

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ON ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY



Climate Change



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Environment Under Review

Promoting the integration of environment and sustainability concerns into teaching, research, management of universities, student and community engagement and participation in sustainability activities within and beyond universities

Newsletter No. 8

I. Global Updates:

6th International Conference on Environmental Education and Sustainability - "Best of Both Worlds", 12 - 16 May, Bertioga/Brazil

Over 250 participants attended this conference organized by the University of Sao Paulo, in partnership with SESC. The conference covered three key themes – Biodiversity and Environmental Education, Greening Education (schools and higher education), EE participation strategies in rural and traditional communities. The proceedings will be launched at the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in Nagoya later this November.



II. Regional updates

Africa:

Wangari Maathai Day / Africa Environment Day / World Wildlife Day, UNEP Complex, 3 March, 2014



On 3 March 2014, over 300 youth and high level experts marked the celebrations at the UNEP headquarters. On the theme of "*Youth - Healing the Earth: Environment. Education. Empowerment*", the half day celebrations emphasized the importance of mobilizing the younger generation for positive action in curbing poaching and the illegal trade of wildlife products; supporting environmental conservation for sustainable futures; and mitigating food insecurity. The celebrations were jointly organized by the Green Belt Movement (GBM) in collaboration with the Wangari Maathai Institute of Peace and

Environmental Studies (WMI) and UNEP's Environmental Education and Training Unit (EETU), in partnership with the Regional Office for Africa (ROA) and the Division of Communication and Public Information (DCPI). More info: [http://unep.org/training/docs/Wangari Maathai World Wildlife Day 2014 Summary.pdf](http://unep.org/training/docs/Wangari_Maathai_World_Wildlife_Day_2014_Summary.pdf)

Consultative Meeting on the African Environmental Education and Training Action Plan, 17 April, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The informal meeting was attended by over 20 representatives drawn from Ethiopian universities, regional environmental organizations, Rhodes University and UNEP-EETU. Implementation modalities essential in the adoption and implementation of the proposed action plan were deliberated at this meeting. The Action Plan, a direct response to the AMCEN Arusha Declaration (Sept 2012), responds to enhancing capacity in environmental education and training (EE&T) in Africa through formal education, training, life-long learning, and capacity building. The Action Plan also focuses on technology enhanced learning and information networking. More info: [http://unep.org/training/docs/5th %20AETAP Summary.pdf](http://unep.org/training/docs/5th%20AETAP_Summary.pdf)



Africa REDD+ Academy Regional Design Workshop, 13 May, Nairobi, Kenya

In the Africa Region 35 country delegates, including national REDD+ Focal points and an additional representative from each country were present, as well as representatives from Yale University, Calabar University, Clinton Foundation, and the Wangari Maathai Institute who convened to discuss and contribute to the REDD+ Academy design curriculum development. General points raised included the need to be highly focused and to build on existing structures, institutions and materials, and on participant's experiences; there is the possibility of establishing national REDD+ Academies with existing domestic resources or link existing national programmes to REDD+ Academy.



Asia:

Asia REDD+ Academy Regional Design Workshop, 7 May, Jakarta Indonesia

The Forest Asia Summit was well represented by ministers from across Asia Pacific as well as CEO's, civil society leaders, development experts and the world's top forestry scientists. Informed by the latest research and best practices, the forest Asia summit allowed participants to engage with policy makers and each other sharing knowledge on how the region can accelerate the shift towards a green economy by better managing its forests and landscapes.

International Training Programme on Education for Sustainable Development in Higher Education, Phase 5, and Asian Alumni meeting, 20 – 21 May, Shanghai.

Over 30 Asian scholars and officials from 10 countries representing higher education institutions and governments gathered at Tongji University to discuss their *Change Projects* on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). The change projects covered three areas, Curriculum development, Campus construction and Community service. Representatives from EETU, SIDA and NIRAS served as resource persons. A 5 year follow-up phase for the ITP project is being finalized by SIDA, which will be discussed in Nairobi later this November.



North America:

2014 Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, 8 – 12 April, Tampa, Florida

The AAG is one of the leading scientific and educational organizations in geography and a stakeholder of the Eye on Environmental Education Special Initiative. The 2014 Annual Meeting in Tampa, Fla., hosted more than 6,000 geographers, GIS specialists, environmental scientists, and other registrants from around the world sharing the very latest in research, policy, and applications in geography, sustainability, and GIScience. EETU participated in several sessions of the conference and was a panelist in a session on research and education in Pan-American Geography. The MyCOE / SERVIR Partnership was also discussed with AAG representatives, as well as potential for education programs for Latin America and West Asia. More info: http://www.aag.org/cs/2014_tampa_highlights

III. Upcoming Events

- **World Day to Combat Desertification**, June 17, promotes public awareness relating to international cooperation to combat desertification and the effects of drought. 2014 Slogan - 'Land Belongs to the Future, Let's Climate Proof It', highlights the benefits of mainstreaming sustainable land management policies and practices into our collective response to climate change.
- **Global Youth Gathering**, 18 – 20 June, Nairobi, Kenya. The global gathering brings together the Tunza Youth Advisory Council and youth leaders from around the world; accord them a platform to influence the decisions of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and to participate in the Global Civil Society Forum. Participants will review and provide inputs to the decision documents and participate in the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and the assembly sessions; meet with UNEP staff to discuss environmental issues, and review their role and expectations; and provide input to the revision of the 3rd long-term strategy to be launched in 2015. http://www.unep.org/unea/UNEA_schedule_details.asp?EventID=26394
- **UNEA Green Room Event - Innovations in Environmental Education Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)**, 23 June, Nairobi, Kenya. http://unep.org/training/docs/UNEA_Green_Room_2014.pdf
- **United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)**, 23 – 27 June, Nairobi, Kenya. The inaugural United Nations Environment Assembly will host over 1200 participants, 170 national delegations, 80 ministers and 40 events. Its theme is, "**Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including sustainable consumption and production**". UNEA is a result of the call made by world leaders at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Brazil in June 2012, to strengthen and upgrade UNEP as the leading global environmental authority that sets the global





GREEN ROOM EVENT
23 June 2014,
16:00 hrs - 16:45 hrs
Conference Room (tbc)
UN Complex, Gigiri, Nairobi



*Innovations in Environmental Education
Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)*

environmental agenda and by establishing universal membership in its Governing Council. It is designed to inform ongoing discussions on the formulation of a set of targets and indicators that would succeed the Millennium Development Goals. Some of the key discussions will be: SDGs and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including Sustainable Consumption and Production; Illegal Trade in Wildlife, an issue that is generating increasing global attention due to its adverse impact on biodiversity; Environmental Rule of Law; and Financing a Green Economy. More information is available on: www.unep.org/unea/



- **World Student Environmental Network (WSEN) 2014**, 30 June - 5 July, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. WSEN connects global students who are striving to progress their universities to become incubators of the positive change needed for sustainability to be actively practiced in all aspects of society. www.wsen2014.org/  **WSEN Global Summit**
Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **III International Meeting of Universia Rectors**, 28 - 29 July, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The purpose of this meeting will be to debate the cultural, political and economic challenges facing institutions and to find solutions. www.universiario2014.com/ 
- **Copernicus Alliance Conference**, 3 October, Prague, Czech Republic. <http://www.ue4sd.eu/copernicus-conf>
- **Eleventh Annual Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements**, 20 - 30 October 2014, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu Campus, Joensuu, Finland. <http://www.uef.fi/unep>
- **Release of Newsletter No. 9**, August 2014.

IV. Useful UNEP Resources

UNEP reports, references and new publication:

- EETU Website: <http://unep.org/training>
- EETU Related Events: http://unep.org/training/news_events/eet_related.asp
- Global Educational Events: http://unep.org/training/News_events/global.asp
- Greening Universities Toolkit: http://unep.org/Training/docs/Greening_University_Toolkit.pdf
- UNEP Publications: http://unep.org/training/publication_page.asp
- UNEP Publications: www.unep.org/publications

Selected Environmental Related Online Courses

- i. Everything You Need to Know About Climate Change in a Nutshell - <http://unccelearn.org/>
- ii. E-learning module for law enforcement officers on hazardous chemicals and wastes under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions - <http://synergies.pops.int/Default.aspx?tabid=3534>
- iii. NAMAcademy Module on E-learning - www.unepriaoe.org/Newsbase/Nyhed?id=D2C7B9DD-5E37-4C31-9DD8-044895590B03
- iv. Disaster Waste Management: Best Practices and Tools - <http://ecentre.org/CourseDetails.aspx/id/2/lan/en-US>

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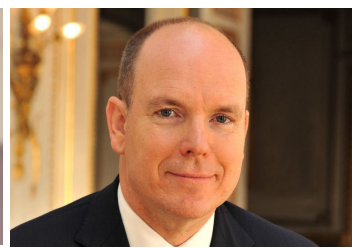
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UNEA

United Nations Environment Assembly
of the United Nations Environment Programme
23 - 27 June 2014, Nairobi, Kenya

First ever United Nations Environment Assembly

Over **1200** participants,
over **160** national delegations in attendance,
over **100** ministers expected,
and more than **40** events through the week
at UNEP headquarters

2 Key Themes:

- Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Illegal Trade in Wildlife

2 Global Symposia:

- Environmental Rule of Law
- Financing a Green Economy

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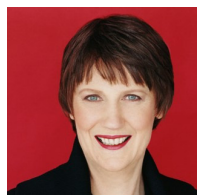
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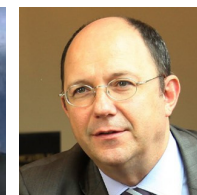
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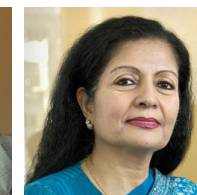
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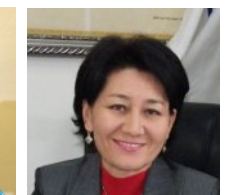
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