

## RCEN e-Bulletin – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Edition

### Network News

#### Join the RCEN Youth Caucus Steering Committee

Youth between the ages of 18 and 30 have until next Monday, August 10th, to submit their nominations to participate in the Youth Caucus' Steering Committee.

This is a unique opportunity to be part of a group that is engaged in the environmental movement, as well as being part of decision-making and the planning of national activities.

[Visit the Youth Caucus' webpage to learn more](#)

#### ENGO Biodiversity Contest Extended

Increase your organization's visibility and win \$200! All you need to do is send a ½ page description of your biodiversity project. [Participate now!](#)

#### Good news for the Boreal Forest!

Greenpeace announced this week that it would be ending its nearly 5-year long international *Kleercut* campaign with the release of a new environmental policy by Kimberly-Clark, the world's largest manufacturer of tissue products.

The company has set a goal of obtaining 100 percent of its wood fiber for tissue products from environmentally responsible sources. [Read more ...](#)

### Calls for Participation

#### Consultation on the OECD Renewable Energy and Water Projects Sector Understanding

The Government of Canada invites interested stakeholders to participate in a consultation process relating to the possible expansion of the list of eligible sectors under the *Sector Understanding on Export Credits for Renewable Energies and Water Projects* (REWSU). The REWSU is an OECD agreement that establishes the most generous export credit terms and conditions that export credit agencies may apply when providing officially supported export credits related to the financing of new or the modernization of existing renewable energies and water projects. This review will consider the possible expansion of the scope of the REWSU to incorporate technologies related to climate change. The deadline for expressions of interest in participating is August 25, 2009. Visit [www.international.gc.ca/consultations/](http://www.international.gc.ca/consultations/) for more information.

### Calls for Comments

#### CBD Strategic Plan Open for Comments

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Strategic Plan is open for comments (the Strategic Plan will be updated at COP-10). Organizations are requested to submit views, or further views, on the [Synthesis/Analysis of Views on the Updated and Revised Strategic Plan for the Convention after 2010](#) at their earliest convenience and no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. If your organization submits comments, please copy Sarah Heiberg, Biodiversity Caucus Coordinator, at [sarah@cen-rce.org](mailto:sarah@cen-rce.org) so that the RCEN can keep track of submissions from its members.

## Consultation on Scientific Criteria Document for CWQG for the Protection of Aquatic Life - Uranium

A draft scientific criteria document for Canadian Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life - Uranium is available for public review and comment until August 28, 2009. The scientific criteria document includes English and French summaries. Please see the following link for details: [http://www.ccme.ca/ourwork/water.html?category\\_id=101#306](http://www.ccme.ca/ourwork/water.html?category_id=101#306).

### Action Alerts

#### CBAN – “Health Canada: Take Monsanto’s ‘SmartStax’ off the Menu”

The Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN) wants you to tell the Minister of Health that you demand the protection of Health Canada from Monsanto’s ‘SmartStax’ corn. Health Canada did not approve or assess the safety of the new Monsanto/Dow eight-trait GE corn called ‘SmartStax’ – but it will be released anyway! This is the first GE crop that combines eight GE traits all in one. Because Health Canada has already approved the eight traits individually, in separate GE crops, it sees nothing new about combining the eight together. Don’t let Monsanto and Dow get away without safety assessment. Its time our government reforms the entire system of regulation for GE foods and crops. Write and send an instant email letter to the Minister of Health today at <http://www.cban.ca/content/view/full/540>.

### Announcements

#### Participate in the 2010 “Women of the Earth” Awards

The Yves Rocher Foundation’s Women of the Earth Awards annually rewards three Canadian women who contribute to a greener world. Generous, original, inspiring, their actions are at once simple yet exemplary. If you are Canadian and involved in an environmental project with a non-profit organization, or if you know a woman who is, do not hesitate to let the Yves Rocher Foundation know about her. This year’s first prize is 5000 Euros and a chance to win the international grand prize of 10,000 Euros. To participate, please fill out the application form at the following address before September 30<sup>th</sup>: <http://www.yvesrocherpromo.ca/foundation/>.

### Resources

#### Parks Canada: “Encounters in the Wild” Booklet

In Parks Canada’s new booklet "Encounters in the Wild", you will read stories of startling experiences between Canadians from across the country and species at risk. Use the booklet as a learning tool (second language, reading), distribute it to your members with their annual renewal, at a community fair or during nature walks. Spread the word! Species at risk need you. Check out the booklet online at [www.pc.gc.ca/speciesatrisk](http://www.pc.gc.ca/speciesatrisk) and place your order at the following address: [histoires.stories@pc.gc.ca](mailto:histoires.stories@pc.gc.ca).

#### CSD16-17 Major Groups’ Analysis and Final Delegate Report

The 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD16/17) cycle has come to a close and agreement has been reached by governments on a final text on the issues of Africa, Agriculture, Drought and Desertification, Land and Rural Development. In its special issue of Outreach Issue, Stakeholder Forum brings you the opinions and analysis of the major groups and civil society organisations. You can download a copy of Outreach Issues at

<http://tinyurl.com/OutreachIssuesSpecialEdition>. Furthermore, the final report from the RCEN ENGO and Youth Delegates at the CSD-17 is now available online. In it, the two delegates share some of the key insights and lessons learned from their two-year participation in this process. Read the Joint Delegate Report at [www.cen-rce.org/eng/consultations/closed/09\\_01\\_CSD17.html](http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/consultations/closed/09_01_CSD17.html).

## **Events**

### 2009 Recycling Council of Alberta Conference "Green for Gold"

The Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) is happy to announce the 2009 Waste Reduction Conference "Green for Gold", which will be held from October 14-16 in Calgary, AB. Join the race to go Green! Check out the gold-winning lineup of this year's premier waste reduction event in Canada. The "Green for Gold" conference web site is where you'll find agenda updates, registration information and other conference details. Be sure to come back to this site often - the agenda will continue to be updated as speakers and sessions are confirmed. Get on the fast track and register today at [http://www.recycle.ab.ca/rca\\_conference\\_2009/agenda.html](http://www.recycle.ab.ca/rca_conference_2009/agenda.html).

## **Employment**

### Ontario Heritage Trust – Natural Heritage Consultant

A talented natural heritage professional is required by the Ontario Heritage Trust to assist with the delivery of the Natural Spaces Land Acquisition and Stewardship Program; to conduct all aspects of natural heritage property and conservation easement monitoring; to resolve issues; and to develop new or revise policies. Candidates should have knowledge of the ecological sciences, natural heritage resources and related legislation and conservation programs, strategies and actions at the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government; proven research and analytical skills to secure and synthesize information and data; and demonstrated oral and written communication and interpersonal skills. The deadline for applications is August 14, 2009. For more information, visit [www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Preview.aspx?Language=English&JobID=19933](http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Preview.aspx?Language=English&JobID=19933).

### Youth Partnership for Sustainable Development - Liaison Officers in Sustainable Development

Youth Partnership for Sustainable Development (YPSD) is looking for candidate(s) to fill four part-time positions in Montreal. The liaison officers will: promote the development and implementation of sustainable development in the college and university sectors; ensure contact between the YPSD and student associations / environmental committees on campuses throughout Quebec; and support local actors to help implement projects. The candidate(s) must have a sense of autonomy, have skills in project management and supervision of student groups and hold a college diploma or a relevant degree. The deadline for applications is August 14, 2009. For more details, read the job posting here (in French).