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MARK MALLOCH BROWN has been named a visiting fellow at the Yale Centre for the Study of Globalization. A national of the United Kingdom, Mr. Malloch Brown had served as U.N. Deputy Secretary-General to outgoing Secretary-General Kofi Annan. While at the



Centre, Mr. Malloch Brown plans to focus on writing a book on changing leadership in a globalized world. Corporate and political leaders are struggling with problems that cross borders, he said, citing concerns about AIDS, climate change and terrorist organizations. "The modern security threat is not your neighbour's army any more," he said. "I think it calls for a whole new set of leadership traits and approaches to problem solving."

SYLVIE LEMMET, a national of France, has been appointed Director of the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE), based in



Paris. Ms. Lemmet holds Master's Degrees in Public Administration from Harvard University and from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration. She brings to UNEP a wealth of managerial and technical expertise, spanning many years working with the private sector, NGOs, and with international organizations, including Medecins Sans Frontieres and The World Bank. More recently, she was Senior Auditor with the French Cour des Comptes, where she played an active role in the reform process of the public sector in France and participated as a member of Cour de Comptes' audit team of the UN.

PETER GILRUTH has been appointed Director, Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA). Mr. Gilruth, an American national, holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Management and a PhD in Forestry and Forest Product Techniques. He brings to UNEP

more than 20 years experience as an environmental scientist, project manager and strategist with the US Government, academia, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and, currently, the private sector. As a scientist, Mr. Gilruth has gained international



recognition and respect, particularly in the field of environmental assessment. His career has been characterized by successes in applying environmental science, assessment and information to promoting and developing environmental policies at all level.

IBRAHIM THIAW has been appointed Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI). Mr. Thiaw, a national of Mauritania, holds an advanced university degree in Forestry and Forest Product Techniques, and brings to UNEP more than 22 years of expertise in the fields of natural resource management and environmental policy. Since his early career with the Ministry of Rural Development of Mauritania, Mr. Thiaw has successfully developed and implemented large-scale environmental programmes and projects in Africa and globally. As IUCN Regional Director for West Africa, and most



recently as Acting Director-General of IUCN, Mr. Thiaw has been instrumental in shaping the future of environmental conservation.

JANOS PASZTOR, a national of Hungary, has been appointed Chief, Secretariat of the Environmental Management Group (EMG). Mr. Pasztor holds a Master's Degree in Energy and Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Throughout his career, Mr. Pasztor has participated in high-level environmental negotiations. He began his professional career in the field of environment in

1979 and worked for more than 10 years with NGOs and academia before joining the secretariat of the UN Conference on Environment and Development in 1990. Since 1993, Mr. Pasztor has held senior positions with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), including as UNFCCC



representative in the EMG and Coordinator of the Project-based Mechanisms Programme.

French President Jacques Chirac has appointed **NICOLAS HULOT** to the Organizing Committee of the International Conference on the Environment scheduled to take place in Paris in February 2007. A French TV personality and leading environmentalist,



Nicolas Hulot has been highlighting the environmental costs of globalization for the past 20 years as the presenter of the highly-acclaimed TV eco-magazine "Ushuaïa". Now in his mid-fifties, he is increasingly active in the political arena as well, for instance initiating the Pacte écologique, which calls on all candidates for the upcoming French presidential elections to place environmental concerns at the forefront of their political agenda.

MELS ELEUSIZOV, the leader of the Kazakh environmental organization 'Tabigat' and a former presidential candidate, is once again mobilizing his compatriots in a bid to prevent the further deterioration of Lake Balkhash, which may soon be the site of a new nuclear power plant. Lake Balkhash is the 15th largest lake in the world, covering more than 16,000 square kilometres. Due to a number of environmental and man-made influences, such as less rainfall and the construction of a reservoir on the main tributary, the Ili River, the lake's water level is falling rapidly: by up to



2.3 meters in recent years. If nothing is done, the lake could face a similar fate as the neighbouring Aral Sea.

Bangladeshi economist **MOHAMMAD YUNUS**, founder of the Grameen Bank, was awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for his vision in providing micro-credit facilities, predominantly to women, so they can establish income-generating schemes to free themselves and their families from poverty.



Recognizing the link between poverty and environment, several UNEP initiatives use the micro-credit principle pioneered by Dr. Yunus, especially those related to promoting environmentally sustainable energy technologies at home and village level.

ROY SESANA leader of the Bushmen of the Kalahari, also known as the San people, won a landmark case against the Government of Botswana in December 2006. The Government of Botswana, which had evicted more than 1,000 San people from their traditional home range in the Kalahari game reserve, preventing them



from following a lifestyle they had pursued for millennia, accepted the ruling that said it had acted illegally in cutting their water supplies and compelling them to move to settlements on the edge of the reserve.