

Health Caucus Workplan for 2009-2010
Canadian Environmental Network
April 2009

Projects

Develop Project Working Groups so that SC can take care of RCEN organizational issues as well as federal funding for environment and health issues.

1. National and Municipal Food Security

- Contact National Board of Food Security Network
- Explore Health Canada work on this to date
- Investigate food security issues such as community gardening as a way of connecting to municipalities

2. Chemical Sensitivities and Indoor Air Quality

- Investigate CMHC's work on this
- Link to Health Canada's regional offices
- Look at national tele-conferences as a way to disseminate information
- Position ourselves as the liaison between government and NGOs trying to make that government connection
- Co-organize Indoor Air Quality Seminar at next WUF, with CMHC and Health Canada

3. Pesticides

- Investigate CMHC's grant programme to work on this issue
- Highlight this issue's national status and stemming from the municipal implications
- Link to Food Security issues through various programmes

4. Health Canada Policy and Relations

- Continue dialogue about a national roundtable and greening health care

5. World Urban Forum 2010, Brazil

- Fundraise for WUF5 by liaising with Canadian government funding bodies (Health Canada, CMHC, DFAIT...)
- Liaise with WUF partnership groups to seek out opportunities for WUF 5

- Steering Committee to develop alternative plan without significant funding

Members & Communications

- Gather input on draft workplan from Health Caucus members
- Post workplan on website
- Provide minutes as per RCEN policy
- Liaise with Working Groups and other National Caucuses by attaining regular updates
- Receive regular updates from Chair on Chairs Conference calls
- Continue using Skype for regular HC conference calls

Funds

- Fundraise through various contacts and potential partners: Health Canada, Environment Canada, CMHC, FCM, municipal bodies, international partners from WUF3 and contacts from WUF4
- Health Caucus SC to develop Fundraising strategy with input from Health Caucus membership
- Assign maximum amounts to be spent per project with forecasted fundraised funds at the same developing alternate plans to delete/complete projects with zero or minimum funds

Events

- Develop agenda and presentations for AGA
- Plan for WUF5 presence
- Organize ICLIE presence if possible

Policy

- Develop as necessary internal HC SC policies and review those to date
- Maintain regular communications with Chairs and National Council Representative
- Participate in AGM, input into resolutions as necessary

- Undergo elections and clearly documenting process to date

BUDGET for 2009 (without fundraising using funds only within RCEN as of April 15th, 2009)

AGA	\$3000 (+ Fundraise 2000?)
SC Conference calls (Annual Skype membership)	\$280
Project planning (\$200*6 projects)	\$1200
TOTAL:	\$4480