

RCEN E-Bulletin – March 5, 2008 Edition

Calls for Delegates

Sixteenth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16)

The RCEN is seeking one (1) ENGO and one (1) youth delegate to attend the Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16). This meeting is scheduled to take place from May 5-16, 2008 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, NY. CSD-16 will be a Review session of the third implementation cycle and will focus on the following thematic issues: Agriculture, Rural development, Land, Drought, Desertification and Africa. The participation of one ENGO and one youth delegate is pending funding from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and Environment Canada (TBC). Should funding be confirmed, all expenses related to delegate participation (transportation, meals and accommodation) will be covered. **The deadline to apply is Monday, March 10th, 2008.** Please [click here](#) for more information.

Other Calls

Request for Proposals - Environmental Sustainability in the Biofuels Industry

The Agricultural Co-operative Development Initiative (Ag-CDI) invites proposals from qualified consultants to research the topic of *Environmental Sustainability in the Biofuels Industry*. The end product will be an annotated bibliography/survey of literature available on themes such as: food vs. fuel, net energy gain, scale of production, biofuel production technology, farmer ownership in the industry and setting an Environmental Standard for Biofuels. Consultants must have the capacity to conduct research in French and English (more languages if possible). **The closing date for submissions is Monday, March 17th, 2008.** For more information, please [click here](#).

Announcements

RCEN and Environmental Defence launch Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) Capacity Building Project

The RCEN and Environmental Defence are pleased to launch the **Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) Capacity Building Project**, a partnership aimed at enhancing civil society capacity to engage in the Government of Canada's Chemicals Management Plan. Environmental Defence will conduct research on chemical substances in the CMP. The RCEN will take the lead in disseminating the research results, along with related information and opportunities for input, to a wide range of civil society stakeholders. A [CMP Capacity Building Website](#), a listserv, and newsletters will create a forum for groups to access and share information, and to collaborate on responses and input to the CMP. The project will be informed by the input of a multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee.

We encourage you to visit [our new website](#) to get involved or for more information, including the newly released [report](#) by Environmental Defence.

Delegate Selection - Technical Consultations on Canada's Motor Vehicle Fuel Consumption Regulations

The RCEN and the Climate Action Network have jointly selected ten (10) ENGO delegates for a Transport Canada ENGO-only meeting related to consultations being undertaken on Canada's development of motor vehicle fuel consumption regulations. The consultation will take place on March 10th, 2008 in Ottawa, ON. To view the full list of selected delegates, please [click here](#).

Launch of Green and Environmental Conferences Calendar 2008

Planetfriendly.net has now launched its [Green and Environmental Conferences Calendar 2008](#). The most comprehensive listing of green and environmental conferences in Canada, topics range from climate change, to organic gardening, to pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods. NGO's, education, government and industry are all represented, as these events play a vital role in empowering Canadians who wish to build a greener, more sustainable world. You are encouraged to make good use of the calendar by posting your own conferences and events directly, using the form provided. The Conferences Calendar is a new addition to the well-known Planetfriendly Calendar, which features green and environmental courses, workshops, speakers, films, festivals and more. Please visit <http://planetfriendly.net/conferences> to view the calendar.

Call for Submissions for the SEED Awards 2008

The SEED Initiative is opening the call for submissions for the SEED Awards 2008. The *SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development* is an annual international competition, designed to support innovative, entrepreneurial partnerships in developing countries which have the potential to make real improvements in poverty eradication and environmental sustainability. The SEED Initiative assists young and promising initiatives in strengthening and scaling up the impact of their activities. The award is not monetary: it consists of a comprehensive package of tailor-made support services, to the value of \$25,000. **Submissions will be accepted until March 16th 2008.** Please [click here](#) for more information on eligibility and how to apply.

Resources

HR Council launches redesigned website

The HR Council for the Voluntary & Non-profit Sector (HR Council) is pleased to announce the launch of their redesigned hrcouncil.ca website. With its updated design, intuitive navigation and interactive features, the new hrcouncil.ca is a place for people to connect, share and learn. As the premiere source of information, tools and resources related to human resources in the voluntary and non-profit sector, the new website features: an updated and expanded HR Toolkit, a new HR Forum featuring discussion

forums, a community calendar and a host of other interactive features, and sector perspectives in a new Trends & Issues feature. The HR Council works with organizations, educators, labour and government to identify and address issues related to paid employment in the voluntary and non-profit sector. Please [click here](#) to access this important resource.

Budget 2008: Imagine Canada outlines impact on charities

The recently proposed 2008 Federal Budget includes certain measures that will affect charities and non-profits in Canada. Imagine Canada, whose mandate is to look into and out for Canada's charities and nonprofits, has reviewed these measures and concludes that, among others, the Amendments to the Capital Gains exemption on Gifts of Securities to Charities may benefit Canadian charities. To read more about the proposed Budget's measures and their impact on charities and non-profits, please [click here](#).

Climate Action Network Newsletter

Climate Action Network is now offering an easy way to follow key events and news related to climate change. Their free weekly newsletter is a short summary of what is going on in the movement to stop global warming and events that their more than 50 member organizations are engaged in, along with links to additional information to help you get involved. By signing up, subscribers will receive the newsletter and Climate Action Network Canada action alerts, but will never receive more than one or two emails a week. You can get the newsletter by subscribing for Climate Action News [here](#).

Events

Invitation to Participate in Boreal Learning Network Sessions

Environmental Groups and First Nations interested in working together to protect the Boreal Forest are invited to participate in the Boreal Learning Network's three sessions which will take place from May 2008 to February 2009 in scenic retreats across Canada. With culture exchange, learning opportunities and common ground established at the first session, participants will go deeper into Boreal forest issues in the second and third sessions with a chance to build collective wisdom about challenges and opportunities with respect to collaborations. Participants should be actively involved in the Boreal forest and represent the geographical diversity of the Boreal forest. Please visit the [Boreal Network's website](#) for more information.

Employment

Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) – Environmental Planning and Assessment (EPA) Caucus Coordinator

The RCEN is currently seeking a part-time EPA Caucus Coordinator to facilitate the organization's EPA caucus and committee initiatives; implement and coordinate delegate selections, as well as negotiate and implement contracts. Part of a team, the

EPA Caucus Coordinator, reporting to the Associate Executive Director will also ensure an effective role for the RCEN in consultative processes between the federal government and environmental groups around environmental planning and assessment issues. Candidates must have excellent written and verbal skills in both English and French, relevant experience in coordination and project administration in the non-profit sector, experience in governmental relations and with fundraising and contracts negotiations. This position is based in Ottawa, Ontario.

For more information, please [read the full job posting here](#). **The deadline for applications is March 17th, 2008.**

Greenpeace Canada – Assistant Campaigner

Greenpeace Canada is looking for a dependable, independent, and self-motivated assistant campaigner to support the Forests Campaign team in Toronto. The highly capable individual will be required to be well organized, possess excellent communications skills and the ability to work as part of a team to support staff in three different offices including different time zones. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: project coordination and assistance, support with external events and drafting letters and campaign materials. An ability to communicate in French as well as English is a strong asset. This 8 month, part-time contract begins on April 2nd and the closing date for applications is **Friday March 21st, 2008**. Please [click here](#) to read the full job posting.