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An Interactive Process

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Accountability

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. Jack Doyle, Friends of the Earth, U.S.A., USA

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.

Vinod Raina, EKAVYA, INDIA

Agenda 21

Agenda - Femmes

Read the women's agenda 21! Lisez l'agenda 21 des femmes! Leye el agenda 21 de las mujeres! (Adressez-vous à Bella Abzug pour une copie)

Marie-Odile Junker, Cultural Survival/Woman for a Healthy Planet, CANADA

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 6.15PM at the press desk, Tuesday.

Alistair Smith, Farmer's Link, 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 - à discuter. Appel à tous intéressés: rencontre 6.15PM. Au rencontre presse, Mardi

Alistair Smith, Farmer's Link, UK

Women's Roots of the Future

At the women's meeting on Tuesday evening, where more than 100 women met, a call was made: We, women participants and observers of the Paris conference, ask for a stronger emphasis in the Action agenda on women's issues. We demand that the Agenda 21 that was drafted at the World's Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet (Miami, Nov. 8-12) is adopted by the conference.

Suzan Orlebeke, Both Ends, NETHERLANDS

Agriculture

"Food Matters Worldwide" Magazine

Copies (free) of Magazine "Food Matters Worldwide" are available from the editor (Alistair Smith): the one with the flat cap and the colourful briefcase. Exemplaires (gratuits) du magazine "Food Matters Worldwide" sont disponibles au chef de sa rédaction (en anglais!) Alistair Smith, Farmer's Link, UK

"Green Food" a Healthy Option

"Green Food" begins 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.

Wang Qianzhong, Chinese Association of Agricultural Sciences Societies, CHINA

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.

Agriculture Policy

The strategy of development of world agriculture should enable the simultaneous realization of the following aims: feeding humanity, safeguarding of natural resources for future generations, safeguarding of individual and regional agricultural characteristics as well as respecting existing traditions and experiences in this field, promoting methods and health and environment. In order to achieve the above mentioned aims a complex system of international solutions accompanied by appropriate legal, economical and administrative instruments should be applied. The solutions must be preventive, stimulative and promotive.

Jolanta Pawlak, Social Ecological Institute, POLAND

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Environmental Education

Your own small earth? In Holland 20 years ago a project started to show concrete alternatives for an ecological lifestyle: it is the small earth, 2 ha exhibition area. If you are interested to start a similar educational centre, we might be of help with our good experiences, the basic financing etc.

Jan Juffermans, The Small Earth, NETHERLANDS

Farmers' Household Courtgardens

Building farmers household courtgarden in "Poverty Stricken Area" of some developing countries may be one of important measures. There are millions courtgardens in China's rural areas. 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.

Wang Qianzhong, Chinese Association of Agricultural Sciences Societies, CHINA

Fertilizer Use

E. Navia, in her paper on 19 December 1991, said that use of fertilizers, pesticides, etc. is causing generatic erosion of the biomass. Has anyone taken into consideration the big and bumper crops that helped avoid famine in many South countries? It was all due to fertilizer and pesticide use. Let us not be ungrateful.

Raziuddin Shaikh, Family Planning Association of Pakistan, PAKISTAN

Impact on South of reform

Anybody interested in Ms S Muntemba'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.

Alistair Smith, Farmer's Link, UK

Oceans

The World Bank helps the poor countries of the South to develop aquaculture to produce prawns which are exported to Japan and the USA. The development of aquaculture replaces paddy cultivation of rice which the poor countries peoples eat. Kocherry Thomas, National Fisherman's Forum, INDIA

Organic Farming

When people take up the task of tilling the soil to produce food, they must also adopt a conscious attitude to protect the environment. When someone makes use of land, that person must be aware of the natural relationship between soil, plant and animal. This understanding is the foundation of natural farming - a sustainable farming system we refer as organic farming. This relationship needs to be bought into the deliberations of this conference more emphatically.

John Njoroge, Kenya Institute of Organic Farming, KENYA

Promoting Eco-Farming to Intensive Agriculture

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

Wang Qianzhong, Chinese Association of Agricultural Sciences Societies, CHINA

Sustainable Agriculture Meeting

Meeting on resolutions on sustainable agriculture will be held Wednesday 18th at 4PM in the Laser Room!

Alistair Smith, Farmer's Link, UK

The Practice of Comprehensive Agriculture

Comprehensive Multi-storeied Agriculture is popularized in the mountain area of temperature zone in China. It contains inter-cropping, multi-cropping, battery keeping, agro-forestry, aquatic mix raising, agriculture distribution with different altitudes, etc. And appropriate to mountain area facing challenge for limited land resources coupled with large population for increasing land utilized and output co-efficient and environmental effect.

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The Prices/Organic Farming

False competition. After 20 years bottom of development and promotion of organic farming in Holland. We stress the fact of false competition between polluting agricultural products and organic products. A Dutch report learned that with true prices the organic products will be cheaper for the customer and the society. True prices include social and environmental costs.

Jan Juffermans, The Small Earth, NETHERLANDS

World Agriculture Strategy

The representatives of the Polish Independent Ecological Movements working in the framework of the Social Ecological Institute consider that it is necessary to introduce alterations to the principles of the international agricultural policy, which should become an element of ecological development.

The position of the Social Ecological Institute for "Agriculture Workshop" has Jolanta Pawlak (Poland) and Da Zi Bao. Jolanta Pawlak, Social Ecological Institute, POLAND

Air pollution

Campaign against Smoking

Smoking is also pollution or air especially in schools, hospitals, restaurants etc. We propose to take in our ecologic program the task of nicotine stop. The Hungarian group: E. Gergely, J. Halasz, I. Kiss, M. Koudes, E. Schmuck, P. Bonifert, Z. Csokar, J. Mayer, M. Nesmessuri, A. Sandor, L. Vit Miha'ly Nemessuri, Life Culture Club, HUNGARY

Alternatives

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Jolanta Pawlak, Social Ecological Institute, POLAND

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Business, Money, Politics & Law

Business makes money. Money makes politics. Politics makes law. It was always like that, and it still is. Can we change this in the future? We hope that Agenda 21 will not be the expensive memory for very rich people but also for our children.

Ludmila van der Marel, Clean Air Foundation, POLAND

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. Miguel Grinberg, Promundo Internacional, ARGENTINA

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Waafas Ofosu-Amaah, Worldwide Network, USA

Salud y Plantas Medicinales

Trabajamos en el rescate de las Plantas Medicinales para la Atención Primaria de la Salud y su protección. Deseamos comunicarnos con otros experiencias de este tipo. Cosilla de Correo 80, (1727) Marcos Paz, Buenos Aires, Argentina Carlos Vicente, CETAAR, ARGENTINA

Animal Rights

Gandhi and Solidarity 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.

Marinella Corregia, ITALY

Arms trade

Essais Nucléaires

Les essais nucléaires, et le commerce des armes doivent être considérés comme une grave pollution de l'environnement et un danger immédiat et futur pour le développement. Les premiers doivent être sévèrement empêchés, la revente successive des armes démodées permet tardes catastrophes comme celles du Liberia, de la Somalie et d'autres pays.

Gisele Noublanche, Ligue Internationale de Femmes pour la Paix et la Liberté, FRANCE

Awareness

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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) David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), CANADA

Declaration of Interdependence (Part II)

All living beings are interdependent ... Just as physics has taught us that all creation is energy and matter interacting in an elegant dance of life, biology informs us that biological and cultural diversity are the foundation of stability ... Certain biological principles, ecologically based and morally inspired, must become fundamental elements of a new politics hope.

David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), CANADA

Declaration of Interdependence (Part III)

Economic activities that benefit the few while compromising the biological inheritance of many are inherently wrong. Environmental degradation is, in essence, an erosion of biological capital and the long value of the expenditure must be factored into any equations of economic development.

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Environment

Nobody can change the environment without changing the minds of the global human beings and no environment can be changed without providing the necessary necessities to the human beings specially food, health, cloth and shelter. Millions of people on the globe are hungry and without shelter. Please help Ansar Burney Welfare Trust Pakistan in providing the food and shelter with health to the needy people and in the changing of minds to change the environment.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Migration

Migration of peoples has emerged as a major world dilemma. Over 100 million "people on the move". Internationally and many more in their own countries are the tragic human consequence of what UNCED is supposed to address. Most migration today of refugees and others is the direct result of environmental degradation and maldevelopment which provides no benefit for millions in many lands. Should we also put this concern on our agenda?

Patrick Taran, World Council of Churches,

Raising Public Awareness

I am interested in what you do in your country to raise public awareness about development/environment/UNCED. If anyone has ideas and/or projects that have involved the general public/non-knowledgeable, non involved public), please write to Social Justice Committee of Montreal, 1250 de Maisonneur Quest, Montreal, Canada
Anne Duprat, Social Justice Committee of Montreal, CANADA

Banking

Bank Reform

IMF and World Bank have to be reformed in a way that they can operate in non-profit structures at regional level. Their activities should be monitored by the affected population according to social and environmental criteria. In addition their policies and projects should be subject to environmental impact assessments by an independent international institutions. The German Delegation, GERMANY

Banking

The World Bank sends help but help brings destruction of land, waters and life and takes the best from us away in return. The IMF pretends to help manage our credit possibilities but lands us in worse debt situations.

Kocherry Thomas, National Fisherman's Forum, INDIA

Close down the World Bank

After ten years of "reforms", the World Bank and other MDBs continue spreading environmental destruction and poverty around the world, operate in secret, and are accountable to no one. It is time to close down these institutional fossils that are structurally incapable of meeting the real needs of the world.

Naomi Kamei, Chikuyo no Tomo/Friends of the Earth Japan, JAPAN

Int'l Bank For Community Initiatives

Green Forum Philippines would like to communicate with other NGOs on initiating the formation of a bank for community initiatives in sustainable development. Unless NGOs think about and establish new institutions that empower communities, our effectiveness for real change will be in doubt. Address: 3/F Liberty Bldg., Pasay Rd. Makati, Manila, Philippines, Fax: 8183207
Philip Camara, Foundation for Community Organisation & Management Tech., PHILIPPINES

Beyond UNCED

After UNCED

UNCED may not be a single conference event, but has to be established as a continuous evaluation process, at least until the year 2000. During this process, the decisions taken at Rio will be monitored and further developed at all international and national levels. This counts for governments as well as for NGOs.

Friends of the Earth International,

Biodiversity

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.

Simone Bilderbeek & Vivianne Ramaekers, Dutch Committee for IUCN, 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)

Simone Bilderbeek, IUCN - Netherlands Committee, NETHERLANDS

Biodiversity: humanity's test

Biodiversity is the foundation for Earth's system of life, and the context for human nature. Today, destruction of ecosystem's is threatening Earth with a shocking mass extinction. Please support resolutions which urge preservation of biodiversity - our planetary inheritance - for future generations.

George Paul, Foundation for Biodiversity, USA

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Bioregionalism

Bioregional vision

The temperate zone workshop will explore the bioregional vision for a post-industrial future. Stemming from a knowing and sacred relationship to one's home place, bioregional action diversifies according to culture and locale. Come join hands around the planet, finding home again.

David Haenke, Ecological Society Project, OZARKS, USA

Biotechnology

"Biotechknowledgey"

Think strategic ... Advocate the other kind of "Biotechnology" --Low-tech, "Common Sense" Biology that utilizes knowledge, labor, and human skills (i.e. Sustainable Agriculture, Preventive Medicine, etc.) rather than single-gene fixes that can be patented and sold as products. Call it "Biotechknowledgey" or grass-roots biology.

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Challenges

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?

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

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Children

Declaration of Interdependence (Part IV)

We also know that Life is all we have. The Song of the Earth's suffering is a last minute wake-up call for our survival. Our future depends on our waking to this alarm. For our children's sake, we must do it.

David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), CANADA

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.

Cyril Ritchie, International Schools Association, SWITZERLAND

Rape of Women/Girls/Children

I have come to this conference as a human rights activist. I received 131 awards in the field of human rights from different parts of the globe. Recently I received the award of "Top outstanding young person of the world 1991" from Helsinki, Finland and "Man of the Earth 1991" from USA. I need your suggestions how we can stop the alarming/ dangerous conditions of rape of women, children and girls and how to stop child abuse and neglect in all parts of the globe, specially in Asia.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Choices

Nobel Award

With reference to this great Paris conference "Roots of Future" I came here as an observer and before leaving I would like to strongly suggest the name of the great Pakistani human rights activist Mr Ansar Burney, advocate of Ansar Burney Welfare Trust of Pakistan, for the award of Nobel Prize in recognition to his services in the field of human rights and social work.

Saghir Asghar Safir, Islamic PAIC Society, FRANCE

Cities

Global Ecology Network

The Global Ecocity Network of ecocity 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 Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA

Help us. Redress before Victims Die!

We have been struggling in court trials in quest of compensation for the health damage caused by air pollution. The Japanese government has EASED environmental standards against the victims' cry. Many patients are getting aged. "Redness before they die". Send us your letter of encouragement to Kimio Moriwaki, Japan Air Pollution Victims Association, Japan.

Kimio Moriwaki, The Japan Air Pollution Victims Association, JAPAN

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. "Ecocities" will nurture basic human needs and creativity, while fostering appropriate development in balance with nature. Ecocities are the foundation upon which we can base the "ecostructural revolution" needed to achieve economic, social and political sustainability.

Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA

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 agrround 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, Genfll Street Adelaide SA 5000, Australia. Phone 61-8-3791984, Fax 61-8-4100142, E-mail Pegasus/Earthnet peg: pdownton 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 Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA

Clearinghouse

Conference Documents

The book "Roots of 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 booth. The book with about 650 pages formed the basic for the "Synthesis" document and the "Agenda Ya Wanachi". Price FFR 200 at the conference, FFR 230 for surface mail orders, FFR 260 for Air mail orders. Ron Kingham, EDRC, BELGIUM

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Green Co-operation

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Oscar Redondo, Biblioteca 12 de Octubre, ARGENTINA

Climate

Climate change for the last years in China

There were the data observed from the instruments in the few stations of China for the last two years. The most observed stations in China started from 1951. The investigations on the change of temperature for the last 100 years (1891-1990) have presented the warmest period occurred during 1930's and the 1940's. It is getting warmer and drier for the last 40 years (1951-1990) in China, especially in North China.

Zongci Zhao, China Meteorological Society, CHINA

Climate Change & International Cooperation

The research on climate change is a very important and complex issue. It was warm in this period and cold in another. Sometimes it was a dry climate and sometimes it was getting humid. The effects of climate change upon the economies, ecosystem and society must be investigated. We need the further researches of climate change and international cooperation.

Zongci Zhao, China Meteorological Society, CHINA

German Position Papers

Position papers by German NGOs on different UNCED related subjects (climate, biodiversity, forests, resource use and international trade) can be obtained on request from Projektstelle UNCED, DNR/Bund, Königswinterer Str. 665, 5300 Bonn 3, FRG
Deutscher Naturschutzing/Bund (FOE-Germany), GERMANY

Thinking on global warming

Scientific research has showed the global warming of the last 100 years. But we should note the local climatic characteristics. There are many uncertainties in the field of green house effects on climate change, such as how many impacts of green house effects on climate change. The emission of greenhouse gases must be reduced but at the same time we should think about the development of the countries, especially for the developing countries.

Zongci Zhao, China Meteorological Society, CHINA

Communautés de base

Développement Communautaire

L'A.I.D.A.C. (Association Internationale de Développement et d'Action Communautaires, 179 rue du Débarcadère, B6001 Marcinelle, Belgique) organisera en novembre ou décembre 1992 à Bangkok (Thaïlande) un colloque concernant: "Développement communautaire et environnement". Nous attendons vos témoignages et prises de position, ainsi que votre intérêt pour participer à ce colloque. Werner Cornelis, A.I.D.A.C., BELGIUM

Communication

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Douglas Gook, Caribou Horse Loggers Association, CANADA

Education, Communication & Environment

ECO-ED is a world congress for education and communication on environment and development which will be held Oct 17-21, 1992, in Toronto, Canada, four months after the Earth summit. It is an opportunity to discuss the results of Brazil and to share the best curricula and the resource materials from around the world. Brochures at the Canada/ USA exhibit.

Nola Seymour, ECO-ED, CANADA

Road to Rio

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M.L.E. Manoharan, Gramodaya, INDIA

Community

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

David Murphy, CUSO, CANADA

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Conflict resolution

Stop La Guerre

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Mihail Tokarev, Mouvement Ecologique Macédoine, YUGOSLAVIA

Conservation

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!!

Francis Lucas, PHILDHRRA, PHILIPPINES

Our message to policy makers, for the UNCED

Governments must stop favouring "political cost". They must stop implementing international conservation agreements and national laws immediately if they are to save their voters from a total collapse of their ecosystems which at the moment, is only just supporting them...

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

Consumption

Basic Needs Approach

We believe that basic needs of poor people of the Earth (food, clothing, shelter) can be achieved through sustainable consumption without necessarily degrading the environment or impoverishing local people. Everybody has a moral and ethical right to live above the threshold of poverty line.

Friends of the Earth International,

Consumption

How consumption starts? You just bought a beautiful dress and then you need new shoes; your old handbag is not good enough with new dresses and your old coat is out of style, so you have to buy a new hat, new clothes, new car, business, club membership, and soon... be careful of having any material desires. Long live people who live in the world of the spirit.

Ege Hirv, Estonian Green Movement, ESTONIA

Consumption

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

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Dutch Lifestyle in 2010

Can the rich world adjust its lifestyle within twenty years? Yes, it can! Next year, Milieudefensie/Friends of the Earth publishes a book, which describes in detail how a sustainable Netherlands looks like in the year 2010, when it does not consume more than its "World Share" of natural resources.

Manus van Brakel, Milieudefensie/Friends of the Earth NL, NETHERLANDS

Green Consumer Meeting

International Organization of Consumer Union - a meeting at 6.30PM in room 1 to discuss "The Green Consumer". A discussion for all interested.

Eileen Nic, IOC, USA

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Ian Tellam, Wise - Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

World Expo: Dance Macabre of Consumerism

World Exposition 96 will be an ecologic and economic disaster for the city of Budapest. However it is still time to stop it if you help. Bureau international des Expositions will decide soon. We are collecting signatures against it. Please Help us to save our beautiful capital. Ms Judith Halasz (the one with the blond little baby), l'Auberge d'artagnan.

Judit Halasz, Group against the World Expo, HUNGARY

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Migration

Migration of peoples has emerged as a major world dilemma. Over 100 million "people on the move". Internationally and many more in their own countries are the tragic human consequence of what UNCED is supposed to address. Most migration today of refugees and others in the direct result of environmental degradation and maldevelopment which provides no benefit for million in many lands. Should we also put this concern on our agenda?

Patrick Taran, World Council of Churches,

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Miloon Kothari, Vikalp Samiti, INDIA

Cooperation

Announcement/Attention Please

Ansar Burney Welfare Trust Pakistan is working for the release and rehabilitation of the illegally and unlawfully confined prisoners and mental patients through out the globe and also working to trace out the missing and kidnapped children and hand them over to their parents. If any NGO or governmental organization is interested or needs more information about prisons/prisoners and mental asylums in Pakistan or is interested to help us please contact Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, S. United Plaza, Blue Area, Islamabad, Pakistan.
Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Appeal for cooperation from Europe

How has European cooperation policy worked in the South? What does the South expect from future European cooperation? This will be the subject of an international conference organized by Lega per l'Ambiente in Italy, next November. Delegates from the South please contact us. Giovanna Melandri, Lega per l'Ambiente, ITALY

Green Co-operation

Our popular library acts as the only green clearinghouse in South America, at the services of a large movement. Oscar Redondo, Biblioteca 12 de Octubre, Arengreen 1187, 1405 Buenos Aires, Argentina.
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Help us. Redress before Victims Die!

We have been struggling in court trials in quest of compensation for the health damage caused by air pollution. The Japanese government has EASED environmental standards against the victims' cry. Many patients are getting aged. "Redness before they die". Send us your letter of encouragement to Kimio Moriawaki, Japan Air Pollution Victims Association, Japan.
Kimio Moriawaki, The Japan Air Pollution Victims Association, JAPAN

Humanity

The humanity needs, above all, the prosperity free of all needs, poverty, disease and disaster, not at all possible without peace, that depends on justice, forming the base for all development and progress. Emotional tranquillity and ecstasy bring about peace which can not be achieved without living comfort or the prospect in the respect the humanitarian welfare services are doing a lot, a great deal more. it is high time that the humanitarian services. The world over be meticulously knit into a well spread uniform unit, to exercise maximal influence on general human behaviour and sympathy for others, at human relations, joined to face all the miseries and worries confronting humanity. Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Our Common Future???

So much time and effort has been spent talking about who's from the North and who's from the South. When do we finally get rid of our biases and start working as one global NGO!

David de Vera, Philippine Association For Intercultural Development, PHILIPPINES

Resolutions for Unity and Cooperation ...

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All Female German and Swiss Delegates,

Corporations

"Corporate Environmentalism"???

According to the Wall Street Journal (July 23, 1991, p.B-1), a 1991 poll of 200 senior U.S. Business Executives found 89% of those executives convinced that their companies were doing a good or excellent job of managing environmental problems, but 43% acknowledged that their companies had paid fines for environmental crimes.

Jack Doyle, Friends of the Earth, U.S.A., USA

Créativité

Cirque du Monde

Atelier - work shop - taller - éducation l'environnement. création collective de tout les participants en salle Lazer (salle Observateurs), 18th , 17.30-19.00 h
Anonymous Clown, BRASIL

Culture

Our Culture and Environment

The cultural values of the people are 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.

Sylvester Sentamu-Makumbi, JEEP, UGANDA

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Dams

Meeting on 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.

Ashish Kothari, KALPAVRIKSH, INDIA

Debt

Banking

The World Bank sends help but help brings destruction of land, waters and life and takes the best from us away in return. The IMF pretends to help manage our credit possibilities but lands us in worse debt situations.

Kocherry Thomas, National Fisherman's Forum, INDIA

Debt for Nature Swaps

As ecologists and from a Southern perspective, we reject Debt-for-Nature swaps considering: 1- The debt was imposed and paid back many times over. 2- There is an ecological debt, accumulated during 500 years of robbing natural resources and exploitation of the majority of the third world population. 3- They facilitate the transfer of genetic resources from our region. 4- They imply a new form of colonialism.

REDES-AT (Friends of the Earth), URUGUAY

Les ONG doivent gèner la dette.

Les ONG doivent gèner la dette. A l'issue de la premier séance plénière Madame Fatima Alaoui, Présidente du Forum Maghrebin pour l'environnement et le développement a proposé que la dette et les intérêts de la dette doivent être gènés et contrôlés par les ONG.

Fatima Alaoui, Moroccan Forum for Environment and Development, MOROCCO

Let's not forget

The debt crisis is the main obstacle to sustainable development in the South. Read book on "Debt crisis and environment" based on four case studies in third world countries. Available at: Friends of the Earth, Netherlands - see participants list.

Manus van Brakel, Milieudefensie/Friends of the Earth NL, NETHERLANDS

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.

Raziuddin Shaikh, Family Planning Association of Pakistan, PAKISTAN

Decision making

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.

Roberto Smeraldi, NGO International Steering Committee, ITALY

Deep Ecology

Eco-social Justice & Solidarity With Living B

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

Marinella Corregia, ITALY

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Desertification

Forests, Civilisation, Deserts

"Forest precede civilisations, deserts follow them." Chateaubriand

Kishore Sant, Ubeshwar Vikas Mandal (UVM), INDIA

Development

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-bonded political reelection campaign 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

Douglas Gook, Caribou Horse Loggers Association, CANADA

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Développement Communautaire

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Werner Cornelis, A.I.D.A.C., BELGIUM

Peace, Justice and Development

Peace, justice and development - ingredients of the emerging world order. Without justice peace becomes a nightmare or the least of a reverie while the development rests on peace further opening into prosperity, that shapes the human character towards better relations and human attitudes and the pathetic grip for better social order co-operation and filial bonds. Globe needs development but with justice to every human beings and peace.

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Direct action

Earth Summit Watch

Heads of state should attend the Earth summit. Help us keep track of your head of state's commitment to go to Rio. Send information to: Earth Summit Watch, c/o David Christensen, N.R.D.C., 1350 New York Ave., N.W. 300, Washington D.C. 20005-4705, USA, Econet:NRDCDC David Christensen, Natural Resources Defense Council, USA

Saving Planet Earth

Roots of the Future Conference should be able to push the following policies to save planet Earth: 1. First world countries should be assisted in increasing their capacity to maximize the use of their own resources rather than exploit them; 2. Third World countries should not be used as dumping ground for industrial toxic wastes

Sister Agneta Lauzon, National Organization of Women Religious of the Philippines, PHILIPPINES

Directories

ENDA Directory

To the attention of NGOs of the North. To be in the "Directory of NGO of environment and development" 1992, you just have to register at the ENDA-Tiers Monde stand.

Jacques Bognicourt, ENDA-TM,
SENEGAL

Francophone Liaison Directory

Associations from francophone (french-speaking) countries of Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, if you want to be included in the directory that is designed for you, please complete the questionnaire that is available at the ELCI booth.

Nathalie Liamine, ELCI

Droits de l'Homme

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Eastern Europe

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)

Jeannette Kingham, Alliance of Northern People for Environment & Development,

The East Europe - will it be too late?

The new tendencies in North and South relations are intended to create new, more genuine possibilities for sustainable development of Southern countries. And what about East Europe? It is eager to achieve Western model of development as soon as possible - with all its mistakes and losses but without its reserves. Are we intended to repair these mistakes later? But will it not be too late?

Aleksandras Agafonovas, Lithuanian Green Movements, LITHUANIA

Ecological economics

Ecological Economics

Good economics is good ecology. The principles that order natural systems underlay the true nature of sustainable economics, wealth, and the value of money. We need, therefore, to reconfigure our economic systems along ecological lines. Money, and all of economics, has no reality outside of ecological reality. Eco-economics alone can determine true cost.

David Haenke, Ecological Society Project, OZARKS, USA

Economics

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 Vituve, Paris 20th.

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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-Multiversidas, C.C. Central 1993, Buenos Aires 1000, Argentina
Eco-Multiversidad, ARGENTINA

Education, Communication & Environment

ECO-ED is a world congress for education and communication on environment and development which will be held Oct 17-21, 1992, in Toronto, Canada, four month after the Earth summit. It is an opportunity to discuss the results of Brazil and to share the best curricula and the resource materials from around the world. Brochures at the Canada/ USA exhibit.

Nola Seymoar, ECO-ED, CANADA

Environmental Education

Your own small earth? In Holland 20 years ago a project started to show concrete alternatives for an ecological lifestyle: it is the small earth, 2 ha exhibition area. If you are interested to start a similar educational centre, we might be of help with our good experiences, the basic financing etc.

Jan Juffermans, The Small Earth, NETHERLANDS

Emergencies

Crises catastrophiques

L'Association Ecologie Energie 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.

Gabriel Ferone de la Selva, Ecologie, Energie, Survie, FRANCE

Empowerment

Empower People

A group of NGOs have taken the decision to: a. enhance and promote participatory democracy; b. ensure that citizens have access to information; c. ensure a more democratically government in system; d. democratise the decision making structure of international lending institutions. An international platform "Empower People International" is being established for that purpose. Interested NGOs are welcome to get forms and further information from French NGOs stall or write to: Facilitators, C.E.D.I., 229, bd Voltaire, 75011 Paris, France
Facilitators, C.E.D.I., FRANCE

Endangered species

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

Energy

ENERGIA - Una Junta

Para discutir temas y estrategias de la eficiencia de energía y la energía renovable: Que necesitamos aprender entre nosotros mismos? y Que decimos a la U.N.C.E.D.? Miércoles, 1900 horas - toma el camión (bus) PG a L'Auberge de Jeunesse D'Artagnan, 80 Rue de Vitruve. Cal Broomhead, California Energy Network, USA

Energy Meeting

To discuss issues and strategies regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy: What do we need to learn from each other? What is our message to UNCED? Join us Wednesday, 1900 hours. Take the PG Bus to 80 L'Auberge de Jeunesse D'Artagnan, 80 Rue de Vitruve (Youth Hostel). Cal Broomhead, California Energy Network, USA

Nuclear

This conference must protest against all forms of transfer of nuclear power plants in the South. Put an end to all forms of nuclear tests.

Kocherry Thomas, National Fisherman's Forum, INDIA

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.
Freda Meissner Blau, Ecoropa, AUSTRIA

Work, Global Warming, Drudgery

One more injustice: not only rich people are the biggest consumers but also, as workers, they use a lot of energy while poor people are working with a lot of drudgery. Should we not change also our way of work? More hand work, Less energy wasted.
Marinella Corregia, ITALY

Environmental History

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
Roland de Miller, Centre de Documentation Eco-Philosophique, FRANCE

Environmental Impact

Impact of environmental issues on women

Women and children are most seriously affected by environmental 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.

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

Equity

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 a share of the earth's resources equitably."
Southeast Asian Consortium for Env. Sustainable Dev., PHILIPPINES

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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)
Khethiwe K. Moyo Mhlanga, African 2000 Project, ZIMBABWE

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Freedom from 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 Kishore Sant, Ubeshwar Vikas Mandal (UVM), INDIA

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

Muriel Saragoussi, Brazilian Forum of NGOs, BRASIL

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.

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

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Finances

Understanding Economic & Financial Mechanisms

NGOs should train their members to understand better economic and financial mechanisms of their governments; financial/economic choices reflected in the national budgets. We NGOs have political power (votes and lobbies), that we should use fully for implementation of our beliefs. Alice Hodgson & Marie Kranendonk, Femmes et Changements/National Environmental Forum, Holland, FRANCE & HOLLAND

Food

"Food Matters Worldwide" Magazine

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

Exemplaires (gratuits) du magazine "Food Matters Worldwide" sont disponible au chef de sa redaction (en anglais!)

Alistair Smith, Farmer's Link, UK

"Green Food" a Healthy Option

"Green Food" begins 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.

Wang Qianzhong, Chinese Association of Agricultural Sciences Societies, CHINA

Agriculture Policy

The strategy of development of world agriculture should enable the simultaneous realization of the following aims: feeding humanity, safeguarding of natural resources for future generations, safeguarding of individual and regional agricultural characteristics as well as respecting existing traditions and experiences in this field, promoting methods and health and environment. In order to achieve the above mentioned aims a complex system of international solutions accompanied by appropriate legal, economical and administrative instruments should be applied. The solutions must be preventive, stimulative and promotive.

Jolanta Pawlak, Social Ecological Institute, POLAND

Breastfeeding is a Natural Resource

Breastfeeding is a global natural resource which saves on energy and pollution. No wastage of water and fuel for the manufacture of formula milk, bottles or teats. No wastage of water and fuel for sterilising bottles or adding to formula. No pollution from empty tins or containers. Claude Didierjean, La Leche League International,

Meat, Soil and Sustainable development

Less meat for the North to reduce the claim on land (for fodder) and fossil energy, the people of the North should reduce their meat consumption by at least 50%. It will be even positive for their own health, because now their consumption (180-200 gr / per day) is 2 to 3 times too high for a healthy diet!

Jan Juffermans, The Small Earth,
NETHERLANDS

Oceans

The World Bank helps the poor countries of the South to develop aquaculture to produce prawns which are exported to Japan and the USA. The development of aquaculture replaces paddy cultivation of rice which the poor countries peoples eat. Kocherry Thomas, National Fisherman's Forum, INDIA

Organic Farming

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John Njoroge, Kenya Institute of Organic Farming, KENYA

Forests

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.

Goran Eklof, SEED- Sweden, SWEDEN

Forests, Civilisation, Deserts

"Forest precede civilisations, deserts follow them." Chateaubriand
Kishore Sant, Ubeshwar Vikas Mandal
(UVM), INDIA

German Position Papers

Position papers by German NGOs on different UNCED related subjects (climate, biodiversity, forests, resource use and international trade) can be obtained on request from Projektstelle UNCED, DNR/Bund, Königswinterer Str. 665, 5300 Bonn 3, FRG
Deutscher Naturschutrzring/Bund (FOE-Germany), GERMANY

German Rainforest Campaign

The German Rainforest Campaign started working half a year ago. Over 40 environment and development organisations put the focus on German trade, aid and consumption that leads to the destruction of tropical rainforests and the livelihood of people who depend on them. We demand changes in German politics that put people first and build up alternatives to unsustainable use of forest resources. For further information, please contact: Wolfgang Kuhlmann, ARA, Germany
Wolfgang Kuhlmann, ARA, GERMANY

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!!

Francis Lucas, PHILDHRRA,
PHILIPPINES

International Vandalism

The Wilderness Society, Australia, would like any information you have about Australian companies involved in mining, forestry, etc. operations in your country, eg. North Broken Hill, National Australia Bank, Broken Hill Pty. Ltd. (BHP). Please send to 1A James Lane, Sydney 2000 Australia or leave your card/name at Indigenous Peoples Counter Number 3. Karenne Jurd, The Wilderness Society, AUSTRALIA

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Johan Niss, Swedish Youth Association for Nature Studies/Conservation, SWEDEN

UNCED destroys TFAP Reform

NGO attempts to reform the tropical forestry action plan, by insisting on popular participation in national forest policy planning, have been torpedoed by UNCED. A substantial consensus on new goals, objectives and structures for TFAP, that would have secured NGO input and land rights have been blocked by FAO. Consequently the World Bank has refused to introduce the reforms as this might be interpreted as quite divisive in the context of ... UNCED. Result: Governments 1, people 0.

Marcus Colchester, World Rainforest Movement, UK

Walk to the Amazon

Who in his right mind would destroy a fairy tale? Everybody loves a fairy tale. They are of eternal beauty. And they light up the eyes of children "Walk to the Amazon" purpose is to save the rainforest, Paul Coleman's project is: International environment centre, international rainforest marketing network, schools of native understanding, credit unions, communal enterprise systems and much more!

Patricia Hume, Taller Espacio Verde, MEXICO

Gaia

Act Locally, Think Globally

Act locally but think globally. Our earth is just like a satellite and it has our own ecosystem so any disturbance may have an effect on the whole universe.

Suresh Dewan, Save the Soil Campaign, INDIA

Mother Earth

All human beings should realize that mankind is kept alive through the greatness of nature. Mankind must recognize the earth as a processing being - a being that is alive, and still today continuing its creativities. This is referred to respectfully as "Mother Earth".

OISCA International, JAPAN

GATT

Beyond GATT

While we organize for UNCED, the industrialized countries are planning the "new world order" based on an expanded GATT that would limit environmental and development policies to ensure unregulated transnational corporate growth. Let's use the negotiation of this super GATT, officially referred to as a new "Multilateral Trade Organization" (MTO) to protect and promote environmental and sustainable development instead. Make sure your country's UNCED negotiators understand that GATT will counteract UNCED and the MTO is coming.

Kristin Dawkins, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, USA

Urgent Action on GATT

Let's not forget! GATT has the potential to undermine UNCED policies. Therefore: Urgent action is needed! Please contact Milieudefensie/FOE-Netherlands. Milieudefensie (FOE-Netherlands), NETHERLANDS

Gender consciousness

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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)

Khethiwe K. Moyo Mhlanga, African 2000 Project, ZIMBABWE

Global Policy

Agriculture Policy

The strategy of development of world agriculture should enable the simultaneous realization of the following aims: feeding humanity, safeguarding of natural resources for future generations, safeguarding of individual and regional agricultural characteristics as well as respecting existing traditions and experiences in this field, promoting methods and health and environment. In order to achieve the above mentioned aims a complex system of international solutions accompanied by appropriate legal, economical and administrative instruments should be applied. The solutions must be preventive, stimulative and promotive.

Jolanta Pawlak, Social Ecological Institute, POLAND

Gouvernement

Stop La Guerre

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

Mihail Tokarev, Mouvement Ecologique Macédoine, YUGOSLAVIA

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Douglas Gook, Caribou Horse Loggers Association, CANADA

Grassroots

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
David Murphy, CUSO, CANADA

NGOs Must be Strong Nationally

We must strive to first strengthen NGOs at national level and only then move out into regional or international levels. NGOs must work primarily for their immediate surroundings to ensure greater impact at grass-root levels.

Gul Najam Jamy, Foundation for Integrated Development (FIND), PAKISTAN

Growth

Urgent Action for German National Report

Upon pressure from NGOs represented in the National UNCED committee the German Minister for the environment prepared a position paper questioning continuous growth in Northern countries. This clear sign is likely not to pass the cabinet decision. Please send support letters to Prof. Töpfer, Ministry for Environment, Kennedy Allee 5, 5300 Bonn 2, FRG - copies to: Project UNCED, Königswinterer Str. 665, 5300 Bonn 3
Deutscher Naturschutzbund (FOE-Germany), GERMANY

Habitat

Nuclear testing

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Katia Kanas, Greenpeace, FRANCE

Health

Campaign against Smoking

Smoking is also pollution or air especially in schools, hospitals, restaurants etc. We propose to take in our ecologic program the task of nicotine stop. The Hungarian group: E. Gergely, J. Halasz, I. Kiss, M. Koudes, E. Schmuck, P. Bonifert, Z. Csokar, J. Mayer, M. Nesmessuri, A. Sandor, L. Vit Miha'ly Nemessuri, Life Culture Club, HUNGARY

Health Survey: Inhabitants of Polluted Areas

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.

Mie Asaoka, National Alliance Victims of Minamata Disease & Lawyers, JAPAN

Healthy Lifestyle & Environment

Hungarian Preventive Health Association mobilizes people active in maintaining a healthy lifestyle in favour of protection and environmentalists in favor of a healthier lifestyle. Contact Mr Peter Bonifert, Auberge d'Artagnan or Hungary 1025 Zöldlomb U. 16. fax 36.1.168.7851. Peter Bonifert, Hungarian Health Prevention Association, HUNGARY

Help us. Redress before Victims Die!

We have been struggling in court trials in quest of compensation for the health damage caused by air pollution. The Japanese government has EASED environmental standards against the victims' cry. Many patients are getting aged. "Redness before they die". Send us your letter of encouragement to Kimio Moriwaki, Japan Air Pollution Victims Association, Japan. Kimio Moriwaki, The Japan Air Pollution Victims Association, JAPAN

Industrial Policy & Contamination

While Minamata disease was discovered in 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 as stop the pollution exports to the developing countries.

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Salud y Plantas Medicinales

Trabajamos en el rescate de las Plantas Medicinales para la Atención Primaria de la Salud y su protección. Deseamos comunicarnos con otros experiencias de este tipo. Cosilla de Correo 80, (1727) Marcos Paz, Buenos Aires, Argentina Carlos Vicente, CETAAR, ARGENTINA

Holistic

A Holistic, Integrative View

The Bahá'í 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." Bahá'u'lláh

Mullai Vithirapathy, Singapore Council of Women's Organizations, SINGAPORE

En Intégrant

Mes frères,
C'est en intégrant
ce qui est externe et ce qui est interne,
nos paroles et nos actes,
notre corps et notre esprit,
notre vie et GAIA,
que nous grandirons.

Carlos Vicente, CETAAR, ARGENTINA

Integrando

Hermanos: Integrando
Lo externo y lo interno
Lo que decimos y lo que hacemos
Las luchas sociales y lo espiritual
Nuestro cuerpo y nuestra mente
Nostras vidas y GAIA
Von Respects y Coherencia
Creceremos
Carlos Vicente, CETAAR, ARGENTINA

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.

Ian Tellam, Wise - Amsterdam,
NETHERLANDS

Human rights

Announcement/Attention Please

Ansar Burney Welfare Trust Pakistan is working for the release and rehabilitation of the illegally and unlawfully confined prisoners and mental patients through out the globe and also working to trace out the missing and kidnapped children and hand them over to their parents. If any NGO or governmental organization is interested or needs more information about prisons/prisoners and mental asylums in Pakistan or is interested to help us please contact Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, S. United Plaza, Blue Area, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

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.

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Humanity

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Nobel Award

With reference to this great Paris conference "Roots of Future" I came here as an observer and before leaving I would like to strongly suggest the name of the great Pakistani human rights activist Mr Ansar Burney, advocate of Ansar Burney Welfare Trust of Pakistan, for the award of Nobel Prize in recognition to his services in the field of human rights and social work.

Saghir Asghar Safir, Islamic PAIC Society, FRANCE

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.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Prisons and Prisoners Reforms

Through international press and Da Zi Bao. We would like to draw your attention needs your help for the prisons and the mental asylums in your own country. Millions of human beings legally or illegally confined in different prisons and mental asylums of globe under different circumstances, some of these unfortunates need legal help, financial help, food and clothes and their reforms along with love and affection specially in developing countries. They are in a very bad situation and need our help and attention. Please, please help the neglected helpless.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Rape of Women/Girls/Children

I have come to this conference as a human right activist. I received 131 awards in the field of human rights from different parts of the globe. Recently I received the award of "Top outstanding young person of the world 1991" from Helsinki, Finland and "Man of the Earth 1991" from USA. I need your suggestions how we can stop the alarming/ dangerous conditions of rape of women, children and girls and how to the stop child abuse and neglect in all parts of the globe, specially in Asia.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Suggestions/Human Beings

To achieve the goal and task of "Roots of the future" Paris conference we Ansar Burney Welfare Trust Paristan would like to suggest to do something special and fight in your country and take part in the war against the discrimination between human beings which is a violation of human rights and there should be no difference between black and white, poor and rich, etc. Even one country man to another country man because we all are human beings, we are all brothers and sisters and we all are same so we should live together without any difference in same conditions, honour and in a same environment.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

U.N. and Forced Evictions

The U.N. Sub-commission on Human Rights has recently adopted a historic resolution on forced evictions due to a range of causes. We have attempting to mobilize around this resolution and initiate further U.N. action. We need information and your participation. Contact: Habitat International Coalition, Housing rights and evictions action unit, Havikstraat 38 bis, Utrecht, Netherlands, 3514 TR Miloon Kothari, Vikalp Samiti, INDIA

Human Shelter

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 4.15PM shelter infrastructure and services, Wednesday 2PM housing rights & evictions 4.15PM urban informal economy, Thursday 2PM women and human settlement 4.15PM participation in local governance. Davinder Lamba, Habitat International Coalition, KENYA

Human Shelter and Environment

Shelter, which is one of necessary elements for human survival, is close relation to 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.

Li Mengbai, Chinese Association for Urban Science Studies, CHINA

Reconstruction of Settlements After War

Thank you for your interest in the exhibition and charter for reconstruction. A meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the coffee area left of Theatre Gaston Berger. We have drafted some amendments to the Citizens Action Plan to highlight issues related to the war. Working with ecological principles for settlement planning is essential if the disaster of war is not to be followed by the disaster of inappropriate or non-existent reconstruction. Working towards sustainability of settlements in the developed world is essential for the prevention of war.

Mary Roslin, School of Architectural Studies, Univ. of Sheffield, UK

Identity

I'm not from an "NGO"

This came up at the Greens meeting: why the heck do we call ourselves "Non-governmental organizations" of all things, a name that defines us only in terms of what we are not? If we are doing our job, we are people's organizations. Let's call ourselves what we are, for crying out loud! Alva Morrison, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Society, USA

Je ne suis pas d'un "ONG"

Cela etait discuté au rencontre des Verts. Pourquoi est-ce que nous nous appellerons des "Organizations Non-Gouvernementales" de tout choses, un nom qui nous definisse seulement par ce que nous ne sommes pas? Si nous laissons vraiment notre travail propre, nous sommes des organizations du peuple (ou organizations populaires). Appelons nous cela! Alva Morrison, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Society, USA

Implementation

Institutions Task-Group

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Indigenous

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) David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), CANADA

Declaration of Interdependence (Part II)

All living beings are interdependent ... Just as physics has taught us that all creation is energy and matter interacting in an elegant dance of life, biology informs us that biological and cultural diversity are the foundation of stability ... Certain biological principles, ecologically based and morally inspired, must become fundamental elements of a new politics hope. David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), CANADA

Indigenous Nations and the Nuclear Chain

Native people around the world affected by Uranium mining, atomic weapons testing and the storage of nuclear waste are asked to give testimony at the World Uranium Hearing held in September 1992 in Salzburg, Austria. Information and contacts are appreciated at the booth of "The Ecologist". Claus Biegert & Barbara Pecarich, The World Uranium Hearing, GERMANY

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Information

Caribbean Region Requires Space

Caribbean region requires display space! There are materials which we have brought but no possibility/opportunity to share. Regina Dumas, Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Green Co-operation

Our popular library acts as the only green clearinghouse in South America, at the services of a large movement. Oscar Redondo, Biblioteca 12 de Octubre, Arengreen 1187, 1405 Buenos Aires, Argentina.
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Johan Niss, Swedish Youth Association for Nature Studies/Conservation, SWEDEN

Institutions

After UNCED

UNCED may not be a single conference event, but has to be established as a continuous evaluation process, at least until the year 2000. During this process, the decisions taken at Rio will be monitored and further developed at all international and national levels. This counts for governments as well as for NGOs.

Friends of the Earth International,

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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.
Josef Tamir, Haim and Eviva, ISRAEL

Integrity

Where Are We?

This is the time. Think about our responsibilities, far away to reach the destination. Environment we blame each other. Let us forget the past. Come together, plan for a concrete effort. Join, with hand to hand - heart to heart. We at the global level prove our solidarity and reach the unseen destination. Let us overcome, all social, political and economical barriers. This is the opportunity to find where are we?

M.L.E. Manoharan, Gramodaya, INDIA

Justice

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Douglas Gook, Caribou Horse Loggers Association, CANADA

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 a share of the earth's resources equitably."

Southeast Asian Consortium for Env. Sustainable Dev., PHILIPPINES

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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.

Gul Njam Jamy, Foundation for Integrated Development (FIND), PAKISTAN

Peace, Justice and Development

Peace, justice and development - ingredients of the emerging world order. Without justice peace becomes a nightmare or the least of a reverie while the development rests on peace further opening into prosperity, that shapes the human character towards better relations and human attitudes and the pathetic grip for better social order co-operation and filial bonds. Globe needs development but with justice to every human beings and peace.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Land use

Land struggle

It is fascinating to hear from my Brazil friend in land struggle in the morning session (16 Dec). Really this is a struggle against social injustice. We the Indians also in many parts of our country are fighting for land distribution. "Land is for the tillers" is our aim. We hope this conference would conclude with meaningful resolutions.

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Land Use or Overuse by the Rich

Land use redistribution. Land redistribution is not enough! Look who is using most of the export products: the ships and planes go to the rich countries who have very rich soils themselves. So also land use redistribution is an issue. The rich are using most of the fertile land of the earth and pay too low prices. For example for fodder, for meat.

Jan Juffermans, The Small Earth, NETHERLANDS

Meat, Soil and Sustainable development

Less meat for the North to reduce the claim on land (for fodder) and fossil energy, the people of the North should reduce their meat consumption by at least 50%. It will be even positive for their own health, because now their consumption (180-200 gr / per day) is 2 to 3 times too high for a healthy diet!

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Language

Forgotten Again

We expected to see more Latin American and Caribbean notices at Da Zi Bao. And if possible in Spanish. Unfortunately we were forgotten once again.

Traduction Observateurs

Pauvres observateurs qui ne sont pas multilingues. Hier, français pour tous - aujourd'hui anglais obligatoire si une traduction trilingue n'est pas possible, respectons au moins la langue de l'intervenant

Pierre Alain Baud, Frères des Hommes, FRANCE

Law

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Radioactive Wastes

Radioactive waste is a major issue for future generations. Those who want to join an international network on that topic to fight against underground filling of nuclear wastes, please contact us: M. Prieur, 4, Place du Présidial, 87000 Limoges, France Michel Prieur, Société Française pour le Droit de L'Environnement, FRANCE

Liaison

Environmental Education

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Lifestyle

Dutch Lifestyle in 2010

Can the rich world adjust its lifestyle within twenty years? Yes, it can! Next year, Milieodefensie/Friends of the Earth publishes a book, which describes in detail how a sustainable Netherlands looks like in the year 2010, when it does not consume more than its "World Share" of natural resources. Manus van Brakel, Milieodefensie/Friends of the Earth NL, NETHERLANDS

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Marine Resources

Océans

Serons-nous capable d'avoir sur les océans un autre point de vue que celui de terriens? Saurons-nous intégrer le point de vue des pêcheurs et leur rôle dans la gestion des ressources marines? Nous en avons peu parlé dans l'atelier sur les océans. (L.L.) Alain Le Sann, RITMO, FRANCE

Mass involvement

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. Chris Church, The Tree of Life Project, UK

Media

Cleaning up 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. Ege Hirv, Estonian Green Movement, ESTONIA

Local TV & Radio

We demand from our national governments to introduce a fee of some percent of the profits of commercial broadcasting systems to subsidize non-profit local and people based independent TV and Radio stations, reflecting the diversity of their regional cultures. BUND (FOE-Germany), GERMANY

Migration

Migration

Migration of peoples has emerged as a major world dilemma. Over 100 million "people on the move". Internationally and many more in their own countries are the tragic human consequence of what UNCED is supposed to address. Most migration today of refugees and others is the direct result of environmental degradation and maldevelopment which provides no benefit for millions in many lands. Should we also put this concern on our agenda?

Patrick Taran, World Council of Churches,

Mining

International Vandalism

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Mobilization

U.N. and Forced Evictions

The U.N. Sub-commission on Human Rights has recently adopted a historic resolution on forced evictions due to a range of causes. We have attempted to mobilize around this resolution and initiate further U.N. action. We need information and your participation. Contact: Habitat International Coalition, Housing rights and evictions action unit, Havikstraat 38 bis, Utrecht, Netherlands, 3514 TR Miloon Kothari, Vikalp Samiti, INDIA

Money

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.

Willem Hoogendijk, Dutch Environmental Platform, NETHERLANDS

Networking

Gongsa - Network

Twenty eight NGOs from the Sahel have formed an information and training/research network - "Groupement 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.

Constantinos Berhe, LEMLEM, ETHIOPIA

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Needing Transformation

Président Mitterand 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.

Friends of the Earth International,

NGOs at PrepCom 4

Friday, 12.30 PM there will be an information session on NGOs at PrepCom 4, followed by an NGO strategy session for PrepCom 4 activists. Salle C.

Catherine Porter, USA

NGOs Must be Strong Nationally

We must strive to first strengthen NGOs at national level and only then move out into regional or international levels. NGOs must work primarily for their immediate surroundings to ensure greater impact at grass-root levels.

Gul Najam Jamy, Foundation for Integrated Development (FIND), PAKISTAN

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Gambir Yonzone, Himalayan Science Association, INDIA

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Douglas Gook, Caribou Horse Loggers Association, CANADA

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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.

Kishore Sant, Ubeshwar Vikas Mandal (UVM), INDIA

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.

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

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Understanding Economic & Financial Mechanisms

NGOs should train their members to understand better economic and financial mechanisms of their governments; financial/economic choices reflected in the national budgets. We NGOs have political power (votes and lobbies), that we should use fully for implementation of our beliefs. Alice Hodgson & Marie Kranendonk, Femmes et Changements/National Environmental Forum, Holland, FRANCE & HOLLAND

What do you think about?

Every country has to try to get their own people around the table, with their own national dishes (politicians, business people, city dwellers, rural people, eco movement and enthusiasts) with deep love for their own country. Try to solve ecological problems with respect for neighbors. So if we solve national problems, we can solve international problems. Ludmila van der Marel, Clean Air Foundation, POLAND

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 interferes in a very negative way in the energy debates taking place, that should concentrate on energy conservation and renewables!

John Hontelez, FOEI, NETHERLANDS

Nuclear

This conference must protest against all forms of transfer of nuclear power plants in the South. Put an end to all forms of nuclear tests.

Kocherry Thomas, National Fisherman's Forum, INDIA

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.

Freda Meissner Blau, Ecoropa, AUSTRIA

Nuclear Energy

Uranium mining, atomic weapons testing and the dumping of radioactive waste is threatening indigenous peoples on all continents. A video entitled "The Death that Creeps from the Earth" will be shown at Salle Jean Bertin, 12:00 and 17:00 on Wednesday, 18 Dec.

Claus Biegert & Barbara Pecarich, The World Uranium Hearing, GERMANY

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

Katia Kanas, Greenpeace, FRANCE

Radioactive Wastes

Radioactive waste is a major issue for future generations. Those who want to join an international network on that topic to fight against underground filling of nuclear wastes, please contact us: M. Prieur, 4, Place du Présidial, 87000 Limoges, France Michel Prieur, Société Française pour le Droit de L'Environnement, FRANCE

Vulnerability of nuclear plants in war

The Electricité 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.
Ida Kiss, Green Earth, HUNGARY

Oceans

DuPont Chemical Co.

New report available on DuPont's environmental pollution ... Hold the applause! Chapters on chemical pollution, ozone depletion, chemical plant safety and more ... Available from Friends of the Earth, 218 D Street, SE Washington, D.C. 20003, Phone 202.544.2600. Report is 112 PP W/footnotes.

Jack Doyle, Friends of the Earth, U.S.A., USA

Océans

Serons-nous capable d'avoir sur les océans un autre point de vue que celui de terriens? Saurons-nous intégrer le point de vue des pêcheurs et leur rôle dans la gestion des ressources marines? Nous en avons peu parlé dans l'atelier sur les océans. (L.L.) Alain Le Sann, RITMO, FRANCE

Participation

Answer to Italian Friends

We represent 14 different Chinese NGOs here. Environmental issues are global. Are you uncomfortable with the first-time Chinese involvement in Global NGO conference? Dear friends, it's a sign of hope for more and more grassroots people to be involved. The delegates are not as big as you have said because China has about 1.1 billion population.

Wei Wang, China Wildlife Conservation Association, CHINA

Come out of the Shell of Elitism

In this age of democracy, it is the voice of the common people that would ultimately reflect in changing the course of governments, rules and regulations, aptitudes and attitudes. Hence how we reach these dumb millions is of paramount significance. Environment should come out of the shell of elitism and should become a source of strength for the common people to motivate them to react and act to the problems.

Goparaju Vijayam, Arthik Samata Mandal, INDIA

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Micro Level Approach

It is the excellent international NGO Conference in Paris proved their magnanimous particularly French government headed by Mr François Mitterrand the importance of peoples participation from the grass-roots. I remember our beloved leader Mahatma Gandhi how he emphasised a micro level approach. I hope this conference would give opportunity for this.

M.L.E. Manoharan, Gramodaya, INDIA

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.

Mary Roslin, School of Architectural Studies, Univ. of Sheffield, UK

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UNCED destroys TFAP Reform

NGO attempts to reform the tropical forestry action plan, by insisting on popular participation in national forest policy planning, have been torpedoed by UNCED. A substantial consensus on new goals, objectives and structures for TFAP, that would have secured NGO input and land rights have been blocked by FAO. Consequently the World Bank has refused to introduce the reforms as this might be interpreted as quite divisive in the context of ... UNCED. Result: Governments 1, people 0.

Marcus Colchester, World Rainforest Movement, UK

Peace

Humanity

The humanity needs, above all, the prosperity free of all needs, poverty, disease and disaster, not at all possible without peace, that depends on justice, forming the base for all development and progress. Emotional tranquillity and ecstasy bring about peace which can not be achieved without living comfort or the prospect in the respect the humanitarian welfare services are doing a lot, a great deal more. it is high time that the humanitarian services. The world over be meticulously knit into a well spread uniform unit, to exercise maximal influence on general human behaviour and sympathy for others, at human relations, joined to face all the miseries and worries confronting humanity. Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Peace, Justice and Development

Peace, justice and development - ingredients of the emerging world order. Without justice peace becomes a nightmare or the least of a reverie while the development rests on peace further opening into prosperity, that shapes the human character towards better relations and human attitudes and the pathetic grip for better social order co-operation and filial bonds. Globe needs development but with justice to every human beings and peace.

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Jan Juffermans, The Small Earth, NETHERLANDS

Pollution Victims

I could learn very similar story to Minamata disease in Colombia from a person who speaks Spanish. In this conference, I regret workshops were held divided between English and Spanish. Both people should exchange information much more.

Health Survey: Inhabitants of Polluted Areas

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.

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Industrial Policy & Contamination

While Minamata disease was discovered in 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 as stop the pollution exports to the developing countries.

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Minamata Disease

Whole history of Minamata case, caused with organic mercury waste is the worst model. As the result of industrial policy of Japanese government, over ten thousand victims are still in health. Also, the whole costs are ten thousands victims greater than those if the pollution had been prevented at the first stage.

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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.

Vinod Raina, EKLAVYA, INDIA

Population

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.

Stephanie Mills, Elmwood Institute, USA

Poverty/Affluence

Close Poverty Gap and Save the Environment

The attack on the environment comes from two sides. First, is pollution from the industrialised countries, and second is depletion due to poverty in the developing world. While the first can be reversed, the second seems irreversible. Every year, the poor gets poorer and the attack on the environment for survival is intensified. No amount of effort to save the earth will succeed the rich and the poor locally and globally.

Luke Onyekakeyah, Earth Search, NIGERIA

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."

Krishna Murti Gupta, Himalaya Seva Sangh, INDIA

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.

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

Poverty and Affluence

The poverty of the poor is not as dangerous polluter of the globe as the affluence of the rich which is the cause of the death of rivers, oceans, trees, children, governments and the ozone layer. Poverty pollutes but affluence pollutes absolutely.

Okyeame Ampadu-Agyei, Villages Pilot Project Ghana, GHANA

Work, Global Warming, Drudgery

One more injustice: not only rich people are the biggest consumers but also, as workers, they use a lot of energy while poor people are working with a lot of drudgery. Should we not change also our way of work? More hand work, Less energy wasted. Marinella Corregia, ITALY

Power

A view from Japan?

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

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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) David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), CANADA

Declaration of Interdependence (Part II)

All living beings are interdependent ... Just as physics has taught us that all creation is energy and matter interacting in an elegant dance of life, biology informs us that biological and cultural diversity are the foundation of stability ... Certain biological principles, ecologically based and morally inspired, must become fundamental elements of a new politics hope. David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), CANADA

Declaration of Interdependence (Part III)

Economic activities that benefit the few while compromising the biological inheritance of many are inherently wrong. Environmental degradation is, in essence, an erosion of biological capital and the long value of the expenditure must be factored into any equations of economic development.

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Feminism

I am concerned that some declarations in the Women's Agenda imply a push for forced androgyny, destruction of native cultural roles for women (what we wish to preserve), and put more emphasis on sex quotas than quality ideas. (I am a women, also)

Leslee Kulba, Citizen Action Alliance, USA

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 Muriel Saragoussi, Brazilian Forum of NGOs, BRASIL

World Agriculture Strategy

The representatives of the Polish Independent Ecological Movements working in the framework of the Social Ecological Institute consider that it is necessary to introduce alterations to the principles of the international agricultural policy, which should become an element of ecological development.

The position of the Social Ecological Institute for "Agriculture Workshop" has Jolanta Pawlak (Poland) and Da Zi Bao. Jolanta Pawlak, Social Ecological Institute, POLAND

Priorités

Stop La Guerre

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

Mihail Tokarev, Mouvement Ecologique Macédoine, YUGOSLAVIA

Priorities

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)

Jeannette Kingham, Alliance of Northern People for Environment & Development,

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Mmes Tamayaré & Noublanche, Comité de Soutien à la Somalie, FRANCE

Property rights

Consumption

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

Ege Hirv, Estonian Green Movement,
ESTONIA

Recycling

Our Common Double Standards

Why isn't all the paper here recycled and unbleached? Why are we eating with plastic cups, plates, forks and knives? What sort of roots are these?

Danny Kennedy, Environmental Youth Alliance, AUSTRALIA

Islam and Respect for Nature

Islamic teaching support the prohibition of wasteful extravagance of natural resources, the safeguards of ecosystems, the protection of animal rights, the efficient use of water and land for agricultural development, development of dead land, the incorporation of systems to protect pasture, range land, areas around wells and water causes; the protection of fauna and flora, and the protection of public land and public property. If we are not adhering to these basic and the fundamentals we are only acting as transgressors and disobeying Allah's will.

Hesam Addin A. Joma, SAUDI ARABIA

Resources

German Position Papers

Position papers by German NGOs on different UNCED related subjects (climate, biodiversity, forests, resource use and international trade) can be obtained on request from Projektstelle UNCED, DNR/Bund, Königswinterer Str. 665, 5300 Bonn 3, FRG
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Rivers

River Pollution

My concern has been for the population of River Yamuna, sanitation and sewage disposal systems of Delhi. I would like to meet anyone working on the water problem.

Mukul Priyadarshini, INDIA

Sagrado

Love

What about putting the subject of human tenderness in our "wise" agendas? See how to make it happen!

Johnny Pleasure, The Joyful Network, FALKLANDS

Solidarity

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.

Josef Tamir, Haim and Eviva, ISRAEL

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South/North

Appeal for cooperation from Europe

How has European cooperation policy worked in the South? What does the South expect from future European cooperation? This will be the subject of an international conference organized by Lega per l'Ambiente in Italy, next November. Delegates from the South please contact us. Giovanna Melandri, Lega per l'Ambiente, ITALY

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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 6.15PM at the press desk, Tuesday.

Alistair Smith, Farmer's Link, 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 - à discuter. Appel à tous intéressés: rencontre 6.15PM. Au

rencontre presse, Mardi

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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.

Ashish Kothari, KALPAVRIKSH, INDIA

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 Jan van Arkel Publishers, A. Numkade, 17, 3572 KP, Utrecht, Netherlands. Price US \$10 or equivalent. Concession for the Eastern and Southern NGOs.

Ian Tellam, Wise - Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Spirituality

An Affirmation of Love

In the centre of all Love I stand. From that centre I, the soul, will outward move. From that centre I, the one who serves, will work. May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad. In my heart, through my group, and throughout the world. World Goodwill, (submitted by Maria Brown), UK

Earth Ethics

If mankind, only one within a total of five to ten million species, rejects the "Earth Ethics" and does not stop destroying the environment which constitutes the earth and ultimately makes it a place not fit for living, it is human beings that face destruction, not the earth at all.

OISCA International, JAPAN

Mother Earth

All human beings should realize that mankind is kept alive through the greatness of nature. Mankind must recognize the earth as a processing being - a being that is alive, and still today continuing its creativities. This is referred to respectfully as "Mother Earth".

OISCA International, JAPAN

Stratégie

Environmental Education

Your own small earth? In Holland 20 years ago a project started to show concrete alternatives for an ecological lifestyle: it is the small earth, 2 ha exhibition area. If you are interested to start a similar educational centre, we might be of help with our good experiences, the basic financing etc.

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Strategy

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-bonded political reelection campaign 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 Douglas Gook, Caribou Horse Loggers Association, CANADA

Mobilisation of General Public

Amendment proposed to Agenda Ya Wananchi. "We as NGOs commit ourselves to the mass mobilisation of the general public in demanding that our governments act in Rio and afterwards in line with this Agenda. NGOs acting alone will produce only limited change."

Tony Dolan, COMLAMH, IRELAND

Sustainable Communities

Anti-Road Building

The Alliance for a Paving Moratorium is fighting new roads and parking lots in the USA. The alternative to more roads is a restructuring of wasteful patterns of living into sustainable communities. For more information, contact the Alliance at P.O. Box 8558, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 USA
Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA

Taboo issues

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 Muriel Saragoussi, Brazilian Forum of NGOs, BRASIL

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Jack Doyle, Friends of the Earth, U.S.A., USA

Tourism

Tourism & Local Communities

Powerful business interests in Japan, Germany and Canada are exploring investments in tourism promoting in places of great natural and cultural beauty and peace in Asia, Africa, Latin America. Northern voluntary organisations should monitor and expose this imposition of wasteful lifestyles on local communities. Kishore Sant, Ubeswar Vikas Mandal (UVM), INDIA

Toxics

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Health Survey: Inhabitants of Polluted Areas

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.

Mie Asaoka, National Alliance Victims of Minamata Disease & Lawyers, JAPAN

Industrial Policy & Contamination

While Minamata disease was discovered in 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 as stop the pollution exports to the developing countries.

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Mara Silina, Friends of the Earth - East / Greenway, LATVIA

Minamata Disease

Whole history of Minamata case, caused with organic mercury waste is the worst model. As the result of industrial policy of Japanese government, over ten thousand victims are still in health. Also, the whole costs are ten thousands victims greater than those if the pollution had been prevented at the first stage.

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Saving Planet Earth

Roots of the Future Conference should be able to push the following policies to save planet Earth: 1. First world countries should be assisted in increasing their capacity to maximize the use of their own resources rather than exploit them; 2. Third World countries should not be used as dumping ground for industrial toxic wastes

Sister Agneta Lauzon, National Organization of Women Religious of the Philippines, PHILIPPINES

STOP Double Standards

If you have evidence and proof of toxic waste trade in your country, write to: CEAT, 29 rue Blanche, 1050 Bruxelles. CEAT, the European coordination of Friends of the Earth International, will transfer your message to the appropriate FOE-groups in order that action might be taken in both importing and exporting countries.

Friends of the Earth International,

Trade

Beyond GATT

While we organize for UNCED, the industrialized countries are planning the "new world order" based on an expanded GATT that would limit environmental and development policies to ensure unregulated transnational corporate growth. Let's use the negotiation of this super GATT, officially referred to as a new "Multilateral Trade Organization" (MTO) to protect and promote environmental and sustainable development instead. Make sure your country's UNCED negotiators understand that GATT will counteract UNCED and the MTO is coming.

Kristin Dawkins, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, USA

German Position Papers

Position papers by German NGOs on different UNCED related subjects (climate, biodiversity, forests, resource use and international trade) can be obtained on request from Projektstelle UNCED, DNR/Bund, Königswinterer Str. 665, 5300 Bonn 3, FRG
Deutscher Naturschutzbund/Bund (FOE-Germany), GERMANY

Urgent Action on GATT

Let's not forget! GATT has the potential to undermine UNCED policies. Therefore: Urgent action is needed! Please contact Milieudefensie/FOE-Netherlands. Milieudefensie (FOE-Netherlands), NETHERLANDS

Traffic

Nordic-Baltic Youth conference

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Johan Niss, Swedish Youth Association for Nature Studies/Conservation, SWEDEN

Transnationals

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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 Poulen. Interested parties please leave message at Hotel Arcade Camborne (Room 542).

Alistair Smith, Farmer's Link, UK

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. Vinod Raina, EKALAYA, INDIA

Transportation

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!

Jan Juffermans, The Small Earth, NETHERLANDS

Anti-Road Building

The Alliance for a Paving Moratorium is fighting new roads and parking lots in the USA. The alternative to more roads is a restructuring of wasteful patterns of living into sustainable communities. For more information, contact the Alliance at P.O. Box 8558, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 USA Stuart Chaitkin, Urban Ecology, USA

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.

August Dirks, Azart/Loesje & Partners, NETHERLANDS

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.

Marta Kovacs, Hungarian Traffic Club, HUNGARY

Environmental Friendliness

So called "Environmentally Friendly" means of transport such as trains used to come to Paris depend upon nuclear power. What is "Environmental Friendliness"? - A term particularly open to abuse?

John Garlick, FRANCE

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.

The German Delegation, GERMANY

Sailship to Rio

Public statement against flying. One way ticket, other way by plane. Sailing 4-5 weeks mass drum session near the global forum: 40 drummers invited on board to be joined by hundreds of Brazilian drummers in Rio. Fill in now free form for more information at the Europe desk.

August Dirks, Azart/Loesje & Partners, NETHERLANDS

Trains and Planes

Give us an energy-efficient train from Kuala Lumpur to Paris and we join the call of the German delegation. Otherwise the Europeans can have this meeting all to themselves.

Gurmit Singh, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development Malaysia, MALAYSIA

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.

Josef Tamir, Haim and Eviva, ISRAEL

Values

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
Mullai Vithirapathy, Singapore Council of Women's Organizations, SINGAPORE

An Affirmation of Love

In the centre of all Love I stand.
From that centre I, the soul, will outward move.
From that centre I, the one who serves, will work.
May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad
In my heart, through my group, and throughout the world.
World Goodwill, (submitted by Maria Brown), UK

Eco-social Justice & Solidarity With Living B

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

Islam and Respect for Nature

Islamic teaching support the prohibition of wasteful extravagance of natural resources, the safeguards of ecosystems, the protection of animal rights, the efficient use of water and land for agricultural development, development of dead land, the incorporation of systems to protect pasture, range land, areas around wells and water causes; the protection of fauna and flora, and the protection of public land and public property. If we are not adhering to these basic and the fundamentals we are only acting as transgressors and disobeying Allah's will.

Hesam Addin A. Joma, SAUDI ARABIA

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.
Gul Najam Jamy, Foundation for Integrated Development (FIND), PAKISTAN

Survival & 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."
Gurmit Singh, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development Malaysia, MALAYSIA

The Atheist Centre

The Atheist Centre of India, founded in 1940, developed a new value system based upon a secular outlook. Removal of untouchability, dispelling superstitions, witchcraft and sorcery, educational programs, counselling, family planning, secular social work are on the Centre's Agenda, among others.

Goparaju Vijayam, Arthik Samata Mandal, INDIA

Vegetarianism

Gandhi and Solidarity 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.

Marinella Corregia, ITALY

Visions

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-bonded political reelection campaign 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
Douglas Gook, Caribou Horse Loggers Association, CANADA

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)
David Suzuki, (submitted by D.F. Murphy CUSO), CANADA

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.

Waafas Ofosu-Amaah, Worldwide Network, USA

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.

Ian Tellam, Wise - Amsterdam,
NETHERLANDS

War

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.

Mary Roslin, School of Architectural Studies, Univ. of Sheffield, UK

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

Katia Kanas, Greenpeace, FRANCE

Reconstruction of Settlements After War

Thank you for your interest in the exhibition and charter for reconstruction. A meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the coffee area left of Theatre Gaston Berger. We have drafted some amendments to the Citizens Action Plan to highlight issues related to the war. Working with ecological principles for settlement planning is essential if the disaster of war is not to be followed by the disaster of inappropriate or non-existent reconstruction. Working towards sustainability of settlements in the developed world is essential for the prevention of war.

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Secours pour la Somalie

Le Comité de Soutien à la Somalie appelle à demander un secours humanitaire d'evergure pour les populations civiles de Somalie en priorité dans les zones de refuge où des certaines de milliers de femmes, enfants, vieillards, sont victimes de la tragédie que sulit le pays: en priorité là où les armes se tausent. Et que tout soit mis en peure pour que les armes se taisent. Mmes Tamayaré & Noublanche, Comité de Soutien à la Somalie, FRANCE

Vulnerability of nuclear plants in war

The Electricité 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.

Ida Kiss, Green Earth, HUNGARY

Waste

Déchets

Combien de tasses, verres et assiettes "jetables" allons-nous utiliser durant cette conférence ? A mon avis, environ 12600 verres et tasses et 3400 assiettes au moins. SVP apportons notre propre tasse réutilisable afin d'être cohérents avec nos discours!

Marie-Odile Junker, Cultural Survival/Woman for a Healthy Planet, CANADA

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Excess Packaging

Packaging is one of the activities of mankind that uses the earth's resources. Useless packaging has to be abolished, we want a sustainable breakfast! Let's all complain at the organizers of the conference - hand in resolutions in our hotels.

The German Delegation, GERMANY

Excess Packaging

Printing error in message 61 - of course we want a sustainable breakfast, we do not want plastic food! Delegates: refuse plastics at the buffets - have the conference centre provide us with China cups and plates - now! At least try to keep the same fork and cup for all the day.

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Radioactive Wastes

Radioactive waste is a major issue for future generations. Those who want to join an international network on that topic to fight against underground filling of nuclear wastes, please contact us: M. Prieur, 4, Place du Présidial, 87000 Limoges, France Michel Prieur, Société Française pour le Droit de L'Environnement, FRANCE

U.S. Efficiency

American companies produce 5 times the waste per dollar of goods sold compared with Japanese companies, and more than 2 times the waste per dollar of goods sold as compared to German companies. (Source: U.S. Office of Technology Assessment) Jack Doyle, Friends of the Earth, U.S.A., USA

Waste

How many disposable plastic cups, plates ... will we use during this conference? My estimate is 12600 cups and 3400 plates, please bring your own non-disposable cups and plates, and we will walk our talk! Marie-Odile Junker, Cultural Survival/Woman for a Healthy Planet, CANADA

Water

River Pollution

My concern has been for the population of River Yamuna, sanitation and sewage disposal systems of Delhi. I would like to meet anyone working on the water problem.

Mukul Priyadarshini, INDIA

Women

Agenda - Femmes

Read the women's agenda 21! Lisez l'agenda 21 des femmes! Leye el agenda 21 de las mujeres! (Adressez-vous à Bella Abzug pour une copie) Marie-Odile Junker, Cultural Survival/Woman for a Healthy Planet, CANADA

Attention Please

If you have any ideas/suggestions to stop the torture against children, specially to stop the rape of girls/children throughout the globe please write or contact Mrs Shaheen Burney, 5 United Plaza, Blue Area, Islamabad, Pakistan or at 6 Hassan Manzil, Arambagh Road, Karachi, Pakistan Shaheen Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Breastfeeding

I'd like to contact with Mrs Claude Didierjean about this theme. Judit Halasz, La Leche League of Hungary, HUNGARY

Feminism

I am concerned that some declarations in the Women's Agenda imply a push for forced androgyny, destruction of native cultural roles for women (what we wish to preserve), and put more emphasis on sex quotas than quality ideas. (I am a women, also)

Leslee Kulba, Citizen Action Alliance, USA

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Impact of environmental issues on women

Women and children are most seriously affected by environmental 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.

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

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.

Shireen Gul, Foundation for Integrated Development (FIND), PAKISTAN

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Rape of Women/Girls/Children

I have come to this conference as a human right activist. I received 131 awards in the field of human rights from different parts of the globe. Recently I received the award of "Top outstanding young person of the world 1991" from Helsinki, Finland and "Man of the Earth 1991" from USA. I need your suggestions how we can stop the alarming/ dangerous conditions of rape of women, children and girls and how to stop child abuse and neglect in all parts of the globe, specially in Asia.

Ansar Burney, Ansar Burney Welfare Trust, PAKISTAN

Women & Legislation

The women of Pakistan have organized themselves to act as a pressure group on government legislation. We fight against the oppressive laws against women through informal techniques of theatre shows, and wish the women of the world to be able to decide their future.

Farida Tariq, All Pakistan Women's Association, PAKISTAN

Women and Environment

Two powerful statements were adopted by the participants at the two conferences on women and environment, held in Miami in November this year - the global assembly in particular has reenabled a new capacity for individuals with workable solutions, governments and institutions whose mandates are to meet human needs to collaborate in innovative new ways. Let's make sure that we are not leave Paris without having endorsed these two crucial documents.

Waafas Ofosu-Amaah, Worldwide Network, USA

Women's Roots of the Future

At the women's meeting on Tuesday evening, where more than 100 women met, a call was made: We, women participants and observers of the Paris conference, ask for a stronger emphasis in the Action agenda on women's issues. We demand that the Agenda 21 that was drafted at the World's Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet (Miami, Nov. 8-12) is adopted by the conference.

Suzan Orlebeke, Both Ends, NETHERLANDS

Youth

Juventud '92/Jeunesse '92/ Youth '92

Para Marzo de 1992, se realizará en Costa Rica la Conferencia Mundial Juvenil sobre medio ambiente y desarollo. Juventud '92, contará con la asistencia de más de 250 jóvenes representantes de todas las partes del mundo. Mayor información en el stand latinoamericano o juvenil.

Kathy Fajardo, Jeunesse '92,

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Johan Niss, Swedish Youth Association for Nature Studies/Conservation, SWEDEN

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
Julio Rovi, FUNDEJOVEN, PANAMA