

RCEN E-Bulletin – September 10, 2008 Edition

Network News

AGA Registration Deadline Extended

Good news! The registration deadline for the RCEN Annual General Assembly has been extended. RCEN member groups, non-members and individuals now have until October 8th to register. Visit the following link to learn more and register online today: <https://rcen.wufoo.com/forms/rcen-2008-annual-general-assembly-aga/>

Correction to Last Week's Edition

Please note that the email address cited in last week's edition for organizations interested in participating in sustainable consumption initiatives had some technical difficulties. For those of you wishing to contact *My Sustainable Canada*, please use the following email address: info@mysuscan.org.

Action Alerts

Families Against Radiation Exposure – Write-In Campaign to Stop Reopening of Uranium Plant

Families Against Radiation Exposure (F.A.R.E) is currently seeking organizations that might like to participate in a write-in campaign to stop the reopening of a uranium plant in Port Hope, Ontario, that has been leaking toxic uranium and arsenic into Lake Ontario for more than a decade. According to F.A.R.E, Cameco Corporation's UF6 plant has been shut for a year, but the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is about to let it reopen – without having to clean up the thousands of cubic meters of contamination that has been discovered in the soil and harbor around the plant. F.A.R.E believes that only a campaign by citizens can stop this and make a polluter clean up its mess. **Visit http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/action_alerts/08_09_uranium.html to read the full Action Alert.**

Resources

Imagine Canada's Election Platform for Canada's Charities and Nonprofits

Earlier this year, Imagine Canada formed a national Task Force to gather the concerns and expectations of the charities and community nonprofit organizations sector in three succinct position papers which were sent to the leaders of Canada's 5 federal parties and 308 Members of Parliament. The resulting "Sector Platform" incorporates facts on the sector and advances public policy priorities and recommendations for political parties to include in their respective Party platforms. The Sector Platform is organized into four Backgrounders: *Canada's charities and Nonprofits: What we do for our Communities*, *Tax Incentives to Stimulate Giving*, *Financing the work of Canada's Charities and Nonprofits*, and *Advocating the needs of Canadians in their Communities*. **To read the Sector Platform, please visit: <http://www.cen-rce.org/ebulletin/documents/Imagine%20Canada%20-%20Federal%20Election%202008.pdf>.**

Events

CIELAP's 4th "Partnering for Sustainability Workshop"

The Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP) is inviting potential participants to attend its "Achieving Resilient Agricultural Systems: Innovation, People and Partnerships" workshop to be held November 13-14, 2008 in Ottawa. The workshop will foreshadow and feed into the United Nation's CSD, and will be an interactive, discussion-based forum for Canadians on the front lines of sustainable development to learn from one another and help shape a direction for Canada. CIELAP is seeking participants who are interested in: sharing case studies, lessons learned, and best practices; informing the government's position at CSD; and integrating what they have learned into their practice. **For more information about the workshop, please visit:** <http://cielap.org/ResilientAgSystemsWorkshop.php>.

Webinar - Best Practices: Sharing Experiences for Environmental Restoration and Protection

Environment Canada's Community Programs Office will be hosting a webinar on September 17, 2008, from 2-4pm (EST). Environmental non-profit organizations funded by EcoAction will be showcasing best practices and lessons learned in delivering projects and connecting with the community. The goal is to provide a forum where ideas and experiences for innovative and successful projects can be shared with others interested in carrying out similar activities within their own communities. **To register online, please go to:** <http://events.snwebcastcenter.com/environmentcanada/20080917/>

IUCN's Climate Law in Developing Countries post-2012: North and South Perspectives

From September 26-28, the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law will be holding a conference entitled "Climate Law in Developing Countries post-2012: North and South Perspectives" at the University of Ottawa, Ontario. The conference, which will be preceded by a workshop on teaching climate law, will feature some 60 speakers drawn from around the world in two days of intensive discussions, roundtables and presentations. The conference will examine the legal and policy challenges that developing countries face in mitigating and adapting to climate change while meeting their social and economic needs. For more information, or to register for the conference, please visit the [IUCN's website \(http://www.iucnael.org/content/view/17/30/lang.english/\)](http://www.iucnael.org/content/view/17/30/lang.english/). **Note that the registration deadline is September 12th, 2008.**

Employment

RCEN - National Caucus Coordinator

The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) is currently seeking a National Caucus Coordinator. Part of a team, the Coordinator is responsible for facilitating specific national caucuses, implementing and coordinating delegate selections, negotiating and implementing contracts, and ensuring an effective role for the RCEN in consultative processes between the federal government and environmental groups. Prior related experience and excellent writing and verbal skills in both English and French are required. Based in Ottawa, this part-time position will begin in October. **The deadline to apply is September 28, 2008. Read the full job posting at** <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/jobs.html>.

Environmental Defence – Pollution Policy Advisor

[Environmental Defence](#) is seeking a highly committed individual to provide scientific and policy advice for its Toxic Nation program. Responsibilities related to the position include: conducting

research on chemicals and advising other NGOs and governments on policy; providing recommendations on priority chemicals identified for regulatory attention and liaising with government officials, scientific experts and other stakeholders. The ideal candidate will have a post-secondary degree in the sciences, experience researching scientific literature, ideally with regard to toxicology and human health and excellent writing and presentation skills. Located in Toronto or Ottawa, this salaried position is a one-year full-time contract, with the possibility for extension. **For more information or to apply, please send an email to info@environmentaldefence.ca by September 22, 2008.**