

# RCEN e-Bulletin – January 28th, 2009 Edition

## Network News

Budget 2009 Environmental Highlights:

- \$2.5 billion over five years for clean energy technologies – with a focus on the development and demonstration of carbon capture and storage technology
- \$1 billion over five years for a Green Infrastructure Fund, which includes infrastructure that supports a focus on the creation of sustainable energy (e.g. modern energy transmission lines)
- \$351 million to go to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited on a cash basis in 2009-10 for its operations, including the development of the Advanced CANDU Reactor
- \$300 million over two years for the ecoENERGY Retrofit program
- \$81 million over the next two years for program management and additional assessments of federal contaminated sites
- \$37.6 million in 2009–10 to departments and agencies in support of environmental assessments, regulatory coordination, science, and Aboriginal consultations related to the Mackenzie Gas Project
- \$10 million in 2009–10 to sustain the Government's annual reporting on environmental indicators
- Pursuit of regulatory efficiencies for projects subject to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (see *Call for Participation* to join the discussion)

To read the details of the 2009 Budget, please visit <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2009/home-accueil-eng.asp> (see Quick Links).

## ENGO Input for the 4th National Report for the Convention on Biological Diversity

In order for Canada's 4th National Report for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to reflect the contributions of all relevant sectors of society, Environment Canada has requested that the RCEN conduct a survey to solicit ENGO views with respect to progress, challenges, lessons learned and biodiversity priorities in the post 2010 period.

Members currently working on biodiversity-related issues and those with past experience or a marked interest in biodiversity are encouraged to complete this short survey. A summary of the results will feed into Canada's 4th National CBD Report. [Read more...](#)

## Calls for Delegates

Stakeholder Information Session on Risk Assessments under the Chemicals Management Plan – Workshop

Environment Canada (EC) and Health Canada (HC) are seeking two (2) Environmental NGO delegates to take part in a full one-day workshop to present and discuss processes and approaches to risk assessment and basis for conclusions under the Chemical Management Plan (CMP) Challenge initiative. The delegates will participate in a multi-stakeholder workshop in Ottawa on March 4, 2009. Travel and accommodation to and from this workshop will be reimbursed as per Treasury Board Guidelines and the RCEN will provide compensation for the provision of a 5-page report of the session. The deadline to apply is February 4, 2009. [Read the full Call for Delegates](#)

## Stakeholder Information Session on Risk Assessments under the Chemicals Management Plan – Teleconference

Environment Canada (EC) and Health Canada (HC) are seeking five (5) NGO delegates to take part in a teleconference call to answer questions raised by the participants in the Chemical Management Plan (CMP) Capacity Building Project (summer 2008) on approaches to risk assessment and basis for conclusions under the Challenge initiative. The delegates will meet by teleconference with EC and HC Risk Assessment Managers as soon as can be arranged (likely in early February). The deadline to apply is January 28, 2009. [Read the full Call for Delegates](#)

## ENGO Participation in International Biodiversity Day Activities

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada to select 11 lead ENGO groups in each province and in the Yukon Territory to conduct outreach and education activities for International Biodiversity Day (IBD) on May 22, 2009. This year's IBD theme will be "Invasive Alien Species". Selected ENGOs will collaborate with EC's Biodiversity Convention Office to: prepare IBD Outreach Plans, carry out Outreach and Education Activities in their respective regions, and write a Final Report. ENGO delegates will be compensated \$400 per Outreach Plan and participation in a conference call, and \$1200 to carry out activities and write the report. The deadline to apply has been extended to February 6, 2009. [Read the full Call for Delegates](#)

## ENGO Writer and Editor for Biodiversity Survey Summary

The RCEN is currently seeking two ENGO delegates, one to write and one to edit, a survey summary on biological diversity. Environment Canada's Biodiversity Convention Office has invited the RCEN to conduct a survey to solicit ENGO views with respect to progress, challenges, lessons learned and biodiversity priorities in the post-2010 period. The summary of survey results will be included in the 4th National CBD Report and will be presented and discussed at a multi-stakeholder meeting in Ottawa in March 2009. The ENGO writer of the summary will be compensated \$1500, while \$500 is available to compensate one ENGO editor. The deadline to apply has been extended to February 6, 2009. [Read the full Call for Delegates](#)

## Call for Participation

### Environmental Assessment Act Reform: Join the EPA Caucus Listserve

Members of the RCEN's Environmental Planning and Assessment Caucus are seeking your help. They have set up a new listserv as an information-sharing, brainstorming and strategy development mechanism to oppose the federal government's plan to reform the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act in advance of a legislated review of the act, which is scheduled for 2010. If you are interested in joining the discussion on how to address this major cross-cutting environmental issue, please send an email to [philana@cen-rce.org](mailto:philana@cen-rce.org) with the following information:

- Your name
- Affiliation/Organization (e.g. RCEN member organization or sponsor)
- Your email address

If you have any questions, or for more information about the CEEA-LCÉE Google Group listserv, please contact Philana Dollin, RCEN National Caucus Coordinator, at [philana@cen-rce.org](mailto:philana@cen-rce.org) or 613-728-9810 ext. 223.

## Events

### Impact! Youth Conference for Sustainability Leadership

In partnership with business, academia and non-government organisations, *Impact! The Co-operators Youth Conference for Sustainability Leadership* aims to bring together students from all fields of study from across Canada to develop and implement real sustainability solutions for their current lives and their future careers. From September 24-27, 2009 at the University of Guelph in Ontario, the Conference will explore tangible multi-industry and sector sustainability solutions with national business and academic leaders. Canadian university and college students between the ages of 19-25 are encouraged to apply now. All conference, transportation, accommodation and meal expenses will be fully covered for chosen participants who apply before February 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please visit [www.impactyouthsustainability.ca](http://www.impactyouthsustainability.ca).

### Canadian Brownfields Conference

Now in its 10th year, the Canadian Brownfields conference is Canada's national conference and trade show focusing on the redevelopment of under-utilized properties as a catalyst for sustainable, vibrant and liveable communities. The theme of this year's conference is particularly relevant to today's economic landscape, with a program geared towards critical issues of reinvestment and stimulation of the economy. The 2009 conference will feature workshops, tours, and three full days of networking in the Brownfields Marketplace. The conference will also feature the 9th annual CUI Brownie Awards, which recognizes excellence in brownfields redevelopment across Canada. For more information about this event, please visit <http://canadianbrownfields.ca/>. Although the Conference is in October, registration is now open and early-bird rates are available.

## Employment

### CPAWS – Executive Director

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) is seeking an Executive Director to lead the organization in its vision to permanently protect at least one-half of Canada's lands and waters in the public trust. Based in Ottawa, the Executive Director will support and guide the organization's nation-wide staff, be an excellent communicator, and be able to work on complex issues, at multiple levels. He/ she will have an inclusive approach in leading staff and volunteers in the development and implementation of strategic conservation and business plans. The successful candidate will have: over three years experience in a leadership position, experience in developing and managing organizational or departmental budgets, successful fund development experience, and an understanding of wilderness conservation. The deadline for applications is February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. For more details about this position, please visit [www.cpaws.org](http://www.cpaws.org).