

RCEN e-Bulletin – May 6th, 2009 Edition

Network News

Participate in International Biodiversity Day Events near you!

The RCEN has selected eleven member groups to plan a series of educational activities around the International Day for Biodiversity (IDB) on May 22nd. The theme for IDB 2009 is Invasive Alien Species. This year, there are special events and activities planned in all ten provinces and in the Yukon. [More...](#)

RCEN “Living History” Tour Begins

This spring and summer, the RCEN is supporting an exciting project in order to capture its living history. Starting on May 6th, two university students will be crossing Canada by bicycle - from Victoria to St. John's - to film a documentary about water issues and to interview members of the Network. [More...](#)

2009 Annual General Assembly: Register by May 8th to get a pre-reserved room at MacEwan Residence. [More...](#)

Please note that the RCEN e-Bulletin will now be published every two weeks. The next edition will be sent on Wednesday, May 20th.

Call for Comments

Provide Input on Access and Benefit-sharing of Genetic Resources Policy

Federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada are currently considering the development of policy to address access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of these resources (Access and Benefit-sharing or ABS). As part of this process, Environment Canada is seeking the views of Canadian stakeholders and citizens on how to best promote access to genetic resources and how the benefits arising from their use can best be shared fairly and equitably in a way that will contribute to socio-economic development and to the conservation and sustainable use of Canadian biodiversity. Environment Canada encourages you to visit <http://www.ec.gc.ca/apa-abs> for more information about ABS policy, and to provide your views by filing an electronic form provided on this website. The deadline for submitting your comments is May 31, 2009.

Announcements

Canadian Network Broadcasting's Environment Week Radio Campaign

May 31st to June 6th will be Canadian Environment Week, and Canadian Network Broadcasting (CNB) is seeking community partners to help raise awareness about important environmental issues. For over 20 years, CNB has aired awareness programs on a network of over 250 radio stations in Canada. These media campaigns are designed to educate and inform the public about current and ongoing needs in the community. Organizations can choose from several different packages and air their messages in specific areas across the country. More information is

available at http://www.cnbmedia.com/cnbeng_1.htm. Interested organizations can contact Linda Rothman, Campaign Coordinator, at 1-800-387-9034, ext. 233.

Resources

Climate Justice Reports: What is Canada's Fair Share?

With the deadline fast approaching to reach a new global climate change agreement later this year in Copenhagen, the question of what industrialized countries like Canada will be required to do to help developing countries address climate change is emerging as key to the negotiations and a new accord. During the Climate Action Network's recent "Climate Justice Tour", new reports from The Pembina Institute and Eco Equity/Stockholm Environment Institute were released that offer answers to the question: what is Canada's "fair share" of the global effort? Read these reports at:

- [Our Fair Share: Canada's Role in Supporting Global Climate Solutions](#)
- [Canada's Fair Share in a Climate Constrained World: An analysis of Canada's climate obligations under the Greenhouse Development Rights Framework](#)

Events

Email and Radio Updates from the 17th UN Commission on Sustainable Development

From May 4th to 15th, two RCEN delegates are attending the [17th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development](#) (CSD-17) in New York. Both Randy Christensen from Ecojustice Canada, and Joanna Dafoe from Sierra Youth Coalition, will be sending regular updates of their activities through a dedicated CSD listserve. Please sign up by sending an email to csdcanada-subscribe@groups.takingitglobal.org.

For a more international view of the CSD-17, Stakeholder Forum is producing a series of live radio programmes and podcasts from the event. The productions bring together a diverse range of civil society representatives, governments, issue experts and practitioners to discuss some of the key issues under negotiation including drought, desertification, agriculture, land and Africa. Each day, Stakeholder Forum's team of world journalists will be bringing you a daily show full of features, analysis, interviews and news. You can also follow Stakeholder Forum on their blog during the CSD. Visit <http://media.stakeholderforum.org/index.html> to visit the *Live from the CSD* website.

Employment

Nature Trust of New Brunswick - Stewardship Coordinator

The Nature Trust of New Brunswick is seeking an individual to fill the position of Stewardship Coordinator. This is a position ideal for university student graduating in the field of biology, forestry or environmental science. The Coordinator will assist in stewarding the Nature Trust's 28 Nature Preserves. This will include: creating management plans for two Nature Trust preserves; organizing trail work days and other community events; and organizing and leading community events. Applicants must be enrolled in university degree in biology, forestry, agriculture, environment, natural resource management, or other relevant fields and have excellent communication skills. The deadline for applications is May 7th, 2009. Please visit <http://www.naturetrust.nb.ca/en/employment> for more information.