



RCEN 2006
**Conference on Agriculture and the Environment/
Conférence sur l'Agriculture et l'environnement**
October 19 - 21, 2006 Octobre
Centre St. Pierre, Montréal Québec

*****DRAFT AGENDA*****

Friday October 20th – 1:45 to 5:30 pm Room 100

***National and International Perspectives on Sustainable Agriculture and
Environmental Stewardship: Challenges and Lessons***

**1:45 – 1:55 Introduction: The Many Challenges and Functions of Canada's
Farmers as Environmental Stewards**

*Welcome and introduction by the Agriculture Caucus Steering Committee
and summary of the Agriculture Caucus' mission and Green Paper*

Facilitator: TBD

Note taker: Sarah Crowe

**1:55 – 2:15 Farmer / Environmentalist Solidarity: Resisting the Agri-business
Agenda**

Cathy Holtlander, Beyond Factory Farming

Facilitator: TBD

Note taker: Sarah Crowe

2:15 – 2:35 International Lessons for an Ecological Canadian Agriculture

Jean Arnold, RCEN International Programme / Falls Brook Centre

Facilitator: TBD

Note taker: Sarah Crowe

2:35 – 3:05 Questions and Discussion

Facilitator: TBD

Note taker: Sarah Crowe

3:05 – 3:20 -- BREAK --

3:20 – 3:40 Towards an Ecologically Sustainable Agriculture: Examples of Good Practices and Developing Opportunities

Lucie Rioux, Equiterre / Paysanne

Facilitator: TBD

Note taker: Sarah Crowe

3:40 – 4:00 Recognizing and Encouraging our Farmers as Sustainers of Ecological Goods and Services

Lynn MacIntyre, Wildlife Habitat Canada

Facilitator: TBD

Note taker: Sarah Crowe

4:00 – 4:30 Questions and Discussion

Facilitator: TBD

Note taker: Sarah Crowe

4:30 – 4:45 BREAK

4:45 – 5:20 Green Paper and Opportunities for RCEN Contributions to Agriculture and Environmental Standards and Policy Development

*Brief introduction and discussion on the National Agricultural Environmental Standards Initiative (NAESI) and the Agricultural Policy Framework Review (APF) led by **Alexandre Lefèbvre**, Agri Foods and Agriculture Canada and **Michele Williamson**, Environment Canada*

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5:20 – 5:30 Forum wrap-up

Summary and closing by Agriculture Caucus Steering Committee

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Saturday October 21st – 8:30 am to 12:00pm Room 100

***Towards an RCEN 'Green Paper' on Agriculture and the Environment': Roundtable
workshop for Policy Development***

8:30 – 8:35

Introduction to the Workshop process and 'pillar reviews'

Welcome and introduction by the Agriculture Caucus Steering Committee and summary of the first Plenary on Agriculture and the Environment

Facilitator: Harvey Mead

Note taker: Manon Crêteau

8:35 – 9:20

WATER

8:35 – 8:40

*a) Overview presentation by **Maria Castro***

8:40 – 8:45

*b) Invitation to comment by **Glen Koroluk**, Manitoba Eco-Network*

8:45 – 9:15

c) Open discussion and development of Water pillar

9:15 – 9:20

d) Consensus seeking and summation

Facilitator: Harvey Mead

Note taker: Manon Crêteau

9:20 – 10:10

SOILS

9:20 – 9:25

*a) Overview presentation by **Maria Castro***

9:25 – 9:30

*b) Invitation to comment by **Denis Sauvageau**, Friends of an Unpolluted Lifestyle*

9:30 – 10:00

c) Open discussion and development of Soils pillar

10:00 – 10:05

d) Consensus seeking and summation

Facilitator: Harvey Mead

Note taker: Manon Crêteau

10:05 – 10:20 **-- BREAK --**

10:20 – 11:05 **AIR**

10:20 – 10:25 *a) Overview and presentation by **Maria Castro***
10:25 – 10:30 *b) Invitation to comment by the **Cameron Stiff**, Canadian Youth
Climate Coalition*
10:30 – 11:00 *c) Open discussion and development of Air pillar*
11:00 – 11:05 *d) Consensus building and summation*
Facilitator: Harvey Mead
Note taker: Manon Crôteau

11:05 – 11:50 **BIODIVERSITY**

11:05 – 11:10 *a) Overview and presentation by **Maria Castro***
11:10 – 11:15 *b) Invitation to comment by **Éric Darier**, Greenpeace*
11:15 – 11:45 *c) Open discussion and development of Biodiversity pillar*
11:45 – 11:50 *d) Consensus building and summation*
Facilitator: Harvey Mead
Note taker: Manon Crôteau

11:50 – 12:00 **Summary and closing comments**

Facilitator: Harvey Mead
Note taker: Manon Crôteau