be helpful. #98
Laura Radiconcini, Amici della Terra, ITALY

Digging Graves of the Future

The most profitable business in the world today is the digging of the graves of the future. Is profit the highest value for us to dig the graves of future generations? #99
Francis Lucas, PHILDHRRRA, PHILIPPINES

International Agreement

To date there is no existing international agreement that stresses forest conservation. The ITTA concentrates in trade of timber products; TFAP is limited to slowing down of deforestation. The conservation of primary forests as the main object of any international agreement on forest is a must!! #100
Francis Lucas, PHILDHRRRA, PHILIPPINES

Meeting on a big Dams?

I am working with the movement against the Narmada Dam Project (World Bank funded) in central India. Would other people working on big dams and related issues be interested in formally meeting sometime during the conference? I also have slides I can show, if we can get a projector, and a video film. Please contact - catch me or leave a message with Da Zi Bao. #101
Ashish Kothari, KALPAVRIKSH, INDIA

Display Stalls: USA = ASIA!

The bias in decision making by the conference organizers is clear from the fact that while USA has two stalls for display of books, the whole of Asia (excluding South East Asia) also has two stalls! Do the organizers think that there are less NGOs/publications in Asia than in USA? #102
Ashish Kothari, KALPAVRIKSH, INDIA

Multinational Liability

While we discuss issues allied to Earth summit, let us not forget that even after seven years of struggle half a million Bhopal gas victims have been denied justice so far. In a world where globalisation of economies is the new religion, what form of liabilities and responsibilities must multinationals work under? Kill and have their share prices swell up? Please insist on bringing this on the Earth summit agenda if you think Bhopal's must not happen. #103
Vinod Raina, EKLAVYA, INDIA

Gandhi and the Solidary with Living Beings

Many people here quoted Gandhi about the simple-equitable lifestyles. We should remember that Gandhi was also vegetarian and spoke about the respect of animals (no vivisection, reducing drudgery in agriculture ...). We should introduce it in the agenda for 1992. #104
Marinella Correggia, Italy

Declaration of Interdependence

We are animals who share the planet with perhaps 30 million other species. We share a common history and now a common crisis, the collapse of the clean air, water and soil. And we share a common future yet unwritten. Linked to us in a web of kinship, all living indigenous people remember this ... (to be continued) #105
David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), Canada

Slavery of Greed

"No real change can come about in this unsustainable age till man frees himself from the slavery of greed." Paraphrase of an Urdu couplet of Jiagar Moradabadi #106
Kishore Sant, Ubeshwar Vikas Mandal (UVM), INDIA

Eco-education

We are preparing a workshop in Rio on "building the new world". We belong to the Argentine network on social ecology. Please join us: Eco-Multiversidades, c.c. Central 1993, Buenos Aires 1000, Argentina #107

Boycott Swedish forestry products

The Swedish action to save the mountain forests calls for an international boycott of Swedish forestry products. Even though Sweden has a 58% forest cover, the fragile virgin mountain forests, covering only a few percent, are still being exploited. #108
Goran Eklof, SEED- Sweden, SWEDEN

Malaysian Environment Publications

Two Malaysian NGOs, the Environment Protection Society (EPSM) and the Centre for Environment, Technology and Development (CETDEM) have a limited range of Malaysian Env. Publications on sale at the South East booth or contact Gurmit at Room 512 at Hotel Arcades La Villette. #109
Gurmit Singh, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development Malaysia, MALAYSIA

Relations ONG-Gouvernements

Les ONG ont besoin d'être écoutées par leur gouvernement, qui souvent les écoutent avec un sourire, qui sous entend qu'ils ont des taches beaucoup plus sérieuses et plus graves. #110
Khadija Arfaoui, Association Feminine pour la protection de la nature et l'en, TUNISIA

Prisoners

The prisoners throughout the world are also part of our society who are lodged within the high walls of our society ie prisons, most of them are innocent, especially in the Third World countries. Please also look into them - help them. Please also help Ansar Burney Trust (Pakistan) to help them. #111
Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Crises catastrophiques

L'Association Ecologie Énergie Survie a résumé 20 ans de travail dans "Crises Catastrophes et Survie". Tout ce qui nous menace, mais aussi des moyens pour faire face aux défis actuels. EES, BP 17, F-41400 Bourre, France. #112
Gabriel Ferone de la Selva

USA Delegation

U.S. Delegation meets Wednesday, 8:30 am in front of Salle I, Lower Level of Exhibition Hall #113

Catherine Porter, U.S. Citizen's Network/UNCED, USA

Meeting

Rose Pavan, representante da CUT (Central UNICA dos Trabalhadores) Brasil quer encontrar se com os dirigentes sindicais presentes dia 18 as 12:00 horas no Foyer Lateral Est S2 #114

Rosiver Pavan, CUT Central Unica dos Trabalhadores, BRASIL

Circus du Monde

Atelier - Workshop - Taller - Oficina Cultural. Environmental education. Free expression of the people. Don't forget. In **Salle Laser**. #115

Anonymous Clown

Vulnerability of nuclear plants in war

The Electricite de France maintains a media campaign in Hungary in favour of the construction of a new block for the Paks nuclear plant. They argue that it is safe. But, do the Serbian missiles also know it? This year there have been several of them fallen on Hungarian territory. #116

Ida Kiss, Green Earth, Hungary

Clean air

The Hungarian Traffic Club founded this year promotes a transport policy that minimizes impact on the environment, use of energy, land use, and economic and social costs, maximizes safety for both transport users and the community as a whole. Please contact Marta Kovacs or Judit Halasz, Albergo d'Artagnan or Budaors, POB 102, Hungary. #117

Marta Kovacs, Hungarian Traffic Club, Hungary

Nuclear testing

Ask France for an immediate moratorium on nuclear testing and to sign the Partial Test Ban Treaty to be able to negotiate a Total Test Ban Treaty #118

Katia Kanas

Gender consciousness

Moderators, chairpersons please note: For all your plenaries, workshops we request gender awareness/sensitivity. Please let me know how your resolutions/conclusions will affect gender, in particular women. Please let me have your feedback. (Hotel Arcades, Room 309) #119

Khetiwe Mhlanga

Queue up

At lunch breaks it seems difficult to feed a large number of participants in a relatively short time. Ease this process by queuing up, take your food quickly and move forward. I regard it as violent to break into the row and it is thoughtless to talk in front of the serving counters #120

Rolf Niemann, WEED, GERMANY

Corporate environmental accountability

Agenda Ya Wananchi & Agenda 21 should call on all governments to enact Community Right-to-Know Laws, requiring all corporations to file publicly available reports on the toxic and hazardous chemicals they use and release to the environment. Such laws will help foster citizen-based corporate accountability. #121

Jack Doyle, Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economics, USA

Programme announcements

Wednesday 11:00 General Meeting of the Alliance of Northern People for Environmental Development, next to secretariat room of La Villette. 19:00 Meeting of the East/West Working Group of the Alliance at Youth Hostel d'Artagnan in the amphitheatre. Thursday 19:00 Meeting of the UNCED Working Group of the Alliance at Youth Hostel d'Artagnan in the amphitheatre. #122

Michael Strauss

Results of "Balancing the Future"

In November two international workshops took place in the Netherlands. "Balancing the Future" preceded the "The Hague Symposium". Recommendations of these conferences will be presented by participants and discussed on Wednesday, 18 and Thursday 19 December, both meetings from 16:00 to 18:00 in the meeting room of the Youth Hostel d'Artagnan, 80 rue Vitruves (with bus Petite Ceinture from La Villette)

18 Dec: Towards a balanced agriculture. Agriculture remains the basis of every society. If the basis of society is out of balance, what can be expected of the further structures. How can global agriculture develop towards more balance? Background documentation and recommendations will be distributed and discussed in plenary.

19 Dec: Our economic thinking is based on the assumption that human made capital is the most scarce factor. This is no longer the case. Natural capital became the most scarce factor. We have to look for capital. Efforts to value environment and to integrate these values in national accounts on macro-level and in cost-prices on micro-level have started in different countries and in the environmental departmental department of the World Bank. This work has to be pushed. Internalization of environmental costs will be the main instrument towards a fundamental change in economic decision-making. Background documentation will be distributed. #123

Boat to Rio

Cruise or sailing to Rio de Janeiro. An artist's cry. NGO's, government officials, artists, women, journalists sail to Rio. A major media event. Information: Europe stand. #124

August Dirks

To know ecological disasters in developed countries

The world wants economic and industrial development. It is understandable. Does it know the disastrous consequences on health and environment? Would it not be useful to know better the ecological disaster of Japan, the struggles made there for the protection of nature and its results? #125

Kimio Moriwaki

World campaign to measure nitrogen oxides

As a sign of NGO's solidarity, we prepare a simultaneous global scale air pollution (nitrogen oxide pollutant from exhaust gas) survey, made by all countries, in the Earth Day (22 April 1992), before UNCED Rio meeting, using average simple air pollutant sampler (see box expo Japan). #126

Kazuo Amaya

Consumption

The richest among people is the one whose material needs are the smallest. Moderation is the measure for plenitude. #127

Ege Hirv, Estonian Green Movement, ESTONIA

Latin American / Caribbean meeting

Queremos empezar a reunirnos los latinoamericanos y caribenos antes del 20. Proponemos encontrarnos el 18 dec. a las 17:30 frente al salon de conferencias (abajo) #128

Carlos Alberto Vicente, CETAAR, ARGENTINA