

RCEN e-Bulletin – December 3rd, 2008 Edition

Network News

Climate Negotiations Out of the Spotlight

With all the action on Parliament Hill this week, it seems that this year's [United Nations Climate Change Conference](#) has been relegated to second place in the media spotlight. The aim of this year's Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP-14) is to both advance international cooperation on a future climate change regime and ensure progress on key issues. But with the political crisis unfolding in Ottawa, it seems like Canadians concerned with international progress on climate change will have to raise their voices before the conference ends on December 12th.

For a civil society perspective on the daily events in Poland, visit www.climatenetwork.org and read CAN International's daily *ECO* newsletter.

Also, check out the Events section of this e-Bulletin to read how you or your organization can participate in December 7th cross-Canada events to "Stop Climate Chaos".

Announcements

Convention on Biological Diversity – Call for Input into Strategic Plan

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is asking you to share your views for the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan of the CBD. Individuals, government representatives and organizations can participate in the electronic forum on the post 2010 Strategic Plan, which is accessible at <http://www.cbd.int/sp/post2010forum/>. It is hoped that this electronic forum will facilitate the gathering and sharing of views on the Strategic Plan among a wider range of stakeholders in an informal way. The e-forum will be kept live until January 15, 2009. The official notification from the Executive Secretary of the CBD is accessible on the [CBD website](#).

Resources

Study: People Living in Low Income Communities Likely to Face Greater Pollution Releases

A new study by the Canadian Environmental Law Association and Environmental Defence shows that people living in poverty in the Great Lakes basin may be experiencing an increased burden of high air pollution from industrial facilities in their communities. The study, *An Examination of Pollution and Poverty in the Great Lakes Basin*, found 37 communities in the Great Lakes basin have high poverty rates at or above the national average (11.8%) and high releases of toxic air pollutants (over 100,000 kg) from industrial facilities. The study, as well as separate Fact Sheets for the results from the whole Great Lakes basin and for Toronto are available to download for free at www.PollutionWatch.org.

Climate Action Network's *Climate Action News*

Individuals and organizations who are interested in getting regular news about climate change can subscribe to Climate Action Network's *Climate Action News*. Sent out roughly once a week, the newsletter is a short summary of some of the climate change related news and events that Climate Action Network's more than 50 member organizations are engaged in along with links to

additional information to help you get involved. Subscribers will also receive action alerts from on emerging issues. Please visit <http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/> to sign-up.

Events

December 7th Stop Climate Chaos Events

Next Sunday, December 7th, Canadians from coast to coast are encouraged to take to the streets to urge governments to stop climate chaos. The protests will coincide with international climate talks in Poznan, Poland. The goal of the events will be to bring a message to the federal government that urgent action is needed to solve the climate crisis. The national day of action is part of a global movement which last December saw thousands of Canadians joining demonstrations, in solidarity with people in 80 countries around the world. Visit <http://www.sierraclub.ca/climatecrisis/> for a list of events happening across the country and to read the Sierra Club's Poznan Blog.

4th National Stewardship & Conservation Conference 'Strengthening Stewardship - Investing at Every Step'!

Taking place in Calgary next July, the 4th Stewardship and Conservation is the national conference where Canada's stewards can meet to discuss emerging issues and solutions for strengthening stewardship across the country. The program will open with a summary of the State of Stewardship in Canada report, which will review adopted policy directions, conservation tools, strategies of various communities of stewardship interest including governments, resource industries, and NGOs, and conclude with gaps and remedial actions required. Conference delegates will be part of creating a Road Map for future Stewardship investment in Canada. Please visit www.stewardship2009.ca for more information.

Employment

Pembina Institute - BC Energy Solutions Analyst

The Pembina Institute is seeking a bright and resourceful analyst and advocate who will contribute to a sustainable future for British Columbia by working to limit impacts from oil and gas development and accelerate the transition towards clean energy. The successful candidate will write clearly and concisely, be at ease with numbers, and have sound knowledge about energy and sustainability issues. S/he will be flexible, motivated and adept at juggling multiple files. S/he will be a self-starter, enjoy teamwork, and be passionate about creating social change. The deadline for applications is December 18, 2008. For more information, please visit <http://www.pembina.org/about/jobs>.

Natural Step Canada – Project Officer

[The Natural Step](#) is currently seeking a Project Officer for its Ottawa office. The Project Officer's primary function is to provide logistical and administrative support to the organization's program delivery team, which includes advisory services, learning programs, eLearning and the Learning Network. This position also involves event planning and coordination, such as organizing staff retreats, board meetings, workshops and networking events. Candidates should have 1-3 years of relevant work experience and be professional individuals with highly developed organizational and administrative skills. The deadline for applications is December 10, 2008. To receive a copy of the full job description, please send an email to lmacpherson@naturalstep.ca.

Environmental Defence – Pollution Policy Advisor

[Environmental Defence](#) is seeking a highly committed individual to provide scientific and policy advice for its Toxic Nation program. The Pollution Policy Advisor will work closely with the Policy Director, the Toxic Nation Coordinator, and other staff, to conduct research on specific chemicals and advise other NGOs and government on policy. The ideal candidate will have a master's degree and several years' experience in the sciences or other relevant fields. This is a part-time position and the job location is flexible. For more information or to apply, please send an email to info@environmentaldefence.ca by January 1st, 2009.