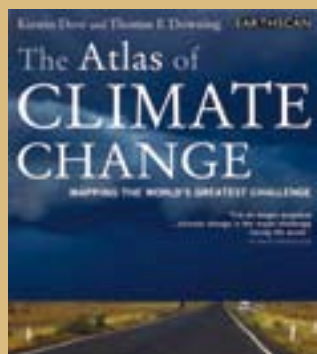


BOOKS & PRODUCTS



The *Atlas of Climate Change* by Kirstin Dow and Thomas E. Downing presents the most up-to-date scientific data and arguments on the drivers and the impacts of climate change in an easy-to-read format, with over 50 full-colour maps and graphics. Part of a larger series of “State of the World” Atlases published by Earthscan,

this publication covers a wide range of subjects, from vulnerable populations and health impacts, to future scenarios and responding to change. The final chapter – Committing to Solutions – provides concrete examples and suggestions for personal and public action.

UNEP is collaborating with the University of Geneva and the UN Institute for Training and Research to develop the Geneva Programme in Environmental Diplomacy, in the tradition of its three decades of support to environmental diplomats in their efforts to strengthen their profession. The programme will be implemented with the financial support of the Government of Switzerland and the OSCE/UNEP/UNDP Environment and Security Initiative and in collaboration with the University of Peace and LEAD International. Students who successfully pass its course and complete their final thesis will receive ten European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System credits validated by the University of Geneva.

As global warming becomes ever hotter news, more books by distinguished journalists have been added to the extensive library on climate change. Andrew C. Revkin of the *New York Times* is the author of *The North Pole Was Here: Puzzles and Perils and the Top of the World* (published by the *New York Times* and Kingfisher), which explains how the fate of the pole will affect the whole world. *New Scientist* journalist Fred Pearce has written *The Last Generation* (Eden Project Books), which demonstrates how the present generation will be the last to enjoy the stable predictable climate of the last 13,000 years. And the London *Guardian* columnist, George Monbiot in his new book, *Heat: How to Stop the Planet Burning*, outlines how a 90 per cent cut in emissions within 30 years is both necessary and practical.

UNEP was one of many organizations that provided material for Al Gore’s book and film *An Inconvenient Truth*. The 96 minute film, which is mobilizing influential opinion and catalysing action

worldwide, has become the third most seen documentary in US film history, even overtaking Madonna’s *Truth or Dare*. The accompanying book was originally published in the United States by Rodale.

India’s *National Institute of Hydrology* is organizing an International Conference on *Water, Environment, Energy and Society in New Delhi* from 18-21 December. The conference, a contribution to the seventh phase of UNESCO’s International Hydrological Programme, will critically re-examine policies for water management in the light of the world’s increasing demand for water and its uncertain supply. Its main themes will be water and environment, water for energy, water hazards, water for society, and water for other uses.

A *Sustainable Future for the Mediterranean: The Blue Plan’s Environment and Development Outlook* analyses the past, present and possible future – up to 2025 – of the environment and development of the Mediterranean basin. Edited by Guillaume Benoit & Aline Comeau, with a preface by Lucien Chabason, and published by Earthscan, it is the result of the work of many experts from the Mediterranean countries. It focuses on six major issues – water, energy, transport, urban areas, rural land use, and coastal areas. It sounds the alarm on the possible risks of a “business as usual” scenario, and it shows that alternative solutions may be developing to “contribute to the preservation of the unique quality of this region and ensure for it a future commensurate with its past”. The Blue Plan is a Regional Activity Centre of the Mediterranean Action Programme, established under UNEP’s aegis.



The new and unique *Green Awards 2006* will spotlight brands or organizations that have creatively demonstrated their commitment to sustainable development across different media and marketing disciplines. The CarbonNeutral event takes place in London’s Guildhall on 29 November 2006, supported by UNEP, Media Guardian, the City of London, Marketing Week, and CSR Wire.

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