

## RCEN e-Bulletin – January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Edition

### Network News

RCEN Biodiversity Best Practices Handbook Available Online!

The RCEN is pleased to announce that our "[Biodiversity Best Practices Handbook 2009: Case studies from the environmental non-government sector](#)" is now available in both official languages on the RCEN website (click the link above).

This handbook features twelve projects from within seven of Canada's terrestrial ecozones that were selected as representative best practices of what environmental NGOs are doing to help increase or protect biodiversity from coast to coast to coast.

The handbook is a public document that we encourage you to download, print, link to, post and generally to make as much use of as possible! A limited number of print copies will be available soon. [More...](#)

Help us Improve our Website

We are currently conducting an evaluation of the RCEN website and e-Bulletin. Please take 5 minutes to share your feedback and ideas so that we can improve our online presence. [Complete the survey...](#)

### Calls for Delegates

Environment Canada Workshop on Canada's Engagement in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada to select three ENGO delegates and one active alternate to participate in a workshop on Canada's engagement in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership. This is a multi-stakeholder workshop where participants will work together to discuss and identify possibilities for Canadian engagement in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnerships. The estimated time commitment is one day to participate in the workshop. The workshop will take place on February 8<sup>th</sup>, in Gatineau, Quebec and by teleconference. The deadline to apply is January 26, 2010. [More information](#)

Renewal of the Federal Agenda for the Reduction of VOCs from Consumer and Commercial Products

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada to select five ENGO delegates to participate in a consultation meeting concerning new proposals to limit volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in consumer and commercial products. The purpose of the meeting is to present background information and the proposed elements for a renewed Federal Agenda for the Reduction of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from Consumer and Commercial Products. Participants in this multi-stakeholder consultation will also discuss the implications for environmental and human health concerns. The meeting will take place on March 3-4 in Toronto, ON. The deadline to apply is February 3, 2010. [More information](#)

## ENGO and Youth Delegates to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has invited the RCEN to select one ENGO and one youth delegate to participate in the official Canadian delegation to the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18/19). The first meeting of this two-year cycle (CSD-18) is scheduled to take place from May 3-14, 2010 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. As a review session, CSD-18 is tasked with identifying barriers and constraints, lessons learned and best practices in implementation in the thematic cluster of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production. The delegates will also be expected to participate in the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting and CSD-19. The deadline for applications is February 8, 2010. [More information](#)

## Researcher-Writer and Editor for a Commission on Sustainable Development ENGO Priorities Paper

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has invited the RCEN to coordinate the development of a Canadian ENGO Priorities Paper in advance of the eighteenth session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18) from May 3-14, 2010. The RCEN is seeking one Researcher-Writer and one Editor to complete the paper during the month of February. The paper will explore, from a Canadian ENGO perspective and through a sustainable consumption and production lens, gaps and best practices related to the CSD-18/19 thematic cluster of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production. The deadline for applications is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. [More information](#)

## Announcements

### Ontario Council for International Cooperation – Call for Submissions on International Cooperation

The Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) is inviting submissions for its emagazine on international cooperation issues to be published in March 2010. Join OCIC in its vision to promote global social justice, human dignity and participation for all. *iAM* is an e-magazine published by the Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) that promotes an increased awareness and understanding of global issues. OCIC is looking for thought-provoking, challenging and engaging submissions for potential future international cooperation practitioners. Submissions should inspire critical thinking and reflective practice and represent diverse perspectives. Final submissions will be due by Wednesday January 27, 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.ocic.on.ca/Page.asp?IdPage=9003&WebAddress=ocic>.

### Carbon Account: A Carbon Audit and Reduction Program for Non-Profits

Sustainability Solutions Group (SSG) – a Canadian worker co-operative - is now offering a carbon audit and reduction program to make non-profits organizations more sustainable. The program's four steps to energy sustainability are as follows: developing carbon knowledge in non-profits; performing a carbon baseline audit; planning for carbon sustainability; and carbon reduction tools and tracking. For more information about the program and the 6 reasons to take on a SSG Carbon Account, visit [www.sustainabilitysolutions.ca](http://www.sustainabilitysolutions.ca).

## Resources

Environment Canada CESI Newsletter

Environment Canada has published the first issue of a new bi monthly newsletter for the Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators (CESI) initiative entitled "Environmental Trends," and it contains two main pieces: "When is a Trend a Trend?": an article about how Environment Canada determines trends in air quality; "Regional and Site Level Data": an article about CESI's more than 15 years of trend data that can be accessed at the site, facility and basin level. The "Research Corner" and "Innovation Corner" are regular features, so watch for them in future issues! Please send your topic areas for the newsletter, or subscribe, at [indicateurs-indicators@ec.gc.ca](mailto:indicateurs-indicators@ec.gc.ca). [Read the first issue...](#)

## Events

### CIELAP - Managing the Regulatory Function Course

The Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP) is pleased to sponsor Federated Press' Managing the Regulatory Function Event. Course highlights include: a look at best practices for developing and sustaining processes and frameworks for regulatory reform; examining best practices for public consultation in the regulatory reform process; exploring the concept of smart regulations and the process for transitioning to them; and more. An inaugural two-day event will take place in Ottawa on February 16-17, 2010. Click the [Course Brochure](#) link to view the full course brochure.

### Transport Canada – Free Transport Demand Management Social Marketing Webinars

This year's *Tools of Change* Transport Demand Management (TDM) webinars showcase a range of proven social marketing approaches for promoting telework, walking, cycling and the use of public transit. Transport Canada's [ecoMOBILITY program](#) is arranging for simultaneous interpretation and is paying for the first 100 Canadian connections to participate in each of the three webinars at no cost. The webinars are as follows: "TDM for Youth" on February 2; "Active and Safe Routes to School" on February 23; "Smarter Travel: Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Integrated Marketing in London, England" on March 2. For details on these and other webinars, or to register, go to [www.webinars.cullbridge.com](http://www.webinars.cullbridge.com).

## Employment

### USC Canada - Program Officer, Public Engagement

USC Canada is currently seeking a Program Officer for public engagement for its Ottawa office. As a member of the Public Engagement Team of USC's Canadian Programs, you will help advance USC's strategies and programs to inspire Canadians, especially youth, to take action on food justice at home and abroad. You will build action toolkits and modules, develop and carry out volunteer trainings, produce public engagement materials, develop USC's social media presence, participate in collaborative campaigns, coordinate and attend special events. Candidates should have experience in a variety of public engagement, campaign and communications settings, with strong skills in volunteer coordination and program development. The deadline for applications is January 29, 2010. For more information, visit [www.usc-canada.org](http://www.usc-canada.org).

### Coady International Institute - *Youth In Partnership* International Internship Program

The Coady International Institute is currently recruiting dynamic community-minded Canadians between 19 and 30 years of age to participate in its *Youth In Partnership* international internship program. The program aims to provide recent Canadian university/college graduates experience

working with the Coady Institute's partners in development practice. The program will begin in March 2010 with a two week orientation at the Coady Institute (Nova Scotia); a six-month in-country work placement; and a two week re-entry program in Canada. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2010. For more information, visit [www.coady.stfx.ca/youth/apply/](http://www.coady.stfx.ca/youth/apply/).