

RCEN E-Bulletin – October 29th, 2008 Edition

Network News

Thank You for a Great AGA!

The RCEN would like to thank everybody who participated in its 2008 AGA this past weekend in Toronto. It was truly inspiring to see so many devoted individuals sharing ideas, opinions and good times. A special thank you to the National Council, staff members of the Provincial/Territorial Affiliate Networks and other RCEN members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend this event.

Next week we will be posting photos and videos from the AGA on the website, as well as presentations from the interesting workshops that took place on Saturday and Sunday. Please stay tuned!

Finally, we are happy to announce that the 2009 AGA is planned for next June in Edmonton! Thank you to the Alberta Environmental Network for co-hosting what should be an exciting AGA that will take place just before the *ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability World Congress 2009*. More details to come...

Action Alerts

Greenpeace – Say No to the Pickering B Nuclear Station

Greenpeace is asking for your help in calling for the permanent shut down of the Pickering B nuclear station. On December 10th, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is holding a hearing in Ajax, just east of Toronto, on the environmental impacts of the proposed life-extension of the Pickering B nuclear station until 2060. The deadline for making comments is November 10th. The CNSC claims spending billions to rebuild Pickering and run it until 2060 will have no significant environmental effects. Greenpeace would like to ask that you to make a submission or presentation to the CNSC, calling for the shutdown of Pickering. [Click here for more information \(http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/action_alerts/08_10_pickering.html\)](http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/action_alerts/08_10_pickering.html)

World Rainforest Movement - Open Letter to FSC Members: Stop Certification of Tree Monocultures

The World Rainforest Movement is urging members of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) to urgently resolve the problem of FSC certification of monoculture tree plantations, which is “undermining local people's struggles against these plantations”. A number of organizations from countries impacted by FSC-certified plantations have decided to disseminate an open letter to the FSC's members and to gather as many endorsements as possible before the FSC's general assembly, which is taking place from November 3-7 in South Africa. If you wish to support local communities struggling against tree plantations, please sign-on to the letter before November 1st. [Click here to read the letter \(http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/action_alerts/08_10_fsc.html\)](http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/action_alerts/08_10_fsc.html)

Announcements

Report - Pulp and Paper Pollution: The Toxic Legacy of Federal Neglect

Reach for Unbleached Foundation has released a new report entitled *Pulp and Paper Pollution: The Toxic Legacy of Federal Neglect*, which details failure in government oversight of the pulp and paper industry. These include barriers to information access on emissions, inadequate regulations and enforcement, and ineffective toxic substance management programs. The report highlights numerous serious problems with federal and provincial regulatory systems including: inconsistent implementation; gaps in regulations; lack of consideration for Best Available Technology; and inconsistencies in mill reporting. *Pulp and Paper Pollution: The Toxic Legacy of Federal Neglect* stresses the need to develop strong enforceable regulations, institute credible and verifiable monitoring, and deal with the legacy of contaminated sites. The report can be downloaded at <http://www.rfu.org/navigation/new.html>.

Resources

Online Forum - Achieving Resilient Agricultural Systems: Innovation, People and Partnerships

On November 13 and 14, CIELAP is holding its *Achieving Resilient Agricultural Systems: Innovation, People and Partnerships* workshop. An online forum (in the form of a wiki) has been created for a wider audience to provide comments and help inform the discussion. The forum will be online until November 11. Visit <http://csdforum.pbwiki.com/> to view short background papers, respond to questions, share case studies, lessons learned, and best practices, and propose how Canada should move forward on the workshop's sub-themes of "Valuing Landscape Services", "Local Food Systems and Urban-Rural Linkages" and "Agricultural Production Systems". Your input will be referenced by governments, other stakeholders, and the Canadian delegation at the UN's Commission for Sustainable Development. If you would like to participate, an access *Log In* can be [requested](#) from the moderator.

** Note that space is still available at CIELAP's 4th Partnering for Sustainability workshop. Visit the [workshop website](http://cielap.org/ResilientAgSystemsWorkshop.php) (<http://cielap.org/ResilientAgSystemsWorkshop.php>) for more information.
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Events

Toronto Forum for Global Cities

On December 8 and 9, the International Economic Forum of the Americas will be hosting the Toronto Forum for Global Cities. Entitled "Global Cities in Challenging Times", the conference will address transportation and energy issues in regards to cities. Though the focus will be on competitiveness and economic growth, some sessions will tackle energy conservation, green technologies and rail transportation. The two day event will consist of over 30 speakers and up to 1000 participants. For more information, please visit <http://www.forumforglobalcities.com/>.

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 October 31st, 2008. Read the full job posting at <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/jobs.html>.

Living Oceans Society – Government Relation Coordinator

Living Oceans Society is seeking Ottawa-based applicants for the position of Government Relations Coordinator. This post involves tracking federal policy and regulatory issues related to marine conservation. More specifically, the GR Coordinator will identify public policy challenges, entry points and opportunities related to Living Oceans Society's priorities including marine planning and protected areas, sustainable fisheries, the moratorium on British Columbia offshore oil and gas development, and shipping in Canadian Coastal waters. Candidates with experience in public policy, strategy and tactics, communications skills and an interest in marine conservation are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. A full job description and application details are posted at www.livingoceans.org/about/employment.aspx.

Nature Trust of New Brunswick - Program Director

The Nature Trust of New Brunswick (NTNB) seeks a Program Director to help the organization achieve its mission of conserving and stewarding outstanding natural lands for the benefit and well-being of New Brunswickers. The NTNB Board seeks a Program Director who is an experienced and seasoned conservation professional (minimum 5 years experience) with passion and a background of accomplishment in land conservation. The ideal candidate for this position will have fundraising experience, management and leadership skills, an interest in growing the organization's impact province-wide, and an enthusiastic passion for the region's natural resources. As a spokesperson for the organization, the Program Director should be comfortable with regular interaction with the media, and oral and written French skills are desirable. Please visit <http://www.naturetrust.nb.ca/en/employment> for more information.