



ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CLEARING-HOUSE!

This past November marks the one-year anniversary since the New York meeting. It is therefore very timely that the Second Global Partnership Meeting shall be held, where Partners can take stock of what has happened over the past year and plan what is to come. In addition, the past year has presented a number of challenges to the Partnership that – although at times difficult – indicate how much progress has indeed been made and the evolution of the Partnership. Therefore, leaving The Hague with a set of governance rules will surely be a harbinger for future successes of the Partnership.

Thanks to all Partners for their support, participation and interest in furthering the objectives of the Partnership. The Clearing-House looks forward to a fruitful and exciting 2004.

As always, the Clearing-House 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).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SECOND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

11—12 December 2003

The Hague, The Netherlands

The Second Global Partnership Meeting of the PCFV will take place on 11-12 December in Den Haag (The Hague), The Netherlands. The

Meeting is has two primary objectives: (1) to agree on governance rules for the Partnership; and (2) to map out ways forward and future activities of the Partnership and the Partners. Over 50 participants from over 30 Partners will be attending the Meeting. Information about the Meeting is available on the Partnership website – www.unep.org/pcfV.

For more information about the Meeting, please contact either Rob de Jong (rob.jong@unep.org) or Wendy Jackson (wendy.jackson@unep.org). A report of the Meeting will be available on the Partnership website after the new year.

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>

SEMINAR & TECHNICAL VISITS ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DRIVEN VEHICLES

18–21 January 2004
New Delhi, India

SIAM, in partnership with the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, the Transport Department, the Government of NCT of Delhi, and the US Agency for International Development (USAID), is organising a seminar on "Alternative Energy Driven Vehicles." The objective of the Seminar is to highlight initiatives taken in India toward the development and implementation of alternative fuel-driven vehicles, focusing on gaseous fuels, such as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Electric Vehicle Technology. This forum will provide an opportunity for stakeholders, who have implemented such programmes, to share their success stories with their counterparts from other parts of the country and also with stakeholders in countries that have shown interest in initiatives taken by India.

For more information, please contact Atanu Ganguli (SIAM) at aganguli@siamindia.com

2ND ASIAN PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

28-29 January 2004
Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand

Japan Petroleum Energy Center (JPEC), together with PTT Public Company Limited of Thailand and Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA), are organising a Symposium to develop a coordinated project in Asia on cleaner fuels and vehicles. The objective of the Symposium is to introduce, exchange and share mutual technologies such as fuel quality technologies, vehicle technologies, emissions modeling, vehicle emissions testing, emission control technologies, retrofit technologies and simulation model technologies, which contribute to environmental improvement. The Symposium will focus on the importance of technical development in cooperation with fuel technologies and vehicle technologies.

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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 will be presented during the 12th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in New York, 19-30 April 2004.

For more information, email Gloria Visconti at visconti.gloria@minambiente.it

REPORTS FROM RECENT EVENTS

SADC WORKSHOP ON THE PHASE-OUT OF LEADED GASOLINE

6-7 October
Cape Town, South Africa

This Workshop comprised 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. This Workshop was a joint activity between UNEP, the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles, IPIECA, The World Bank's Clean Air Initiative for Sub-Saharan Africa and the US EPA. The Workshop was attended by over 50 representatives from governments, industry, non-governmental organisations and international organisations.

During the two-day workshop, participants heard presentations on phasing out of

leaded gasoline by members of governments, industry, civil society organisations and international organisations. Presentations were also given by representatives of the fuels and vehicles industries. On the second day, three break-out groups were established to discuss the respective roles of governments, industry and NGOs in introducing unleaded petrol.

To peruse materials of the Workshop, please visit the Workshop webpage at: <http://www.unep.org/pcfv/Events/SADCWorkshop.htm>



ONE OF THE BREAK-OUT GROUPS AT THE SADC WORKSHOP

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA REFINING EXPERTS MEETING

8-9 October 2003

Cape Town, South Africa

This meeting, which was organised by IPIECA and supported by The World Bank and UNEP, brought together representatives from most of the major refineries in Sub-Saharan Africa for two days of focused discussion on plans and strategies to upgrade refining capability to produce ULG of sufficient quality for the changing vehicle fleets in the region. Through a mixture of presentations, discussions, and breakout sessions, participants were encouraged to develop a range of strategies to minimise investment

costs and maximise production of ULG in Sub-Saharan Africa.

For more information, go to the Meeting webpages published by the Partnership (<http://www.unep.org/pcfv/Events/SSARefiners.htm>) or by IPIECA (http://www.ipieca.org/working_groups/fuels/refiners.html).



PARTICIPANTS LISTEN TO PRESENTATIONS

LAUNCH OF PHASE II OF UNEP'S LEADED PETROL PHASE-OUT INITIATIVE

17 October 2003

Nairobi, Kenya

On 17 October 2003, UNEP launched Phase II of its initiative to phase-out leaded gasoline in Sub-Saharan Africa. The launch featured presentations by UNEP Executive Director Klaus Töpfer, the Chairman of the Committee of Managing Directors of Royal Dutch Shell Group, Sir Philip Watts, and a speech by the Ambassador of The Netherlands to Kenya, Ms. Tanya Van Gool.



ROB DE JONG GIVES COMMENTS AT LAUNCH

UNEP, in cooperation with The World Bank, the IPIECA, and the US EPA, are promoting lead phase-out within the framework of the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles. UNEP will support and fund activities in seven Sub-Saharan African countries (yet to be decided), while The World Bank and US EPA will do work in four countries (also yet to be decided).

KENYAN TASK FORCE MEETING ON THE PHASE-OUT OF LEADED PETROL

Meetings of Public Awareness and Data/Information Sub-committees
October/November 2003
Nairobi, Kenya

Two of the three sub-committees established under the Kenyan Task Force on the Phase-out of Leaded Petrol have met in the past couple of months. The Public Awareness Sub-committee has met twice – once in October and again in November. The sub-committee, which is being coordinated by ELCI (a Partner of the Partnership), has made some preliminary decisions regarding the nature and extent of a public awareness campaign in Kenya. The Data/Information Sub-committee, which is co-ordinated by Evans Kituyi of ACTS, met in mid-November. The Sub-committee established data and research priorities and discussed capacity issues. More activity is expected from each group in the next couple of months.

PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Follow-up to publication of the article "United Nations urges one-step jump to ULSD for whole world; government policies retarding progress" in Diesel Fuel News (Vol. 7, No. 17. Sept 15, 2003): Immediately following the publication of this article, a letter was sent from Bakary Kante, Director of the Division of Policy Development and Law, to the President of Hart Publications, pointing out that the document was not a UNEP or UN report, and that it was in draft form. The letter also requested a retraction of the article. A retraction was printed on the front page of the following edition.



Additional support from The Netherlands Government to UNEP for the phase out of leaded gasoline in Africa:

The Ministry of Environment of The Netherlands (VROM) has approved a support project for UNEP for the phase out of leaded gasoline in Sub-Saharan Africa. The project – which is for two years and USD 200,000 – will allow UNEP to support African Governments and their partners in their efforts to phase out leaded gasoline. It will support the development and implementation of national action plans, which are often a follow-up to the sub-regional workshops that were organised in Sub-Saharan Africa with support from the PCFV Clearing-House and many PCFV Partners. UNEP is already working with several countries, and the additional funding will be matched by a similar amount from UNEP to allow UNEP to provide direct support to an additional seven countries.

For more information: please contact Rob de Jong (rob.jong@unep.org)



Retirement of Jane Armstrong: In January 2004, the policy world of clean fuels and vehicles will lose one of its most resilient, efficient, and high performance resources: Jane Armstrong. As most of you know, Jane has been one of the main proponents behind the Partnership, and has worked tirelessly toward its establishment, development and continued activity. She is involved in many aspects of the Partnership, such as the Global Working Groups, and her contributions are consistently valuable.

Jane is the Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, for the US Environmental Protection Agency. She has been coordinating international activities for the office, representing the Agency on global harmonisation and organising the effort to assist other countries to develop effective motor vehicle control programs.



JANE MODERATING A BREAK-OUT GROUP AT THE SADC SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Jane has received the Meritorious Service Award from the association of State and local air pollution control agencies, and the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals from EPA.

On behalf of all Partners, the Clearing-House would like to thank Jane for all of her hard work in establishing the Partnership and for assiduously promoting the issue of clean fuels and vehicles!



JANE IN HISTORY'S CLEANEST CAR!

Maureen Delaney will be taking over for Jane, and we warmly welcome her to the Partnership and look forward to working with her in the future!!

NEWS FROM PARTNERS

John J. Mooney and Carl D. Keith have been awarded the National Medal of Technology for the invention, application to automobiles, and commercialization of the three-way catalytic converter. Through

their persistent efforts, this technology is the key emission-control component in all new light-duty vehicles in the United States and throughout the world.

The National Medal of Technology is the highest honor for technological achievement bestowed on American innovators by the President of the United States. It celebrates remarkable people whose vision, creativity, and brilliance truly reflect the uniquely American spirit of innovation. That spirit makes it possible for our country to lead the world in scientific discovery and technological development. These American innovators are a wellspring of opportunity, employment, and progress for the entire country. More than that, they also serve as an inspiration to the next generation of innovators, so necessary to America's future.

Established by Congress in 1980, the National Medal of Technology has been presented by the President of the United States since 1985. A distinguished, independent committee evaluates the merits of all candidates nominated through an open, competitive solicitation process. Committee recommendations are forwarded to the secretary of Commerce, who then makes recommendations to the President for a final decision. The U.S. Department of Commerce Technology Administration is responsible for administering the National Medal of Technology.

John Mooney is President of the **Environmental and Energy Technology and Policy Institute**, as well as Chair of the Partnership's Global Working Group on Valve Seat Recession.

CONGRATULATIONS to John and Carl on this achievement!



The Shell Foundation, **the World Resources Institute (WRI)** and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government on November 1, 2003 announced the creation of the Shanghai Sustainable Transport Partnership. The partnership, outlined in a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Shanghai Municipal People's Government Construction and Management Commission, is an agreement to create a set of sustainable transport indicators and to design an innovative mass transit system. The goal of the Shanghai Sustainable Transport Partnership is the creation of a public-private partnership to develop a flexible, integrated transportation system for Shanghai. *EMBARQ* - The WRI Center for Transport and the Environment (www.EMBARQ.org) - will undertake the immediate tasks that include an initial feasibility study for a BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) system and developing a set of transport indicators that will allow the city to manage its growth efficiently and effectively.

For more information about the Shanghai Sustainable Transport Partnership, please visit:

<http://www.embarq.org/news/index.htm>

NEW ON THE PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE!

DATA SECTION:

- All maps have been updated

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES SECTIONS:

- Information for each region has been updated

PUBLICATIONS SECTION:

- Public awareness materials have been added (from South Africa and Mauritius)

EVENTS SECTION:

- Presentations/photos from the SADC Workshop and SSA Refiners Meeting are available

COMING SOON:

- A matrix indicating emissions standards from various countries around the world will be added.

UPDATES ON THE GLOBAL WORKING GROUPS

All three Global Working Groups met between October and December 2003 (the Octane Group met on 16 October, the Sulphur Group met on 1 December, and the VSR Group met on 24 November). The Chairs of each Group will be making presentations on progress at the December Partnership Meeting. A report of the presentations will be published in the next edition of the **Newsletter** (March 2004).

NEW PARTNERS

Since the second issue of the *Partnership Newsletter* was published in October 2003, new Partners have joined the Partnership. At the time this Newsletter went to print, these new Partners included:

- OICA - Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles
- Democratic Republic of Congo – Ministère de l'Environnement, Conservation de la Nature, Eaux et Forêts
- PUC-Rio - Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

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