



## WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER!

In keeping with what was agreed by Partners at the first Partnership meeting – held in November 2002 at UN Headquarters in New York – the Partnership Newsletter is intended to provide a quarterly update on the Partnership to Partners and other interested parties. Regular features of the Newsletter will include:

- New Partners
- Upcoming Events
- Reports from Past Events
- Updates on the Global Working Groups
- What's New on the Website

The Clearing-House also welcomes suggestions from the Partners as to what would constitute other useful or valuable features of the newsletter. Any suggestions can be sent to Wendy Jackson ([wendy.jackson@unep.org](mailto:wendy.jackson@unep.org)).

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **SADC SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PHASE-OUT OF LEADED GASOLINE**

6-7 October 2003  
Cape Town, South Africa

This workshop, which is supported by UNEP, IPIECA, US EPA and the Clearing-House, is part of the ongoing series of sub-regional workshops to follow-up/implement the Dakar Declaration for the phase out of leaded gasoline in Sub-Saharan Africa and the WSSD outcome for the phase out of leaded gasoline

worldwide. The objectives of the SADC workshop are:

- to raise awareness in the SADC region on the issue of leaded gasoline;
- to inform the individual SADC countries of the ongoing efforts of other SADC countries on the phase out of leaded gasoline (for example to inform importing countries about the plans of South Africa);
- to agree on a common - SADC - approach for the phase out of leaded gasoline; and
- to promote and support the development and implementation of national action plans.

For more information, contact Rob de Jong at [rob.jong@unep.org](mailto:rob.jong@unep.org).

#### **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA REFINING EXPERTS MEETING** 8-10 October 2003 Cape Town, South Africa

The World Bank, IPIECA and UNEP have teamed up to run a Sub-Saharan African refining experts' workshop that is designed to bring together representatives from all the major refineries in Sub-Saharan Africa for focused discussion on plans and strategies to upgrade refining capability to produce unleaded petrol of sufficient quality for the changing vehicle fleets in the region.

The workshop will examine opportunities to minimise investment costs and maximise production of ULG through:

- Refinery unit modifications and additions
- Changes in refinery operations
- The use of blending strategies: addition of high-octane blending components
- The use of alternative octane-enhancing additives.

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**WORKSHOP ON REFORMS TO COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS**

9 September 2003  
Washington, D.C.

The US EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics will be hosting a day-long workshop on possible reforms to cost-effectiveness analysis. The purpose of this workshop is to open a discussion on how to address cost-effectiveness analysis when there are technologies that offer a "basket" of environmental benefits at a single price. The workshop should be of interest to regulators seeking to comply with multiple pollutant problems (ozone, NOx and PM SIPs), technology providers with products that provide multiple benefits, and environmental groups seeking to maximise pollution reduction at the lowest cost. The notion for the workshop arose from the greater emphasis placed on cost-effectiveness analysis by OMB, and queries from innovative fuel technology providers. For more information contact Julie Hewitt (202-566-2290 or [Hewitt.julie@epa.gov](mailto:Hewitt.julie@epa.gov)).

**WORLD FUELS CONFERENCE – WASHINGTON DC**

21-23 September 2003  
Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill,  
Washington, D.C.

The focus of this year's World Fuels Conference in Washington is how the industry will meet the ever-tightening fuel quality standards while preserving margins and rewarding shareholders with a fair return on investment. Presentations include: powerful keynote speakers such as Chairman of the US Senate Budget Committee and Assistant Administrator of the US EPA Office of Air and Radiation; senior executives with Sinclair Oil, Honda and International Truck & Engine Company; top producers, regulators and auto makers; and industry, environmental and government energy policy makers from: NPRA, US Department of Energy, CITGO, General Motors.

For more information, go to:  
<http://www.cwacts.com/hart/eventdc.html>.

**SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON CATALYSIS AND AUTOMOTIVE POLLUTION CONTROL**

22-24 October 2003

Institut de Sociologie Solvay, Brussels,  
Belgium

All topics related to applications and requirements of catalysis in automotive (including cars, light and heavy duty vehicles) emission control will be considered such as:

- catalyst technologies (TWC, lean burn of gasoline and diesel, cold start emission)
- fuel cell catalysis
- materials for catalysts, washcoat and fuel-borne catalysts (additives)
- particulate emission control
- NOx emission control under lean conditions
- modelling of after-treatment systems
- unregulated pollutants
- integrated emission control systems, onboard diagnostics
- alternative fuel technologies
- innovative technologies (new materials, recovery of precious metals, sensors)

For more information, check out the CAPOC6 website  
<<http://www.ulb.ac.be/sciences/cpmct/capoc6/index.html>>.

**TRAINING WORKSHOP**

25 October – 1 November 2003-08-07  
Sydney, Australia

The Department of Environment and Heritage in Australia, together with the Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities, will organise and host a training workshop to enable government officials in the Asia Pacific region to kick-start the process for the development of medium term fuel quality strategies. The International Fuel Quality Centre will provide technical support for the training workshop. The Training Workshop will be held in conjunction with the World Fuels Asia Conference.

For more information contact: Emma Campbell, Clean Fuels and Vehicles Section, Department of Environment and Heritage (emma.campbell@ea.gov.au)

### **WORLD FUELS CONFERENCE**

26-28 October 2003  
Shangri-la Hotel, Sydney, Australia

The theme of this year's World Fuels Conference is: "Refining and Automotive Evolution in Asia and Australasia: New Policies and Market Realities." Agenda items include: the clean fuels agenda; successful implementation of mid-term fuel strategies; world events and their impact on the Asian and Australasian refined products market; Asian market recovery; advanced and novel technological solutions for clean fuel production; alternative fuels, renewable fuels and fuel additives' role in clean fuel markets; and energy and industry security.

For more information, go to:  
<http://www.cwacts.com/hart/eventsin.html>.

### **BETTER AIR QUALITY 2003 WORKSHOP**

17-19 December 2003  
The Edsa Shangri-la Hotel, Manila, The Philippines

BAQ 2003 will be jointly hosted by the Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (CAI-Asia), and the Air Pollution in Megacities of Asia (APMA) Project. The objectives of BAQ 2003 are to: review and discuss current status of air quality management and control techniques in the region; identify new areas of attention in air quality management in Asia; identify mechanisms how stakeholders in the region, including national and local government, private sector and civil society, can improve and strengthen cooperation in the formulation and implementation of air quality management and control policies and initiatives; and discuss how stakeholders in the region can benefit from worldwide experiences.

For more information, go to:  
<http://adb.org/vehicle-emissions/Articles/baq2003.asp>

### **INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

4-6 March 2004  
FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

The purpose of this Forum - which is organised by the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory, in cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) - is to enhance the contribution of partnerships towards the implementation of sustainable development goals and objectives, particularly those related to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and other international agreements related to sustainable development. The outcome of the Forum will be presented during the 12th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-12) in New York, 19-30 April 2004.

For more information, email Gloria Visconti at [visconti.gloria@minambiente.it](mailto:visconti.gloria@minambiente.it).

### **SECOND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

It has been suggested by numerous Partners that a Second Partnership meeting be held in 2003. The Clearing-House is exploring various options as to the timing and the venue for the meeting, and these options will be presented to Partners for their decision.

### **NATIONAL LEVEL ACTIVITIES**

The Clearing-House, along with UNEP, is also supporting national level activities in a number of Sub-Saharan African countries. It is expected that, before the end of 2003, national level workshops will be held in Burundi, Uganda, and Togo.

**REPORTS FROM RECENT EVENTS****WESTERN HEMISPHERE PARTNERS'  
MEETING**

26-27 June 2003  
San Diego, California, USA

This meeting was an ad-hoc meeting of the Partnership, focusing on western hemisphere partners and issues, and was held in conjunction with the 5th International Urban Air Quality Forum, which was part of the Air & Waste Management Association Annual Convention and Exhibit held in San Diego, California.

The goals of this meeting were to: explain the Partnership to potential new Partners; bring Partners in the region together to discuss the Partnership's status and applicable issues; and begin to map out a strategy for next steps and working together in the region.

Recommendations emerging from the meeting include\* :

- Better emission factors that are representative of mobile source emissions in different regions/cities of the world are needed
- Technical guidance on comparability of emission measurements systems and testing protocols is required for proper interchangeability of measurement data
- In Latin America, measurement data is required for emissions from diesel fueled passenger cars (to augment continuous monitoring data collection supported by Environment Canada for gasoline vehicles)
- Fuel adulteration needs to be addressed in conjunction with evaluating the role of regional fuel harmonisation in eliminating incentives for mis-fuelling
- The linkage between refinery CO2 emissions and new fuel/vehicle requirements should be investigated
- In all regions of the world where regional initiative are already operational the PCFV should attempt to

\* These are from the draft report of the meeting, and may be modified consistent with comments from Partners.

work through these on-going activities in order to avoid redundancy.

As a result of the discussion there were specific recommendations for two new work groups:

- 1) A new work group to evaluate I/M issues and their impact on Air Quality
- 2) A special work group to focus on what goes on in the regions and identify countries that need/want support.

**11TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT -  
PARTNERSHIP FAIR**

6 May 2003  
UN Headquarters, New York, USA

The Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles gave a presentation at the Partnership Fair on 6 May 2003. The presentation was chaired by the then-Ugandan Minister of Environment, Ruhakana Rugunda. The Partnership website was also launched during the presentation. For more details, go to the "Events" page of the Partnership website ([www.unep.org/pcfiv/Events/Events.htm](http://www.unep.org/pcfiv/Events/Events.htm)).

**UPDATES ON THE GLOBAL  
WORKING GROUPS*****Sulfur Working Group***

The Sulfur Working Group is chaired by Dale McKinnon (Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association). The mission of the group is to produce a brief, informative and balanced document regarding the impacts of sulfur in fuels, technological strategies for reducing sulfur in fuels, and policy options and issues for a government to consider when deciding to reduce sulfur. The document is expected to be released in October 2003. Mike Walsh is to support the writing of the document.

Please check the Partnership website (<http://www.unep.org/pcfiv/globalactivities/globalactivities.htm>) for updates on Working Group activity.

### **Valve Seat Recession Working Group**

The VSR Working Group is chaired by John Mooney (Environment and Energy Technology and Policy Institute). The mission of the group is to produce a brief, informative and balanced document regarding the risks of VSR in the move from leaded to unleaded petrol. The document is expected to be released in October 2003.

Please check the Partnership website (<http://www.unep.org/pcf/v/globalactivities/globalactivities.htm>) for updates on Working Group activity.

### **Octane Working Group**

The Octane Working Group is chaired by Fred Potter (International Fuel Quality Center). The mission of the group is to produce a brief, informative and balanced document regarding octane levels.

Please check the Partnership website (<http://www.unep.org/pcf/v/globalactivities/globalactivities.htm>) for updates on Working Group activity.

**THE PARTNERSHIP** for Clean Vehicles and Fuels was established in September 2002 to promote clean fuels and vehicles in developing countries, with Partners from governments, industry, non-governmental organisations, and international organisations.

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### **NEW PARTNERS**

Since the Clearing-House was established in March 2003, ten new Partners have joined the Partnership. At the time this Newsletter went to print, these new Partners included:

- Ghana Environmental Protection Agency
- Ministério para a Coordenação da Acção Ambiental (Mozambique)
- Nigerian National Automotive Council
- Environmental Defense
- Southern Centre for Energy and Environment (Zimbabwe)
- Forum For Environment (Ethiopia)
- European Fuel Oxygenates Association (Europe)
- Environmental Liaison Centre International (Kenya)
- Petroleum Institute of East Africa
- Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (Tanzania)
- Nigerian Federal Ministry of Environment

### **NEW ON THE PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE!**

#### DATA SECTION:

- The maps outlining the progress of leaded gasoline phase-out in Sub-Saharan Africa have been updated. Maps have been added indicating the status of leaded gasoline phase-out in 2001 (at the signing of the Dakar Declaration) and in 2002 (at launch of Partnership) to indicate the pace of phase-out.
- Information on all the new Partners is available on the website, including their logo and website address.

**\*\*\*The website is updated weekly, so keep checking it!**

**\*\*\* If you have any articles, reports, data or other materials that would be valuable for Partners, please send them to [wendy.jackson@unep.org](mailto:wendy.jackson@unep.org).**

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