

RCEN e-Bulletin – February 4, 2009 Edition

Network News

ENGO Views on the Convention on Biological Diversity

To ensure that ENGO contributions are included in Canada's 4th National Report for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the RCEN is conducting a short survey on behalf of Environment Canada. Organizations currently working on biodiversity related issues and those with past experience or a marked interest in biodiversity are encouraged to share their views with respect to progress, challenges, lessons learned and biodiversity priorities in the post 2010 period. [Complete the survey...](#)

Sharing Your Stories

This year, the RCEN is exploring new ways for members to share their stories, experiences and best practices with environmental groups across Canada. Current suggestions include an ENGO video wall on our website, and publishing interviews with individual members in the e-Bulletin. Please take a moment to send us your ideas by email at robert@cen-rce.org. In February, we will post your suggestions in the e-Bulletin and let you vote on which ones you think are best.

Calls for Delegates

ENGO Participation in International Biodiversity Day Activities

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada to select 11 lead ENGO groups in each province and in the Yukon Territory to conduct outreach and education activities for International Biodiversity Day (IBD) on May 22, 2009. This year's IBD theme will be "Invasive Alien Species". Selected ENGOs will collaborate with EC's Biodiversity Convention Office to: prepare IBD Outreach Plans, carry out Outreach and Education Activities in their respective regions, and write a Final Report. ENGO delegates will be compensated \$400 per Outreach Plan and participation in a conference call, and \$1200 to carry out activities and write the report. The deadline to apply has been extended to February 6, 2009. [Read the full Call for Delegates](#)

ENGO Writer and Editor for Biodiversity Survey Summary

The RCEN is currently seeking two ENGO delegates, one to write and one to edit, a survey summary on biological diversity. Environment Canada's Biodiversity Convention Office has invited the RCEN to conduct a survey to solicit ENGO views with respect to progress, challenges, lessons learned and biodiversity priorities in the post-2010 period. The summary of survey results will be included in the 4th National CBD Report and will be presented and discussed at a multi-stakeholder meeting in Ottawa in March 2009. The ENGO writer of the summary will be compensated \$1500, while \$500 is available to compensate one ENGO editor. The deadline to apply has been extended to February 6, 2009. [Read the full Call for Delegates](#)

Action Alerts

CBAN - Stop GM Sugar Beets this Valentines

The Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN) is urging you to take instant action to keep

Canadian sugar GM-free by sending a Valentine's message asking Canadian sugar company Lantic Inc. to reject Monsanto's genetically modified (GM) sugar beet. Lantic Inc. is the only sugar company in Canada that processes sugar beet (in Alberta) and it is currently GM-Free. It is deciding now if it will accept GM sugar beets for the first time. This sugar beet is genetically modified to be resistant to Monsanto's herbicide Roundup and is currently applied to sugar beet used for processing into sugar. GM sugar beets are wind pollinated, and there is a strong possibility their pollen could contaminate non-GM sugar beets as well as chard, and red and yellow beets. For more information on how to send your Valentine's message, please visit <http://www.cban.ca/sugarbeet>.

CBAN - Sign On to the *No to GMO Alfalfa Campaign*

According to the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN), the commercialization of genetically modified alfalfa -- GMO Alfalfa -- planned by Monsanto and Forage Genetics International, would have a severe, negative impact on Canadian agriculture, markets, and our environment. A united effort by agriculture producer groups, consumer and environmental organizations, as well as concerned individuals, will prevent this from happening. A similar campaign stopped GMO wheat in 2004. CBAN invites all organizations, producer associations, companies and community groups to endorse the *No to GMO Alfalfa* campaign by signing on to statement before February 28, 2009. Your group's name will be used in a list of groups that state opposition to GMO Alfalfa. Please visit <http://cban.ca/content/view/full/417> for more information about this campaign.

Events

5th World Environmental Education Congress

The 5th World Environmental Education Congress, from May 10-14 in Montréal, will bring together environmental educators working in diverse settings and allow them to identify new and persistent challenges in the field of environmental education. Intended for all educators and all actors in environmental education, this event will gather international socio-scientific experts to present their ideas and to discuss with others, through presentations in the form of workshops, oral presentations, round tables and posters. Additionally, a unique forum for NGOs and NPOs will allow delegates to come to know organizations active in environmental education. The deadline for early-bird registrations is February 15, 2009. Visit <http://www.5weec.ugam.ca/EN/> for more information.

Employment

Greenpeace – Forest Campaigner

Greenpeace Canada is seeking an experienced bilingual campaigner to work on their Boreal Forest campaign. Candidates should have a minimum of 2 years' campaign experience, and a proven record on developing and implementing successful campaign strategies. As a Greenpeace campaigner, you will be required: to represent Greenpeace at meetings with senior industry and government officials; to act as a spokesperson to the media and at public events; to work with scientists and policy makers. A successful candidate will have excellent communications skills, particularly in French, and have strong negotiation skills. This position is based in Montreal, QC. The deadline for applications is February 22, 2009. Visit <http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/job-opportunities> for more details.

Earth Day Canada – EcoCommunities Fund Manager

Earth Day Canada is currently seeking an EcoCommunities Fund Manager to carry out the development and implementation of the EcoCommunities Fund program --- recognizing and supporting community environmental initiatives. The successful candidate will implement a communications and marketing strategy for the Fund program and promote the program through conventional and innovative promotional vehicles, with regional/national environmental networks, and local environmental community groups. Candidates should have a university degree in communications or environmental studies, or related discipline and proven experience in project/program management. The deadline for applications is February 11, 2009 and the start date for this position is March 2, 2009. For more information, please visit <http://www.earthday.ca/pub/about/jobs.php>.