

# Da Zi Bao

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## UN & Global Environment

An Environmental Council should be established by the U.N. parallel to the Security Council. UNEP replaced by UN agency along lines of FAO, UNESCO, Habitat, etc. A world ecological ombudsman should be appointed by the Environmental Council. #1

*Josef Tamir, Haim and Eviva, ISRAEL*

## World Solidarity

All people on earth will immobilize cars one day a week as global solidarity. The 5th of June will be declared a day of prayer for salvation of Earth and mankind. #2

*Josef Tamir, Haim and Eviva, ISRAEL*

## Just a message ...

In the end  
we will conserve  
only what we love,  
we will love  
only what we understand,  
we will understand  
only what we are taught ...

(From a 19th century hand embroidery) #3

*Lily Venizelos, MEDASSET/Hellenic Society for Protection of Nature, GREECE*

## Gandhi said

"It is a fundamental law of nature", Gandhi wrote that "nature produces enough for our wants from day to day and if everybody took enough for their own needs and nothing more there would be no poverty in this world."

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*Krishna Murti Gupta, Himalaya Seva Sangh, INDIA*

## International Ecology Rebuilding Program

Urban Ecology, Inc. is developing an Ecological Rebuilding Program for Planet Earth based on the need to rebuild our cities using ecological principles #5

*Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA*

## Success of NGO Conference

Success of the NGO Conference will depend on how open Western NGOs are to the development and environment realities of Third World, and how radical a position is taken. #6

*Ashish Kothari, KALPAVRIKSH, INDIA*

## Anti-Nuclear Networking

There will be a meeting on 18th December from 14h to 18h. Address to be given tomorrow. Please contact **The Ecologist** at their stand. #7

*Etienne Vernet*

## Global Ecology Network

The Global Ecocity Network of pioneers is working to build a sustainable civilisation. The network is planning a presentation at the '92 Global Forum and Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 1-12, 1992. The Cerro Gordo ecovillage maintains databases for networking, referrals, resources and education. Contact Cerro Gordo Town Forum, Dorena Lake, Box 569, Cottage Grove, Or 97424 USA. Phone (503) 942-7720, EcoNet: cerrogordo #8

*Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA*

## Conservation and man

Sea turtles are in the way of modern man... some people think: if we get rid of turtles they won't be endangered any more, they will be extinct! Curious that man is only one animal who befools his environment ... what is for sure is that this planet could survive very nicely without him ... #9

*Lily Venizelos, MEDASSET/Hellenic Society for Protection of Nature, GREECE*

## International Conference on Cities: Australia

The 2nd International Ecological Cities Conference will be held April 16-19, 1992 in Adelaide, Australia. It will focus on ecocity programs and projects around the world which can be achieved this decade. Additional representation is especially sought from developing countries and Eastern Europe. Contact Urban Ecology Australia, P.O. Box 3040, Genfell Street Adelaide SA 5000, Australia. Phone 61-8-3791984, Fax 61-8-4100142, E-mail Pegasus/Earthnet peg: pdowntow #10

*Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA*

## International Conference on Ecocities

Urban Ecology, Inc. promotes the formation of "ecocities". The 1st International Ecological Cities Conference, held in Berkeley, California in March 1990, catalyzed the ecocity movement. The 128-page Conference Report is available from Urban Ecology, P.O. Box 10144, Berkeley, CA 94709 USA, for \$6US (int'l mail add \$3 surface, \$8 airmail). (510)549-1724. Eco Net: urbanecology #11

*Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA*

## Nuclear Energy

Brandishing the threat of global warming in favour of nuclear energy, its worldwide diffusion is being pushed by nuclear industry. A fatal risk is thus replaced by an even more fatal one, further feeding the Northern energy glut. A NGO resolution for phasing out nuclear energy must therefore get highest priority. #12

*Freda Meissner-Blau, Ecoropa, France*

## If there are no fruits

If there are no fruits  
It was good for the beauty of flowers  
If there are no flowers  
It was good for the shadow of the leaves  
If there are no leaves  
It was good for the intention of the seed  
Let's make our intentions fruitful #13  
*Muriel Saragoussi, Brazilian Forum of NGOs, BRASIL*

## Post-War Reconstruction

### Charter

We are here today because we believe that it is the right time and event to table the post-war reconstruction Charter on a global level. We welcome your constructive comments on ways to improve the Charter. We also need your interest and support for the work that is being carried out by the post war Reconstruction and Development Unit at New York University, on rebuilding human settlements in Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Northern Ireland, Liberia and Yugoslavia. #14

*Sultan Barakat, Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, UK*

## Networking: Community-based Reconstruction

I have come to this conference as an observer in order to establish links with NGOs in an effort to seek out existing or to create new organisational and technical support structures for community-based construction programmes in areas devastated by war and natural disaster. I would like to meet anyone engaged in this problems of building and listen to the international experience. #15  
*Mary Roslin, UK*

## Bringing us together

The process which has helped ELCI bring us all together to the Paris conference is "people's participation, democratic representation and consensus building". These are the things which are equally needed for social justice and sustainable economic change for translating Agenda 21 into a practical reality. It has been a very useful experience for all of us, who inspite of a lot of differences managed to have a real partnership to pull this meeting together, and it is a clear demonstration that if we have "the will to cooperate" we can save the earth and thus mankind. #16

*Mohammad Nazim, Energy and Environment Society of Pakistan, PAKISTAN, ex-Chairman of ELCI*

## **Resource Mobilisation for NGOs**

For fund raising NGOs should concentrate more on business ventures amongst themselves. Business opportunities in import, agriculture, stock market, leasing and service sectors are available every where. Donors should extend short-, medium- and long-term loans for such opportunities. Governments must remove policy barriers to NGOs resource mobilisation. #17

*Syed Atiq Ahmad, Community Capital Management Ass., PAKISTAN*

## **People, poverty, environmental degradation**

The central issue for UNCED is the people - poverty - environmental degradation cycle. All our efforts should be concentrated on getting this message across to all, specially those of us in the North. #18

*Fergus O'Gorman, Irish Wildlife Federation (IWF), IRELAND*

## **Biodiversity Task Force**

Desperately Seeking: Interested parties in the Biodiversity Convention. Does your NGO have a Program and/or position with respect to the Convention? If so, please contact the Task Group Stand in the Observers Room. #19

*Simone Bilderbeek & Vivianne Ramaekers, Dutch Committee for IUCN, Netherlands*

## **Airplanes for Travelling**

Bye Bye Airplanes! The energy-use, CO2-emission, noise and ozone-depletion of airplanes, see recent report W.W.F., are all too dangerous for people and environment. Travel more by train. And we need modern boats to connect our continents! So, of course, we decided to come to Paris by train! #20

*Jan Juffermans, The Small Earth, Netherlands*

## **Meeting at the Conference**

The tree of life is an innovative project that aims to build public involvement in the summit. Based in the UK, it is already supported by many NGOs. Find more at our meeting or stand. #21

*Chris Church, The Tree of Life Project, UK*

## **Sacred Sights In Sacred Lights**

Our ancestors knew to respect the harmony of Nature. They also knew of special places that deeply touched the Spirit. Here, we are working towards re-establishing this harmony and towards protecting this sacred place called Mother Earth. Come and remember this at the photography exhibit in the VIP room and the exhibit area. #22

*Laura Colan, USA*

## **The Resolutions' Boom**

If each of the workshops tabled 5 resolutions, the final plenary should discuss 110 documents in 3,5 hours. So, the success of the Paris conference is related to the participants' ability to select their very priorities. It will be a very interesting test to see whether we are actually more concrete than governments. #23

*Roberto Smeraldi, NGO International Steering Committee, ITALY*

## **First Call For Children**

A special workshop on "Environment and Development: First Call For Children" will be held on Wednesday December 18 from 9 AM to 11 AM at the Auberge de la Jeunesse (Youth Hostel) 80, rue Vitruve, Paris 20. The workshop is open to everyone and will endeavour to put children in the center of the E&D debate. #24

*Cyril Ritchie, International Schools Association, SWITZERLAND*

## **Fooling Ourselves?**

We are fooling ourselves if we think that NGOs will change the dominant culture. The powers at work are too strong for us, tiny, elitist, "enlightened" organizations working outside the mainstream of societies. Where is the alternative? #25

*Delmar Blasco, Int'l Council of Voluntary Agencies, SWITZERLAND*

## **Is there enough on ethics?**

I don't believe in the concept of the "good Southern/Poor" versus the "bad Northern/Rich". Men and women are good and bad everywhere as their circumstances allow them to be. We should focus more decisively on **changing ethics**. Laws and regulations will never be enough if people's behaviour is not framed in a new ethic, based in the values of equity and shared frugality. #26

*Delmar Blasco, Int'l Council of Voluntary Agencies, SWITZERLAND*

## **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. #27

*Syed Atiq Ahmad, Community Capital Management Ass., PAKISTAN*

## **Se não houver foretos**

Se não houver foretos  
Valeu a beleza das flores  
Se não houver flores  
Valeu a sombra das folhas  
Se não houver folhas  
Valeu a intenção da semente  
(Henfil)

Que consigamos fazer  
Fructificar nonas intenções. #28  
*Muriel Saragoussi, Forum Brasilian de ONGs*

## **Combattre l'étatisme**

Ce qui accentue le sous-développement c'est l'état, son intervention omniprésente à tout instant et dans tous les domaines, sur la vie et la condition des individus. Dans toutes ses décisions l'incohérence est aggravée par la lourdeur et le seul résultat possible en est une pesante et triste oppression. Le remède est simple: l'état ne doit intervenir que dans les domaines où sa présence est inévitable comme la défense, la sécurité, l'éducation, la lutte contre la misère, domaines où ses performances sont calamiteuses. Pour le reste, il n'en laissera jamais assez à l'intelligence et à l'initiative des citoyens. Persister dans l'étatisme, c'est tourner le dos

à la démocratie et faire vivre dans la dictature, des peuples qui méritent mieux.

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*Azouz Mokhtar, Association pour la protection de l'environnement et de la Nature, Tunisie*

## **Liaison Francophone**

Associations francophones d'Afrique, d'Asie et des Caraïbes, si vous désirez figurer dans le répertoire qui vous est consacré, vous pouvez répondre au questionnaire et le déposer au stand du CLEI. #30  
*Nathalie Liamine, CLEI*

## **Share your thoughts & ideas in Da Zi Bao**

This bulletin is a place for your insights, reflections and comments on **Roots of the Future**, and how the conference can reach its goals. Da Zi Bao is an experiment whose success depends on you. Please contribute. #31

*Robert Pollard & Nathalie Liamine, Editors, Da Zi Bao.*