

**2005**

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY  
GLOBAL ACTIVITY REPORT**



## INTRODUCTION

World Environment Day is considered one of the most important events on the environmental calendar. It is celebrated every year on 5 June in more than 100 countries around the world. The Day is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

In 2005, interest in World Environment Day continued to grow as evidenced by the number of countries who lent their support to this important United Nations Day, and by the hundreds of thousands who accessed the World Environment Day website.

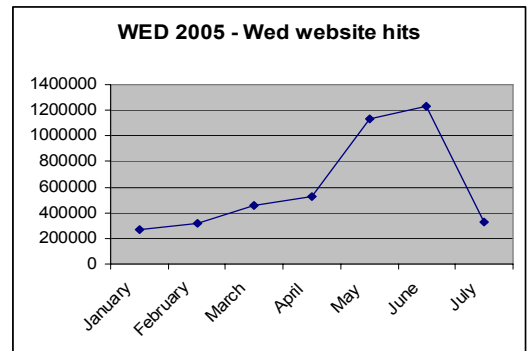
There was a marked increase in the number of communities taking part this year. One of the reasons was the theme: ***Green Cities: Plan for the Planet!*** To date, 103 countries have contacted UNEP about their World Environment Day activities. Media coverage was also impressive as evidenced by the many press clippings obtained.

The main international World Environment Day 2005 celebrations were held in San Francisco, United States, with the support of the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Department of the Environment. Dozens of events over the first five days of June were organized by the City to commemorate the day. Each day focused on a specific theme: Urban Power, Cities on the Move, Redesigning Metropolis, Pure Elements, and Flower Power. Participants included California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, former Vice-President of the United States of America, Al Gore, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, and UNEP Executive Director, Klaus Toepfer. In addition, more than 350 activities were organized by various sectors in the City and Bay area.

During the opening ceremony, which took place at Cit Hall, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger unveiled a plan to combat global warming by setting goals for reducing California's emissions of greenhouse gases.

The World Environment Day information materials were available for the first time in all six official languages of the United Nations – Arabic, Russian, Chinese, English, French and Spanish.

UNEP reaches millions of people annually through its flagship [www.unep.org](http://www.unep.org) website, which continues to register steady growth. The World Environment Day website was for the first time fully available in all six official languages and received an unprecedented record high of 1,231,046 hits during the month of June alone. The total number of hits for the year was 5,500,000 – making the WED web site the second most visited UNEP site after the Global Environmental Outlook site.



In addition, UNEP launched “One Planet Many People – Atlas of Our Changing Environment” to mark World Environment Day.

The global winners of UNEP's Children Painting Competition were announced at a special ceremony on the occasion of World Environment Day. An exhibition of the global winning entries was held at Zeum, the innovative arts and technology museum.

Activities organized involved all sectors of society, including governments, non-governmental organizations, foundations, community, women and youth associations, private sector, media, schools, universities and research centers.

Some of the projects and programmes undertaken to commemorate World Environment Day included clean-up efforts, tree planting, recycling efforts, exhibitions, art and essay competitions, special events, educational activities, seminars, awareness campaigns and exhibitions.

UNEP produced an information booklet and poster, which was distributed widely around the globe. The booklet included: messages from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Executive Director of UNEP, the Governor of California and the Mayor of San Francisco. Also included were facts on cities and urban areas, as well as 60 ways to celebrate the day. In addition, a special issue of UNEP's quarterly magazine, *Our Planet* was produced on the occasion of WED.

**This Report is based on information received by UNEP of 31 December 2005.**

**LIST OF COUNTRIES THAT UNDERTOOK  
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ACTIVITIES IN 2005**

<b>Africa</b>	<b>Asia/Pacific</b>	<b>Europe</b>	<b>Latin America/ Caribbean</b>	<b>North America</b>	<b>West Asia</b>
Algeria Benin Botswana Burkina Faso Burundi Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Ethiopia Gabon Ghana Kenya Malawi Mauritius Morocco Mozambique Namibia Nigeria Rwanda Sierra Leone Somalia South Africa Swaziland Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia Zimbabwe	Australia Bangladesh Bhutan Brunei Darussalam China India Indonesia Islamic Republic of Iran Japan Kiribati Korea (the Republic of) Lao People's Democratic Republic Malaysia Maldives Mongolia Myanmar Nepal New Zealand Pakistan Papua New Guinea Philippines Singapore Sri Lanka Thailand Vietnam	Armenia Austria Azerbaijan Belgium Bulgaria Czech Republic Finland France Georgia Germany Greece Iceland Ireland Italy Moldova Monaco Netherlands Romania Russian Federation Serbia and Montenegro Spain Switzerland Turkey United Kingdom Uzbekistan	Argentina Aruba Brazil Cayman Islands Chile Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominican Republic Ecuador El-Salvador Grenada Guatemala Guyana Jamaica Mexico Netherlands Antilles Nicaragua Peru Saint Lucia Trinidad and Tobago Venezuela	Canada United States of America	Bahrain Iraq Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Palestine Qatar Saudi Arabia Syria United Arab Emirates

**N.B. Some countries may have undertaken World Environment Day activities, but did not indicate this to UNEP, therefore, they have not been listed.**

**MESSAGES FROM AROUND THE WORLD**  
**ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2004**



Message from Mr. Kofi Annan Secretary-General of United Nations



Message from Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of UNEP

Message from the Governor of California, Mr. Arnold  
Schwarzenegger

Special message from the Mayor of San Francisco,  
Mr. Gavin Newsom

**Message from the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan  
on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5 June 2005**

*The urban environmental challenge*



The theme for this year's observance of World Environment Day, "Green Cities: Plan for the Planet!", highlights the challenges raised by one of the major trends of our times: the rapidly increasing proportion of people who are living in urban environments.

In the next quarter-century, almost all population growth will occur in cities, most of it in less developed countries. By 2030, more than 60 per cent of the world's population will live in urban areas. Such rapid urbanization presents profound challenges, from poverty and unemployment to crime and drug addiction. Already, one of every three urban dwellers lives in a slum. And in too many of the world's expanding towns and cities, environmental safeguards are few and planning is haphazard.

Indeed, the environmental consequences of urban growth are considerable. Cities are prolific users of natural resources and generators of waste. They produce most of the greenhouse gases that are causing global climate change. They often degrade local water quality, deplete aquifers, pollute the marine environment, foul the air and consume the land, thereby devastating biological diversity.

The rising concentration of humanity in cities and towns means the world will not achieve the Millennium Development Goals unless environmental planning is incorporated into all aspects of urban management. Creating environmentally friendly cities is an admittedly big challenge, but the technologies and expertise we need already exist. Clean transport, energy-efficient buildings, safe sanitation and economical water use are possible now, not just in the future, often in a manner that is affordable for all.

On this World Environment Day, I urge individuals, businesses, and local and national governments to take up the urban environmental challenge. Let us tap the great knowledge and natural dynamism of urban areas. And let us create "green cities" where people can raise their children and pursue their dreams in a well-planned, clean and healthy environment.

**Message from the Executive Director of UNEP, Mr. Klaus Toepfer  
on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5 June 2005**

*Human dignity and social progress*



Sixty years ago in San Francisco the founding members of the United Nations pledged their determination to save future generations from the scourge of war and promote human dignity and social progress. If, as a global community, we are to fulfil these pledges, we will have to address the issue of the world's rapid urbanization. Too many of today's cities are breeding grounds for pollution, poverty, disease and despair, but they need not be. With careful planning, our cities can be flagships of sustainable development. This is our message for World Environment Day 2005. Green Cities: Plan for the Planet! is both a warning and a declaration of faith in our ability to turn the expansion of urban centres to the benefit of all.

Wherever we look, cities are crying out for answers. In the developing world, where urban population growth is most pronounced, more than a billion people are condemned to lives of poverty and ill-health because they are denied the clean water, basic sanitation and adequate shelter that people in the developed world often take for granted. Easing the burden of the world's poorest people will reap a double dividend, giving them a foothold on the ladder to a better life and helping to protect the environment on which we all depend.

Providing improved sanitation to the slums of the world will protect freshwater resources—and the sea into which all rivers flow. It will also help to save the lives of many of the 6,000 children who die every day from preventable diseases associated with lack of safe water and poor hygiene. Replacing wood fires with more sustainable energy sources will not only preserve forests but reduce air pollution. Respiratory disease is another of the world's great killers, and the developing world's growing megacities have the worst air quality. Air pollution can also be tackled by cleaning up vehicle exhausts and preventing the release of toxic fumes from burning plastic and other refuse by promoting appropriate waste collection and disposal.

UNEP is working in all these areas. Our energy and sustainable transport programmes are addressing the environmental consequences of energy production and use, from local air pollution to global warming. We are working to promote environmentally sound technological solutions to freshwater use and waste disposal, and our Sustainable Cities programme—in partnership with UN-Habitat, our sister agency—is helping cities to plan

and manage their environment and share the lessons with local and national governments worldwide.

The challenges presented by growing urbanization are daunting, but they are not insurmountable. For example, towns and cities—predominantly those in the developed world—are currently responsible for most of the greenhouse gas emissions that are causing climate change, mostly from cars, trucks and power stations. These emissions can be drastically cut by a combination of clean energy technologies coupled with enlightened city planning.

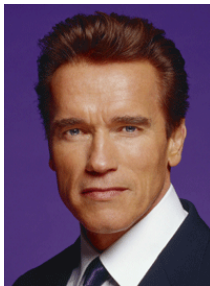
Imagine a city where buildings use solar power to help generate their own energy, and waste less because they use power-saving lighting and are well-insulated, where public transport is affordable and efficient, where vehicles pollute less because they are powered by electricity or hydrogen. That city has become part of the solution, not the problem. It is the city of the future. With the support of communities, businesses and, above all, governments, it can also be the city of today.

The world is not short of inspiring answers to the questions raised by the urban millennium. Across the globe, and not just in the developed world, there are examples of communities, businesses and governments working to redesign the metropolis. Traffic-clogged city centres are being reclaimed for pedestrians, green spaces preserved and expanded, recycling schemes promoted, environmentally friendly buildings designed. These examples are like seeds. The challenge is to nurture these seeds, propagate them, and spread them to the furthest reaches of the globe.

Towns and cities are humanity's home—and its future. Making that a future of peace, dignity and prosperity is the responsibility of all. It is appropriate, then, that World Environment Day 2005 is being celebrated in the birthplace of the organization founded to represent the interests of everyone, from the most powerful to the most humble. We, the peoples of the United Nations, need to look forward with hope. That hope lies in Green Cities.

**Message from the Governor of California Mr. Arnold Schwarzenegger  
on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5 June 2005**

***Build a healthy respect for our planet***



United Nations World Environment Day is one of the most important events on the international environmental calendar. California and San Francisco are honored to be the first hosts in the United States for World Environment Day.

The environment is an essential part of the California experience. The state's stunning beauty lies in its diverse natural wonders and resources. I am passionately committed to defending California's environment, and providing real leadership to protect our precious land, air and water.

Here in California, we have rejected the notion that we must choose between protecting the environment, and protecting jobs and economic growth. We know that if our beaches are soiled by oil spills, tourists will not experience the wonders of our magnificent coastline. If we log our forests irresponsibly, streambeds will be destroyed and our fishing industry will suffer. But, California is not alone in facing this challenge. If we are going to leave a better planet for generations to come, we must work within a global effort to ensure the economy and the environment never become competing interests.

United Nations World Environment Day will help us focus on these critical issues, but there is an added significance to the event coming to San Francisco. Sixty years ago, the United Nations was born in the City by the Bay. Representatives from fifty-one countries committed to preserving peace through international cooperation and collective security founded the United Nations at the 1945 charter convention in San Francisco.

Today, nearly every nation in the world belongs to the United Nations. Together, members work to maintain international peace, develop friendly relations, cooperate in solving international problems, and promote respect for human rights.

As the nations of the world meet this week in San Francisco, we can add another great principle to the list: working together to build a sustainable future and a healthy respect for our planet.

**Message from the Mayor of San Francisco Mr. Gavin Newsom  
on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5 June 2005**

*Sustain our planet and our people*



San Francisco is honored to host United Nations World Environment Day 2005. We are delighted to work with the United Nations Environment Programme to make sure that World Environment Day in San Francisco leaves a legacy that will advance environmental wellbeing here at home and around the world.

The theme for World Environment Day 2005 is 'Green Cities'. This is particularly fitting since the 21st century is the first time that most of the world's population will live in cities. As urban populations grow, it becomes more and more vital to balance the needs of the environment, the economy, and social equity if we are going to develop a way of living that can sustain our planet and our people into future generations.

The population shift from rural areas to the cities will have a dramatic impact on the planet's resources. It will also result in significant political changes where city governments will become directly responsible for solving critical environmental issues.

Every city in the world depends on rural territories many times its size to provide food and water for its citizens, to say nothing of the resources required to produce consumer goods. But to date little attention has been paid to developing the tools cities will need to solve these environmental challenges.

World Environment Day 2005 will feature a series of special events focusing on urban environmental issues such as recycling, renewable energy, resource conservation, environmental justice and public health. Mayors from the world's largest cities will share ideas and experiences, establish goals for urban environmental improvement, and identify the means to attain these goals. This will all be compiled into a document called the San Francisco Urban Environmental Accords, a first-ever set of environmental agreements made between municipal governments.

These accords will help all of us to act locally, while thinking globally.

# Global

## AUSTRALIA



This year Clean Up the World (CUW) invited Members to consider the impact of the planet's growing urban populations. In 2005 CUW promoted "Green Cities, Green Communities" in support of UNEP's World Environment Day theme "**Green Cities - Plan for the Planet!**"

Across the globe, Clean Up the World (CUW) volunteers held environmental exhibitions, educational programmes and clean up activities to celebrate World Environment Day (WED) on Sunday 5 June.

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## Sydney



On the occasion of World Environment Day, the advertising firm Saatchi and Saatchi created pro bono a radio public service announcement for the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Sydney. The focus of the PSA is city air pollution, which is very much in keeping with 2005 WED theme.

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## AFRICA

In Africa as part of the concerted efforts to raise environmental awareness and mobilize the larger community in preserving the environment for a better future, UNEP's Regional Office for Africa (UNEP-ROA) decided to work closely with some selected countries in Africa by contributing to the organization of World Environment Day at national level. The aim was to help bridge the gap between UNEP and these countries, especially as UNEP-ROA has directed its activities to put more emphasis on the Bali Strategic Plan and environmental awareness through our two major outreach events, World Environment Day and the Clean up the World Campaign. The countries included Mali, Tunisia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Kenya.

### ALGERIA

#### **Biskra**

In Algeria, the Friends of the Environment produced a radio programme for kids on the World Environment Day theme, *Green Cities - A Plan for the Planet*. The programme explained the purpose and objectives of WED, while also underlining the problems arising from rapid urbanisation and the role each of us can play in resolving them. A quiz was also organised on the same theme and prizes awarded to five lucky winners. Friends of the Environment plans to continue to work towards sustainable urbanisation in the new school year, by creating awareness among the highest number of children and getting as many as possible actively involved.

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A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'Environnement, l' Association Chlorophylle organise une exposition sous le thème Pour des villes vertes, qui se tiendra du 05 au 08 Juin 2005 à l'université de Blida. En outre, une journée d'études sur les villes vertes aura lieu le 6 Juin.

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## **Oran**

Pour célébrer la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, la Direction de l'Environnement de la Wilaya d'Oran a mis sur place un programme riche et varié en collaboration avec une quarantaine d'associations actives dans le domaine de l'environnement. Le programme, portant sur le thème «Des Villes Vertes, Un Plan Pour La Planète », s'étale du 1 au 5 juin. Les initiatives culturelles et sportives ont pour objectifs essentiels d'informer et de sensibiliser les différents acteurs de la société civile sur la protection de l'environnement. Ces activités comprennent: des conférences sur la protection de l'environnement, animées par des Professeurs des différentes universités nationales, une campagne de plantation d'arbres dans des espaces verts et jardins d'écoles, des tournois sportifs, des concours de dessins d'enfants, le lancement d'un reportage sur les différentes activités des associations et de la Direction de l'Environnement, une campagne de nettoyage dans les cités et les plages de la corniche oranaise et une exposition sur l'environnement. Ces manifestations auront lieu sur différents sites, y inclus : la Direction de l'Environnement, l'Université d'Oran (Es-Sénia), le Palais de la Culture d'Oran, des sièges d'associations et des écoles.

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## **BENIN**

### **Cotonou**

To celebrate World Environment Day (WED), the Agency of Young Reporters of Environment, Habitat and Health in Benin (AYOREHB) organized a conference for young students at the College of Agblangadan. Guest speakers discussed issues related to the WED theme. The participants included Ministry of Environment officials, guests from the Benin Environment Agency (ABE), and young experts and urban engineers.

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## **BOTSWANA**

### **Gaborone**

The National Conservation Strategy Agency in Gaborone organized the national World Environment Day celebrations in Botswana. The event took place at Letlhakeng Village, and included: a speech by a guest of honor, exhibitions by environmental organizations and performances by various artists. In addition, the Agency organized essay and art contests in schools throughout the country, as well as an Environmental Fair in the capital city. The commemoration is hosted by a different sub-district every year and helps to raise awareness among the people.

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### **Gaborone**

In Botswana, a Grey Water Recycling system under the CARE campaign initiative – (Conservation of Water Resources, Addition to the supply of water, and Re-use or recycling of wastewater) was launched to mark WED 2005. A Grey water recycling system is a wastewater system that diverts, collects and treats Grey water for reuse. The water situation in Botswana is at a critical stage and the Grey Water System is the most practical method to compliment the government's initiative for water conservation. Research has shown that this System can reduce domestic water consumption by up to 60 per cent. The Grey Water System conforms to the 2005 World Environment Day global theme of ***Green Cities:- Plan for the Planet!*** The installation of the System is meant to give Botswana an opportunity to save water on a large scale.

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## **BURKINA FASO**

### **Banfora**

La Direction Régionale de l'Environnement des Cascades au Burkina Faso organise une série d'initiatives pour commémorer la Journée mondiale de l'environnement. Figurent parmi les activités: des émissions radiophoniques, une conférence sur l'eco-citoyenneté, des concours, ainsi que le reverdissement d'artères de la ville de Banfora.

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## **BURUNDI**

### **Bujumbura**

In Burundi, the Ministry of Environment organized week-long festivities to celebrate World Environment Day throughout the country. From June 4-11, the people of Burundi were further sensitized to the need to protect their country's natural resources, while decision-makers were urged to take the environment into account when planning for the country's development and post-war reconstruction.

The activities held during Environment Week in Burundi covered a variety of topics including competition between youth environmental clubs, workshops, clean-up campaigns and the naming of the environmental journalist of the year. Also addressed deforestation, wildfires and land degradation.

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## **CAMEROON**

### **Bafoussam**

Depuis 1998, FIDEPE (la Fondation internationale pour le Développement, l'Education, l'Entreprenariat et la Protection de l'Environnement) organise une série d'activités pour commémorer la Journée mondiale de l'environnement. En 2005, le mois de l'environnement s'articulera autour de plusieurs activités, y compris: une campagne de sensibilisation sur "la place de l'arbre dans la ville" de la commune urbaine de Bafoussam communerurale de Bafoussam, et les communes de Penka Michel, de Lafe Baleng, de Kongso Bamougoum et de Peté Badjoun; une vente aux enchères du miel écologique FIDEPE des montagnes de l'ouest du Cameroun pour soutenir la création d'une pépinière en vue d'une action de reboisement urbain; une campagne de reboisement à Bafoussam, Baleng, Bamougoum, Penka Michel et Badjoun; un atelier d'écriture autour du thème de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement 2005 "Des villes vertes - Un plan pour la planète!" ; une table ronde sur thème "quel avenir pour nos villes sans arbre - agissons sans attendre le signal", et ; un concours de dessin pour enfants avec le thème: "Presentez la ville que vous voulez dans son paysage". Le concours sera primé par le comité du FIDEPE-LESOCA, du prix LESOCA (légende de la société civile africaine).

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*Le Global Centre for Compliance, Hazards and Disaster Management* (Le Centre mondial du respect des engagements et de la gestion des dangers et des catastrophes) entreprend des activités de recyclage et de réutilisation de déchets urbains.

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The Municipal and Community Development Forum (MUCODEF) in Cameroon rallied schools and colleges to create Environmental Student Clubs. Participants took part in a colorful march on the main street of the City, holding posters that carried various environmental slogans. The goal was to challenge the local community to take environmental safety, protection and restoration measures.

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Dans le cadre de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement Ecoafric propose une grande campagne de nettoyage, de désinfection et de plantation de jeunes arbres, ainsi une conférence -débat sur le thème : Environnement et Santé - font ils un bon ménage au 21ème Siècle.

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Cameroon joined the international community to commemorate World Environment Day under the theme ***Green Cities: Plan for the Planet!*** Activities marking the day in Yaoundé were characterized by clean up campaigns, a roundtable conference and tree planting around the ministerial building of the Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection. Presiding over activities jointly organized by the Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection and the World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF), the Secretary General of the Ministry stressed the importance of the theme as well as trees in urban space and the necessity to adopt a balanced approach for the development of the town taking into account environmental preoccupations. He called on everybody to join the ministry and other organizations in protecting the environment.

The Director of conservation at WWF revealed that WWF has taken an engagement with the Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection to be their biggest partner in environmental protection. WWF donated 220 children's books to the Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection. The books will contribute to environmental

education and natural resources. An environmental club known as the "The little angels of the environment" spiced the day with poems, slogans, songs and recitations on environmental education and sensitization. A quiz was also organized for students, youth and children on environmental issues and prizes were awarded to the participants. Some of the roundtable discussions focused on the role of trees in the town, the actions of youths in promoting green town and green and clean towns and schools.

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## **COTE D'IVOIRE**

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## **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**



On the occasion of WED, WWF Virunga Environmental Programme (also known as “PEVi- Kacheche”) launched studies on two of the major environmental issues of the region. The studies, titled “Community Participation in Urban Forestry in Goma: a Participatory Approach” and “Waste Management in the City”, were presented on 5 June to Goma authorities and other interested groups, to be used as important tools for future

planning.

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La République Démocratique du Congo a célébré la Journée mondiale de l'environnement avec des exposés qui ont porté sur les écosystèmes du Sud-Kivu. La commémoration a été ouverte par le Gouverneur de la Province du Sud-Kivu, Kaningi Kyoto, et a bénéficié de la participation d' éminentes personnalités telles que: le Professeur Kaningini, biologiste de l'Institut Supérieur Pédagogique (ISP/BIUKAVU),

maître en gestion de l'environnement et enseignant à l'Institut Supérieur de développement rural ( ISDR/BUKAVU ); le professeur Nyakabwa, recteur du centre Universitaire de Bukavu (CUB); le maître en droit de l'environnement et assistant à l'université Catholique de Bukavu (UCB) et chercheur à l'association VISION VERTE; Kitambala Clément, l'administrateur de WWF et chercheur indépendant en éducation relative à l'environnement; et le géologue Mweze de Vision Verte et la Coordination Provinciale de l'environnement du Sud-Kivu . Deux journées entières, le 6 et le 10 juin 2005, ont été consacrées à la réflexion et à la présentation d'exposés. Le 5 juin a été marqué par une conférence-débat avec les jeunes, grâce au kit octroyé par le bureau du PNUE de Nairobi pour la journée. Cette conférence a été organisée par l'association GREEN représentée par Kitambala Clément, le coordinateur. Cette activité s'est passée à Uvira, au Sud de la ville de Bukavu.

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### **Kinshasa**

Pour célébrer la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, le Centre d'Etudes, de Recherches et de Vulgarisation en Droit de l'Environnement organise une campagne de nettoyage et de recyclage.

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### **Uvira**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, la Ligue des héritiers de l'environnement organise une marche, une conférence-débat et un concours de dessin et de poèmes, au profit des jeunes, sur la nature et la gestion urbaine. Ces événements auront lieu à Uvira, près de la frontière avec Burundi.

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## **ETHIOPIA**

### **Addis Ababa**



World Environment Day 2005 has been celebrated every year in Ethiopia for the past 11 years. The WED theme was adjusted from *Green Cities: Plan for the Planet!* to a national version Green and Clean Cities and Towns. The WED celebrations began on 3 June with a press conference organized by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

The conference started with educational environmental songs by students from the Yemaneberhan Elementary School followed by a winning poem by Theodros Eshete. The pupils were provided with a special uniform and eco-bags sponsored by the UNEP Addis Ababa Office. Mr. Solomon Jigra, from the Addis Ababa EPA, delivered the opening speech and the messages of the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan and the Executive Director of UNEP, Mr. Klaus Topfer, were distributed in Amharic.

On the afternoon of 3 June, the Clean and Green Addis Ababa Society (CGAAS), organized a workshop which began with a brief explanation by a representative from the EPA on the existing problems, regulations and strategies related to river cleaning and greening riversides. He demonstrated ways of protecting the river and its surroundings - some of which are service controlled. This can be achieved by improving areas for vegetation and parks, pollution prevention by improving swamps and controlling the waste thrown into the river, treatment control by organizing a cleaning group and creating awareness by teaching the community at large how to protect and keep the rivers and their surroundings clean and green.

Finally model sites where cleaning had been undertaken, green sites, waste used for biogas and natural fertilizers, and places with fences to protect areas from pollution were shown. The high point of the workshop was the presentation of prizes to the winning entries in a competition for designing a rehabilitation plan for the Kebena River, which should become truly “blue” when the project is finalized.

The winning entry was by the ABBA Architects and AG Consultation, who made short presentation and showed pictures of the Kebena River after the completion of a clean up project. They divided the river into five sections from the Entoto Mountains to the Akaki River, the site of a proposed Sport Park. This entry and two others were presented certificates and monetary prizes from GTZ totaling US\$10,000. Other entries received certificates for meritorious participation. Mr. Gerhard Mai of GTZ and Dr. Eyob Kamil, acting President of CGAAS, presented the awards.

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### **Addis Ababa**

To celebrate WED, Midroc Gold Mines organized an environmental awareness training addressed to the employees, to the local community and to schoolchildren. A total of 300 participants took part in the colourful event on 5 June. A tree planting exercise was carried out at three different sites by different community groups, by the company management and the employees. A total of 600 trees were planted. On 6 June, a photo exhibition of 2004 World Environment Day celebrations took place.

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## **GABON**

### **Libreville**

Pour célébrer la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, l'ONG Croissance Saine Environnement organise une conférence sur l'état de l'environnement au Gabon, avec une attention particulière au secteur pétrolier, aux mines et aux stations de service. Figurent également parmi les initiatives prévues: des activités de sensibilisation sur le Protocole de Kyoto et sur les changements climatiques, ainsi que des rencontres avec des élèves et des organes des presse. Enfin, le bulletin Croissance Saine sera lancé à l'occasion.

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L'ONG **GABON NATURE**, en collaboration avec Naissance sur Lolo, Arema, ainsi que les clubs "environnement" des établissements scolaires de Koula-Moutou, organise une "Semaine environnementale" pour célébrer la Journée mondiale de la Biodiversité (29 mai) aussi bien que la Journée Mondiale de l'Environnement.

Le programme prévu pour la semaine est le suivant:

*Lundi 30 mai 2005 :*

- En collaboration avec les mairies de Koula-Moutou et Pana, lancement de l'opération quartiers propres.

- En collaboration le Conseil départemental de Pana, lancement de l'opération « Villages encore plus beau » (Lemengue-Iwatchi)
- Lancement de la campagne « Assainissement des Etablissement scolaires » par les Clubs Natures sous la supervision des Chefs d'Etablissements

*Mardi 31 mai 2005*

- Quartiers et villages propres (Pana et Koula-moutou);
- Assainissement des Etablissements scolaires.

*Mercredi 1 juin 2005*

- Reboisement symbolique par Mr le Maire de Koula-moutou
- Reboisement symbolique par Mr le Maire de Pana

*Série des conférences-débats à Pana et Koula-Moutou:*

- Nature et fonction d'une Aire Protégée
- Conséquences de la prédation incontrôlée de la faune sur l'écosystème.

*Jeudi 2 juin 2005*

- Implantation des panneaux de messages environnementaux à Pana et Koula-Moutou

*Suite des conférences-débats à Pana et Koula-Moutou:*

- Richesse culturelle des populations autochtones
- Agriculture et bien être des populations locales

*Vendredi 3 juin 2005:*

- Action de la météorologie dans les changements climatiques: animée par l'ASECNA
- Gestion des ordures ménagères dans la ville animée par la Mairie ou le service d'hygiène publique  
18h30-20h30: Projection d'un film environnementale.

*Samedi 4 juin 2005:*

07h30-12h30: Foire d'exposition et kermesse

16h00-18h00: Petit tournoi de basket

18h30-22h30: Soirée culturelle

Remise des prix:

- 1er prix d'art
- 2e prix d'art
- 1<sup>er</sup> prix village propre
- 2<sup>e</sup> prix village propre
- Prix Etablissement Scolaire le mieux décoré;
- Prix Etablissement Scolaire le plus propre
- 1er prix quartier propre
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Cocktail

*Dimanche 5 juin:*

17h30: Table ronde à Kanal 7 (Télévision locale)

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## **GHANA**

### **Accra**

Ghana joined the international community in commemorating World Environment Day on Sunday 5 June, 2005. Parliament commemorated the Day with Members acknowledging the need to protect the environment from all forms of hazards.

Environment and Science Minister, Ms. Christine Churcher, told the house that the importance of sustainable cities and communities in national development cannot be over emphasized. This, she said, calls for the provision of the required financial support to back our political will and commitments to enable the Ministry, its agencies and departments to tackle the problems head on. "Any inaction will only succeed in "BROWNING" our living environment, to the detriment of our survival on earth." Other activities included a regional quiz among selected senior secondary schools, radio / TV talk shows, media activities and avenue tree planting.

The celebrations reached their climax with a national durbar at the Mawuli Old Park at Ho in the Volta Region, on Monday 6 June. Apart from the national "durbar", the event was celebrated in all the other regions of the country. The objectives of this campaign were to promote a culture of tree planting among children, schools and communities, and to send a signal to government and the public that positive action is necessary to save the environment. The support of industry in the sponsorship of schools and communities for this initiative went a long way in enhancing the nation's reforestation programme.

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### **Takoradi**

To commemorate WED, Friends of the Nation organized, on Saturday 28 May 2005, a guided tour of Monkey Hill Nature Reserve. On 2 June at Parish Hall, 70 pupils from seven schools participated in a quiz exercise. On 14 June, a clean-up exercise was carried

out around Monkey Hill Nature Reserve, followed by a street procession in Durbar Community.

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## **KENYA**

### **Bungoma**

To celebrate World Environment Day 2005, the organization Africa Patnet Africa, in collaboration with various partners, carried out a number of activities including: clean-up campaigns, production and dissemination of information materials and tree planting exercises.

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On WED, PATNET Africa launched environment education activities in schools throughout the Bungoma District in Kenya.

### **Kisumu**

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of Kenya chose Kisumu as the national venue for this year's World Environment Day. Several activities were organized, including: clean-up exercises with the involvement of CBOs; a tree planting exercise; a clean-up of jua kali waste; sports activities; a procession; and a Baraza (elders' meeting) in Kisumu town. Permanent litter bins were placed in strategic areas.

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### **Nairobi**

This year's World Environment Day activities were marked by a variety of lively, vibrant and artistic events on the UN compound, at schools, in local communities, at and near roundabouts, cultural institutions, universities and in the Karura and Aberdare Forest, to name a few.

The Art for Environment approach to WED came to another peak this year: painted Metro Shuttle buses were driving around the city with colorful messages on the year's WED theme, artistically interpreted by Kenyan painters and produced during a busy weekend at the Go Down Arts Centre. Kuona Trust Artists painted five Metro Shuttles thanks to the support of the Kenya Bus Company and Crown Berger Paints who, for the second year in a row, offered buses and donated enough paint for the creative visualization of this year's WED message: Green cities!

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### **Nairobi**

Kikwetu Association, a young artists and journalists' organization based in Nairobi, made a considerable green change in the city by pulling all their creativity and energy together to make WED a special day of planting trees and raising awareness about the environment through art. Kikwetu organized a lively and colorful event starting the day with a clean-up along the road and a tree planting happening between Muthaiga and Pangani Roundabouts in Nairobi.

Assisted by youth groups and local residents more than 100 artists planted 100 Nandi Flame tree seedlings along the road! To ensure the survival of the tree seedlings and their regular watering in the coming months, Pangani youth groups agreed to collaborate with the Kikwetu Association and help with the watering.

Artists, invited guests and the public were entertained at the National Theatre with an afternoon of performances, poetry and music around the realities of the environment, green and grey cities as well as plastic waste.

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## **LOCAL ARTISTS GO GREEN – 100 ARTISTS FOR 100 TREES**

This year's World Environment Day slogan "Green Cities- plan(t) for the planet" was backed enthusiastically by many local groups within Kenya. One of them, the Kikwetu Association, a young artists and journalists' organisation based in Nairobi made a considerable green change in the city by pulling all their creativity and energy together to make WED a special day of planting trees and raising awareness about the environment through the use of art. In partnership with UNEP, the City Council, the Kenya Bus Company, the Ngong Forest Station, the National Theatre and NGOs, university students and youth groups, Kikwetu Association organized a lively and colourful event starting the day with the clean up along the road and a tree planting happening between Muthaiga and Panagani Roundabouts.

Assisted by Pangani youth groups and local residents more than 100 artists planted 100 Nandi Flame tree seedlings along the road! The event attracted the attention of many people, including a helpful police officer and the busdrivers who could not let this opportunity pass to play their parts... To ensure the survival of the tree seedlings and their regular watering in the coming months, Pangani youth groups agreed to collaborate with Kikwetu Association and help with the watering. Surely a heavy job to water 100 trees every day at least once a day, better twice during the first month! The Pangani Youth Groups also agreed to assist Kikwetu in future planting activities in exchange of arts and dance classes taught by Kikwetu Association members.

With the generous support of Kenya Bus Company and Crown Berger Paints, who again agreed to have 5 Metro Shuttles painted by artists of the GoDown Artscentre, Kuona Trust, Ngecha and Banana, all participating tree planters were then driven in colourfully decorated Metro Shuttles to the National Theatre. Artists, invited guests and the public were entertained with an afternoon of performances, poetry and music around the realities of the environment, green and grey cities as well as plastic waste. Hiyo plastic! Truly an inspiring event where culture and nature were interlinked and many stimulating partnerships were born! How many more artists and local residents will adopt a tree during this year and the next World Environment Day? Kikwetu is ready to take up the challenge in the future together with UNEP and many other partners and engage local communities in planting trees, environmental education and awareness raising through visual and performing arts in order to make a visible change towards a greener and healthier city.

In Kenya, the city of Kisumu hosted the national event. UNEP-Regional Office for Africa, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources organized a week long activities involving youth groups, school children, environmental groups, and the general public throughout the country. Activities to mark World Environment Day 2005 included:

- An Essay, Art and Photographic competition among schools nation wide, in relation with the theme for this year. The competition aimed at raising environmental awareness among the children and youth and creating a better

understanding of the impacts of human activities their environments. It built on partnerships with schools and community organizations to spread environmental awareness and good practices in caring for our planet. Participants wrote essays, and painted environmental violations within their communities while photos depicting similar situations were entered in the contest. Best entries were exhibited at a special prize giving ceremony on 2 June 2005 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Nairobi. Winners of UNEP 2005 International Children Painting Competition in Africa were also recognized at that special ceremony

- "Greening Nairobi: A Community Responds": this exhibition took place at the Intercontinental Hotel on 2 June 2005, with a focus on community response to urban environmental issues through activities such as recycling and promotion of renewable energy.
- Tree planting at the Aberdares Range Forest, as part of the Sustainable Consumption Project. The initiative, backed by bodies including the Kenya Government's Forest Department, the Kijabe Environment Volunteers and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is part of the Responsible Consumer Initiative through which UNEP plants sufficient indigenous trees to offset its use of reams of paper at its headquarters here in Nairobi. For the past four years, over 7,000 trees have been planted in rehabilitation of degraded catchment areas in the southern part of the Aberdares Range Forest.
- UNEP staff members continued their effort to thank their host city and 'give back' through a variety of activities. The Kikwetu Association, a Nairobi based non-profit making artists entity aimed at developing cultural exchange programmes within Kenya, with the support of UNEP organized a tree planting event between Pangani and Muthaiga Roundabout on Thika Road in Nairobi involving artists and the local community. In addition, local events had a particular focus on reducing plastic waste.

In keeping with this theme, UNEP staff members worked with local communities in Mathare to clean up plastic waste and put it to good use: it is meant to become part of a work of art. Inspired by the popular UNEP children's book Theo and the Giant Plastic Ball, community groups from Mathare, together with local artist Omega Ludenyi, constructed a large metal globe, filled with plastic waste. The Monument was erected at the Muthaiga-Mathare roundabout.

- In a separate initiative, Nairobi's school children had an opportunity to participate in WED activities and learn more about the environment through the unique "Theo Goes Out" project. UNEP staff members and volunteers read Theo and the Giant Plastic Ball at a number of schools in many different areas throughout the city.

In Kisumu, activities included a publicity caravan from Nairobi via Naivasha, Nakuru, Kericho and Kisumu on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2005, Tree planting, Clean up within Kisumu City,

Environmental exhibitions by various institutions, Radio programmes especially in vernacular and the launch of 2004 State of the Environment Report (Draft) on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

Environment and Natural Resources minister Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka hit the nail on the head, when he said that most of the environmental problems Kenya faces today are man-made and, therefore, human solutions must be found. Kenya's Environment Minister Kalonzo Musyoka directed urban administrations within Lake Victoria region to control untreated effluents being discharged into the water basin to protect human health and marine life.

In Nairobi, Kenyan Nobel Peace laureate, environmentalist Wangari Maathai, appealed to G-8 countries to support initiatives that would sustain the world's environment-friendly programmes. Maathai, Kenya's Environment assistant Minister and 2004 Nobel Prize winner singled out the Amazon and the Congo Basin as some of the forest ecosystems that required special attention due to their valuable biodiversity and role in stabilizing the world climate.

She challenged researchers to seek environment-friendly alternatives, stressing the need for recycling of the limited resources. She expressed concern over the continued logging and deforestation across the world, and appealed for vigilance in the protection and conservation of forests. She said, this would go along way in safeguarding the earth's resources, including clean water and fresh air which "are irreplaceable." Local Government Minister Musikari Kombo also planted a tree at Nairobi's Arboretum to commemorate this year's World Environment Day.

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### **Nairobi**

For the third year running Juhudi Children's Club undertook the Boogie Ride, an annual children's train trip to Naivasha. This annual trip was scheduled over three years to coincide with the celebrations for the World Environment Day. Last year Juhudi Children's Club planted trees at the Naivasha Railway Station with more than 900 students participating. The event received extensive coverage from Standard Newspapers, Kenya Television Network, Metro-TV and Kenya Broadcasting Corporation.

This year they supported the theme "Green Cities" through their planned activities, and

used the avenue to encourage children and youth in Nairobi to take up the mantle of conserving their urban habitation by greening it, so as to absorb the excess Carbon Dioxide emitted by industries and motor vehicles. They made stops and planted trees in the major urban centers along the route, i.e. Nairobi, Kikuyu, Limuru and Naivasha and provided every participating school with seedlings to plant in their school compounds. In addition, a fashion show was modeled around this theme.

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### **Nairobi**

World Environment Day was celebrated in a significant way in the refugee camp of Kakuma in northern Kenya - a city of 87,000 refugees. The event focused on the cleaning of the camp with emphasis on the reduction of plastic bags. The best and cleanest block, received an award. In the schools, pupils from 13 years of age and onwards wrote essays on how best the environment in and around the refugee camp could be kept clean. In addition tree planting activities were intensified.

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### **Nairobi**

The Nairobi Chapter of Eco Ethics International Union took advocacy to a growing rural agricultural town in Western Kenya. They held various seminars and a conference with the Kisii Chamber of Commerce, the Local Authority, Government Officers and local leaders on the need for a planned and healthy urban environment. They also held a special youth training workshop. These activities were carried out in partnership with various arms of the government, including the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), planners and local stakeholders. They did a clean up and a restoration of the town landscape. They erected special billboards to educate the community and to address the need for proper waste management and recycling in the community.

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### **Nairobi**

The organization Green Alive organized two events to commemorate WED. For the past two years, they worked at Jeevanjee Gardens, in partnership with the Friends of Jeevanjee Gardens (FoJ), where they labeled the trees at the Garden to benefit visitors. During this year's WED, they labeled more trees. In addition litter bins were put up in the Gardens as a way of ensuring it remains clean.

During WED, they proposed to add another open space in Nairobi by requesting the City Council of Nairobi to allow them to plant at least 2,000 indigenous tree seedlings at the Globe Cinema Roundabout, which to date stands as a landmark for being the biggest roundabout in East and Central Africa.

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### **Nairobi**

On the occasion of WED, Magoso school children and staff undertook a clean-up of Kibera-Mashimoni and thereafter planted trees in the school compound and the chief's camp. In the afternoon a workshop on the proper disposal of waste at the school for Kibera women, youth and traders was held

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## **Nairobi**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Sunrise Junior School organized a series of activities, including: a clean-up of the school, a beautification of the site with flowers and plants, a tree planting exercise and the creation of a huge ball with plastic bags. In addition, UNEP representatives visited the school on 6 June.

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## **MALAWI**

### **Mulanje**

Mulanje Mountain Conservation Trust commemorated WED with an athletic race competition among school children, on Saturday 4 June at Mulanje Community Ground. Thereafter, speeches, poems and songs based on the “Green Cities” theme were performed.

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## **MAURITIUS**

### **Terre Rouge**

To celebrate WED, the Falcon Citizen League organized a clean-up campaign at Bois Pignolet Village. Activities included: a clean-up of public premises; the launch of environmental competition; a demonstration on compost making; an exhibition and explanation by the Agricultural Research and Extension Unit (AREU) on the use of fertilizers and Distribution of bins, plastic bags and decorative plants to 350 families.

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## **MOROCCO**

### **Essaouira**

Pour célébrer la JME, Akal Association organize des journées environnementales, en programmant une diversité d'activités culturelles et éducatives du 1er au 5 juin.

\*Des campagnes de sensibilisations, aux espaces verts et au respect de la biodiversité de la nature :

- Atelier <Le petit Ecologue>, sous le thème " Biodiversité au quotidien", qui a pour but de faire comprendre aux enfants qu'est ce que la biodiversité de la nature, et les inciter à l'appliquer au quotidien en découvrant, et apprenant à connaître et à protéger le vivant.
- Lancement de l'action "Parrainer un arbre" ; une campagne de plantation d'arbres dans des espaces verts et jardins d'écoles. Par cette action nous pouvons donner aux enfants la possibilité de parrainer chacun un arbre, le protéger et veiller à ce qu'il pousse et s'épanouisse.

\*Action "Art et Nature" ou "Akal Art", Faire connaître les problèmes de l'environnement par l'intermédiaire des pratiques artistiques en organisant les ateliers suivants :

- Ateliers de Calligraphie : Exprimer l'amour de la nature et le respect de l'environnement par l'art de la calligraphie Arabe.
- Atelier l'Art Récup : Une symbolisation de l'action ville propre, par la création d'une œuvre collective avec des matériaux de récupération.

- Une cérémonie officielle aura lieu le 5 Juin, avec la présence des Autorité locales de la province d'Essaouira.
- Conférence sur "la fixation des dunes à Essaouira"
- Conférence sur "la biodiversité: qu'elle pratique pour qu'elle problématique"
- Inauguration de l'exposition, des oeuvres réalisées dans las ateliers de la JME.
- Distribution de récompenses aux enfants participants aux différents ateliers et compagnes environnementales.

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### **Essaouira**

Le Maroc, à l'instar de la communauté internationale, célèbre le 5 juin de chaque année la Journée Mondiale de l'Environnement. Le thème retenu cette année porte sur les villes et l'environnement : "Des villes vertes, un plan pour la planète !". Ce thème rappelle aux intervenants dans le domaine de la planification et de la gestion urbaine l'importance d'une urbanisation respectueuse de l'environnement et offrant aux habitants un cadre de vie sain.

A cette occasion, le Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Eau et de l'Environnement a programmé des activités de sensibilisation, des rencontres scientifiques et des manifestations culturelles mettant en exergue le thème de la Journée et reflétant la diversité des domaines du développement durable. Du 27 mai au 12 juin 2005, la "Quinzaine du développement durable" se déroulera au niveau de grandes, moyennes et petites agglomérations à travers les régions du Royaume.

Vu le rôle important que jouent les organes de presse dans la sensibilisation à la problématique environnementale et dans la concrétisation des objectifs du développement durable, la médiatisation de cette Journée et des activités la célébrant est nécessaire pour la réussite de ce programme. Figurent parmi les très nombreuses activités prévues, des concours pour écoliers et citoyens ; des campagnes de nettoyage ; des expositions de photo et de produits scientifiques et communicationnels ; des tables rondes, des rencontres et des présentations sur différents sujets environnementaux ; des ateliers de vulgarisation des lois environnementales et des journées d'information, de sensibilisation et d'étude, etc.

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### **Ifrane**

Pour célébrer la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, l'association des amis du Val d'Ifrane organise une série d'activités visant la sensibilisation des populations riveraines du Val et des estivants qui choisissent le Val d'Ifrane et la Source Vattel pour passer leurs vacances. Dans cette optique, l'association organise un concours de dessin et d'art plastique au profit des élèves des différentes écoles primaires et secondaires de la ville d'Ifrane.

Cette manifestation aura lieu le samedi 4 juin à 9 heures à la salle des conférences d'Ifrane. L'association organise aussi une randonnée écotouristique le long du Val à la découverte de ses curiosités naturelles, sa biodiversité et la beauté de ses sites. Cette randonnée est prévue pour dimanche 5 juin au départ de la source Vittel à 9 heures. L'association organisera enfin du 13 au 16 juin prochain une série d'ateliers pédagogiques pour les élèves des différentes écoles primaires de la ville et dont l'objectif serait la sensibilisation des générations montantes sur l'intérêt de la protection de la nature et de la lutte contre la pollution des eaux.

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### **Ifrane**

To commemorate World Environment Day in 2005, the Centre of Environmental Issues and Regional Development (CEIRD) at Alakhawayn University organized the following activities:

- advanced training for primary and secondary schools, environmental leaders, and local NGOs;
- greening activities at the local level (classrooms, schools, neighborhoods, districts, city);

- multimedia tools (CD-ROM on local plants) and a field trip in a green space downtown;
- a workshop for local decision makers / parents / environmental lawyers, entitled "Proposal of

Land Management by Children for a Sustainable Development", the goal was to present a project on how to prepare young children for sustainable development through early initiatives in managing a piece of land by community children. The idea was to convince local authorities and private landowners to allocate a small piece of their land. This land

should be owned by children aged 6 to 18, who would be responsible for managing it through various activities, with their own ideas and initiatives and with the support and advice from a group of parents / adults;

- a clean-up campaign and tree planting in city parks;

- a walking / running competition to the main city park - departure from Campus to downtown park - distance 5 KM. A WED 2005 award certificate was given to the first three winners.

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### **Safi**

Pour célébrer la journée mondiale de l'environnement 2005 placée cette année sous le signe: Des Villes vertes, un plan pour la planète, l'association des protecteurs de l'environnement-safi et l'inspection regional de l'environnement organisent une série d'activités visant la sensibilisation des populations pour mener des efforts en vue d'informer et de faire participer un plus grand public, dans les questions environnementales et des questions de développement durable. et la nécessité de protéger et de préserver l'environnement et ainsi que le besoin de la participation de la communauté dans tous les aspects de gestion de l'environnement de partout .selon le programme suivant:

Khaima khadra( kiosque vert) pour sensibilisation;

- Radio vert;
- Exposition de ceramique;
- Rencontre: Loi de l'environnement (pollution de l'air) et plan pour une ville verte; Etat de la cote de safi; l'environnement et les jeunes.
- Formation: les Outils de Communcation (discours,affichage...)
- Concour :Dessin pour l'Enfant: ville verte;
- Compagnie de Proprete (plage de safi);
- Hommage pour l'Homme de l'Environnement l'anée 2005;
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## **MOZAMBIQUE**

### **Maputo**

Mozambique's Environment Minister, Luciano de Castro, celebrated World Environment Day by inaugurating a landfill for the disposal of industrial waste at Mavoco, in Boane district, about 20 kilometres from the capital Maputo. The facility covers 50 hectares, but only six will be used in the initial stage. The landfill is owned by the state, through the National Environment Fund (FUNAB), but it was paid for by the aluminium smelter MOZAL. The landfill can process 3,500 tonnes of industrial waste a month. The disposal of waste from industries in Maputo, Matola and Boane is thus solved for at least the next five years.

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## **NAMIBIA**

### **Windhoek**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Environment and Tourism Deputy Minister, Leon Jooste, said that it was imperative to create environmentally friendly cities by providing clean drinking water, effective sanitation services and cleaner industries. He was the main speaker at Windhoek's World Environment Day celebrations, held at the Zoo Park in the heart of the city. He added that his Ministry, the City of Windhoek and the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry had initiated an environmental management planning programme for the capital.

The programme would focus on cleaner production and urban environment planning. He also announced that the Ministry was finalizing the Pollution and Waste Management Bill and associated regulations. These pieces of legislation would make environmental assessment mandatory in all developments, including construction projects in towns. A massive clean-up operation was also organized during World Environment Week from June 4-10, at the dune belt between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay. The Environmental

Management Section of the Municipality of Walvis Bay, in partnership with Dare Devil Adventures organized the effort to get the dunes spotless. An appeal was also made to 4x4 vehicle owners to assist with the campaign by offering to take volunteers into the dunes. Quad bikes were also made available to assist volunteers. The Municipality awarded certificates of appreciation to all participants and donors.

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## **NIGERIA**

### **Aboh-Mbaise**

The Geography and Environmental Management Students Association organized a week-long programme to celebrate World Environment Day in 2005. Activities included a tree-planting campaign, a seminar, a green walk and a campaign against environmental pollution and unfriendly farming practices. The campaign focused also on the effects of land degradation and promoted stiffer penalties for environmental offenders. To raise awareness about WED, stickers were distributed.

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### **Akure, Ondo State**

To commemorate World Environment Day 2005, the youth-wing of the organization Kids & Teens Concerns, popularly known as the “MAD buddyz” invited friends to join them and be “MAD“ in taking good care of their city and in removing waste. The organization mobilized political support for the campaign entitled **Make a Garden**.

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### **Abuja**

In Nigeria where one of the most dreadful consequences of urbanization is the problem of waste management (industrial, domestic etc), WED 2005 was a good opportunity to discuss environmental issues such as social and public health effects of poorly managed waste systems. These include: pollution of air by smog, especially where wastes are burnt openly as practiced in most Nigerian cities and communities; the flooding of water ways; contamination of ground water with landfills which have not been properly constructed, the obstruction of free flow of traffic when refuse is dumped unto water ways, the prolific breeding of cockroaches and mosquitoes which can transmit diseases; industrial pollution and deforestation.

H. E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Republic of Nigeria, has implored Nigerians to remain committed to the revegetation of the country's major cities and urban areas, hinting that the Federal Government would be raising more than 51 million tree seedlings per annum to check desert encroachment. Speaking on the occasion of the World Environment Day celebrations in Abuja, the President warned that the degradation and depletion of the nation's forest reserves has major effects on other sectors of the economy, noting that this administration was already addressing the problem by putting in place policies and programmes aimed at "making the cities more urbane, more people friendly and environmentally sustainable".

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### **Anuja**

Empower the Earth celebrated World Environment Day 2005 with a one-week long programme featuring essay competitions, a Never Litter Street cleaning exercise, excursions, exhibitions of plants, environmental machines and vehicles. On the same day, there was a seminar and a lecture on the environment, as well as an award ceremony honoring Mallam El-Rufai as Environment Man of the Year in Nigeria for his fight in protecting green areas.

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### **Calabar**

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2005, the Environmental Protection and Development Initiative (EPDI) conducted a seminar on the theme Green Cities. They also produced posters and organized an essay competition, as well as a rally at the University of Calabar. In addition, they hosted a thanksgiving service at the Chapel of Redemption at the University.

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To commemorate World Environment Day, the Obudu Conservation Education Center organized an awareness rally for primary and secondary schools. NGOs and eco-tourism operators in Nigeria participated in the gathering, which focused on green tours. Activities included a carnival float parade, educational talks and guided tours to areas requiring special conservation attention.

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The African Initiative for Environmental Sustainable Network held a school debate, a workshop and an environmental awareness campaign on the occasion of World Environment Day this year.

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### **Dugbe**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, New Environment 4 World Youth planted eucalyptus trees in front of four secondary schools. It also organized a quiz competition among secondary school students in Ibadan and Abeokuta on the role of youth in environment management.

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### **Enugu State**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Ibrahim-Ahmadu Abubakar, a member of the National Youth Service (mandatory national service for graduates under the National Youth Service Corps scheme of the Federal Government of Nigeria), deployed to the Enugu-East Local Government Area, organized an Essay/Quiz Competition on the WED

theme Green Cities between the schools of Enugu East metropolis.

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The National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) celebrated World Environment Day with a series of initiatives, which were carried out in collaboration with the environmental clubs that the NYSC established in various schools. The aim of the activities was to raise environmental awareness among children. Activities included beautification of neighborhoods and the cleaning of dumpsites. A drama focusing on the 2005 Green Cities theme was produced and a quiz competition organized.

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### **Ibadan**

To commemorate this year's World Environment Day, Dohak Ventures organized a workshop, in collaboration with the Oyo-State Government and the Oyo State House of Assembly. The workshop on the topic of industrial environmental planning and waste management control, took place on 2 and 3 June at the conference center of I.I.T.A. in Ibadan. The title was *For a cleaner environment*.

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### **Kaduna**

To commemorate World Environment Day, Admiral Ecological Challenge (AEC) embarked on an ambitious plan of action. From 25 May, they took up an eco-challenge programme, aimed at creating an impact in both rural and urban communities. The "Education on Tree Planting" programme was extended to the nine front line states of Northern Nigeria. AEC funded the production of the extension posters, as well as television and radio programmes on the serious environmental problems arising from the unchecked exploitation of fuel wood and timber at rates beyond the levels of reforestation.

From 1 June 2005, an Intensified Seedling Production programme was begun, involving selected states, local government and communities in northern Nigeria: mainly Kastina, Sokoto, Kebi, Bauchi Gusau and Gombe. In addition AEC encouraged institutions, military and paramilitary institutions, communities and individuals to start their own nurseries. On 3 June AEC distributed the seedlings to selected filling stations in Nigeria for sale. As customers were buying fuel, they were invited to the station nursery to purchase a seedling of choice. Records of sales were made available to AEC zonal office in Kaduna on 4 June 2005.

Finally, an incentive programme for outstanding performance was started. In the early stages of the existing forestry project, farmers were given cash incentives or other prizes for planting the required number of trees. AEC created special awards for those who distinguished themselves in the Admiral Eco-challenge Programme. This was done at the communities, local government, states and national levels.

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### **Kano**

Kano Green is a group of Nigerian National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) members, who are active in the north of Nigeria, where the greatest environmental challenge is desertification. They carry out tree planting activities and renovation of parks and gardens. To mark World Environment Day - 5 June - they organized a rally and a party in the evening of the same day.

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### **Lagos**

Prior to World Environment Day, members of the organization CLICK volunteers and tree donors embarked on a tree planting programme for one week, in three local governments in metropolitan Lagos. The local governments were selected based on their need for 'greenery, type of roofing materials and suitability to the project. The aim was to extend the green corridor of the city and improve the aesthetics. CLICK's volunteer group comprised staff of the local government, pupils in secondary schools, community development associations and corporate sponsors.

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On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Nigerian Youth Environmental Network, in collaboration with local and state environmental agencies, issued a press release to a number of media houses. They also organized a rally on 3 June to create awareness throughout the community; a seminar under the theme Your Environment and You, which was held at the National Theatre on 4 June; a clean-up exercise on 5 June; as well

as an award luncheon on 6 June for all participating groups, organizations, agencies and sponsors.

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To celebrate World Environment Day, Earthwatch Foundation organized a series of events that took place throughout the month of June. A special publication appeared in a major Nigerian newspaper, featuring environmental projects and NGOs activities, with the participation of activists and government officials. In addition, the second Barbeach Stakeholders Conference was held, to raise public awareness and stimulate action for a serious environmental problem namely coastal erosion.

The foundation also organized an event entitled "Earth Carnival", which included a green concert and comedies. The event was open to everybody and participants were invited to dress in colorful attires in shades of green. In addition, a week-long environmental awareness campaign was broadcast in selected Nigerian TV stations. Last year, between 29 May and 5 June, Tunde Imolehin (a well-known environment analyst and a TV personality) hosted a very successful television festival on one of the most respected Nigerian TV stations. It was entitled **Earth Summit** and it was carried out with the participation of a lot of environmental personalities. Today it has become a regular weekly programme of the channel.

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To celebrate World Environment Day, the Nigerian Environmental Society (NES) organized the **Ride-for-life Green Concert**. This 5 km green motorcycle ride concert started as a moving train from Barbeach end and terminated at Ikeja. This event was planned to raise awareness among the public and the government of various environmental issues, including: coastal erosion, environmental sanitation, safety on wheels and noise and air pollution. About 50 carefully selected motorcyclists were kitted with branded T-shirts and caps. Other environmentally responsible people also participated in the exercise.

The train was jointly coordinated with the officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC). It also made use of resource materials such as a public address system, banners, and fliers, to spread information about the environment. In addition, a five-day Environmental Art Exhibition was organized at Muson Centre, in collaboration with Afroaccess Galleries. Eminent environmentalists, government representatives, members of the diplomatic corps, business leaders, UN representatives, as well as the general public, took part in the event.

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### **Port Harcourt**

To commemorate WED, Environmental Consciousness and Justice Campaign in Port Harcourt organized a street rally to raise environmental awareness in the community and to keep it community clean. A quiz for students was also organized.

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To commemorate World Environment Day, the Port Harcourt Link Club organized an awareness campaign on open space, biodiversity and the greening of the urban environment. The campaign included:

- a documentary film entitled *Salvaging Port Harcourt, the Dwindling Green City*, which was repeatedly broadcast on Rivers State Television between 1 and 5 June 2005;
- a series of radio programs, on Radio Rivers 99.2 FM, Radio Nigeria Treasure 98.5 FM and Rhythm 93.7 FM;
- a series of lectures on the theme “**Green Cities - Plan for the Planet!**”. One lecture highlighted Port Harcourt as an example of a garden city, while another was aimed at engendering a sustainable process of igniting urban eco-revolution. The discussions emphasized that the systematic removal of green coverage and open spaces from the city over the last three decades, is one of the main causes of

climate change and is a dangerous approach. The event ended successfully with the agreement to inaugurate an Open Spaces Society with the mandate to protect common land and public rights of way in Garden City- Port Harcourt.

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### **Surulere**

To mark World Environment Day, the Human Rights and Justice Group International, under its Sustainable Environmental Action Program (SEAP), carried out a drainage clean-up project in Kirikiri Community at Apapa Lagos, State of Nigeria. The project aimed at cleaning up all the drainage ditches in the community, to prevent flooding and ocean surges. Flooding is a big problem, as many ditches are blocked by refuse dumps. The activities also included an environmental campaign, entitled **Know Your Rights**, with the objective to educate the communities on sustainable clean environment, which is a prerequisite for healthy living. Some 130 volunteers participated in the event, which aimed at attracting political attention, as the local community has been neglected by successive governments.

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### **RWANDA**

#### **Kigale**

In Rwanda, the Environment Minister, Drocella Mugorewera, launched environmental week urging all Rwandans to conserve nature around towns. The week was dedicated to protecting areas around River Nyabarongo so that soils are not washed off into the river. According to a recent report, few Rwandans are practicing measures like terraces to protect the environment. The Minister called upon all leaders to protect the environment and urged Rwandans to respect environmental laws.

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## **SIERRA LEONE**

### **Freetown**

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## **SOMALIA**

### **Berbera**

Every year, the organization Yovenco organizes a ceremony in Berbera on the occasion of World Environment Day. In 2005, they organized a campaign to make the city clean and to raise the public's awareness about the importance of protecting the environment. They also mobilized the community through the media by putting on plays about the environment.

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## **SOUTH AFRICA**

### **Empangeni**

Together with eight local schools in Mtubatuba, the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs organized anti-litter campaigns and tree planting exercises, on the occasion of WED 2005. The activity lasted for three days. Hlabisa and Mtubatuba Municipalities helped by providing refuse bags and a tractor to remove the waste.

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### **Pretoria**

Issues relating to the environment come under the spotlight this week as South Africa celebrated National Environment Week, coinciding with International Environment Day today. The week was themed: "Our environment belongs to all who live in it".

As part of the celebrations in South Africa this year, the National Assembly debated the subject with special emphasis on climate change and the Kyoto Protocol. Environmental Affairs and Tourism Minister Marthinus van Schalkwyk also formally designated the first group of Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs) - the "Green Scorpions". The environmental inspectors are authorized with a range of enforcement powers varying from routine inspections to search and seizure operations, setting up roadblocks and arresting suspects.

Launching the week, the Minister said it was appropriate that the UNEP chose this year's theme for World Environment Day - 'Green Cities' - because cities consumed more than 75 percent of global resources. The Minister also launched the first in a series of countrywide Clean Air Imbizo meetings in Boipatong, to engage with communities worst affected by air pollution. South Africa also marked World Environment Day by "going green" - a concept that is ill afforded in a country where for many putting food on the table is an everyday struggle. While Cape Town's "green" strategy is well-known, South Africa's other major centers require the blueprint for the green plan to be used to bring a more environmentally friendly approach to the rest of the country.

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### **Umzito**



To celebrate WED, speeches and discussions were held in 12 primary schools in June 2005, under the theme "Green Cities: Plan for the future". The slogan was: "Our Environment Belongs to All Who Live in It". The campaign was addressed to approx. 6167 children, with the purpose of empowering youth and raising awareness of environmental rights, as contained in the South

African Constitution.

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### **SWAZILAND**

#### **Mbabane**

2 weeks before WED, a variety of activities were carried out in the country's main towns and cities, in line with the WED 2005 theme. Activities included: \*A WED press conference by the Swaziland Environment Authority.

\*Protection and cleaning of a stream at Siteki Town

\*Cleaning of a pond at Pigg's Peak Town

\*A breakfast meeting for Parliament Portfolio Committees to sensitize them about WED

\* A joint tree-planting & clean-up campaign at Manzini City

\*A mini-launch for the rehabilitation of public parks

\* Declaration of a wetland as a protected area in Nhlangano Town

\*WED seminar at the University of Swaziland \*

National WED commemoration at Pigg's Peak Town (including an exhibition) on 4 June 2005.

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## **TANZANIA**

### **Dar es Salaam**

To commemorate WED, the Mabibo Women Environmental Management Society organized solid waste collection and road sweeping, as well as tree planting activities.

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### **Dar es Salaam**

The Association of Geography and Environmental Management of the University of Dar es Salaam (AGEM-UDSM) held a public talk to commemorate World Environmental Day. Important stakeholders of environment related issues took part in the event.

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### **Dar es Salaam**

To mark WED 2005, the United Nations Information Centre, in collaboration with Youth of United Nations Association in Tanzania, organized a clean-up session of Mbagala Secondary School, a new school in Mbagala area, Dar es Salaam. The clean-up was followed by a tree-planting. In addition, a debate and a quiz on environmental topics were carried out.

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### **Kigoma**

This year, the Relief Development Society (Redeso) celebrated WED in refugee camps, under the theme "Green our camps". Various activities to raise the public's awareness were organized, including: football, netball and volleyball matches, environmental education activities, drama, poetry and poster displays.

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### **Mtwara**

To celebrate WED, the Mnazi Bay - Ruvuma Estuary Marine Park (MBREMP) - organized a series of events, including: essay and drawing competitions for school children; display of posters with slogans supporting marine conservation; mangroves planting in the park villages of Mngoji and Tangazo; and football competitions. On 5 June, a speech was given at Madimba village, to raise awareness of the need to protect marine environment and biodiversity. A traditional drum performance was also held, as well as a public presentation entitled "Conflict between marine protection and use of resources".

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### **Mtwara**

The Forum for Conservation on Nature (FOCONA) celebrated this year's World Environment Day by undertaking a collection of solid waste in Mtwara and Mikindani

streets. In addition, a forum on the role of the private sector for the improvement of solid waste management took place at the Parish Hall on 5 June. From 2 to 4 June, discussions were organized at FOCONA's office premises to create awareness on environmental conservation.

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### **Mwanza**

The Mwanza NGOs and the Mwanza Tampere Cooperation organized the following activities to commemorate World Environment Day 2005:

- An Environmental Stakeholders Workshop, during which different issues related to the preservation of the environment in Mwanza were discussed. 200 participants took part in the workshop;
- A soccer competition, in the course of which various environmental messages were conveyed to the spectators;
- A rally, through which people addressed to the Mwanza Regional Commissioner.

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### **Mwanza**

Malihai Clubs of Tanzania celebrated this year's World Environment Day by undertaking a clean-up of the city of Mwanza and of its polluted rivers. In addition, trees were planted in bare areas.

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### **Usa River**

For World Environment Day this year, Leguruki Secondary School in Tanzania organized a campaign promoting the use of solar and wind mills as sources of power and energy. Clean-up efforts and tree planting events also took place, to help the community better understand the role of UNEP.

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### **TOGO**

Le Ministère de l'environnement et des ressources forestières de la République Togolaise, Direction de l'environnement, a élaboré un programme assez ambitieux pour marquer d'une empreinte forte la Journée mondiale de l'environnement .

1. Discours-message du Ministre de l'Environnement et des Ressources Forestières à toute la nation togolaise. Ce discours, en adéquation avec le thème de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, édition 2005 et adapté au contexte togolais, comportait trois grands points à savoir :
  - Problématique du rapide accroissement de la population urbaine au niveau mondial ;
  - Situation de l'accroissement des populations urbaines togolaises ;
  - Stratégies à mettre en œuvre pour relever le défi du surpeuplement des populations urbaines et des problèmes engendrés, tant au plan national qu'international.

Ce discours a été adressé à la nation à travers toutes les médias togolais (chaînes de télévision et de radio diffusion) le 04 Juin 2005.

2. Conférences-débats Le 06 juin 2005, des conférences-débats ont regroupé plus d'une centaine de représentants d'institutions, d'ONG, d'associations, des chefs traditionnels, d'organisations internationales, d'universités, de divers groupes d'acteurs économiques, bref de toutes les couches socio-professionnelles du pays. Quatre thèmes étaient inscrits au programme à savoir :
  - Etat de l'environnement urbain et stratégies de promotion d'un cadre de vie sain;
  - Gestion des sachets plastiques usagés ;
  - Stratégies de gestion des déchets à Lomé ;
  - Promotion des espaces verts au Togo.

- Au Cours d'une conférence tenue le 15 juin 2005, la question de la gestion des sachets plastiques usagés a également été débattue
3. Le 7 juin une émission de conférence-débat suivie de jeux radiophoniques dotés de prix, a été organisée par la chaîne de Télévision deuxième togolaise sur le thème « des villes plus vertes, planifiez pour la planète ». Cette émission dont une partie était consacrée aux questions-réponses et à laquelle quiconque pouvait participer en direct, a permis à chaque citoyen togolais d'y prendre part et de discuter des problèmes environnementaux ou d'en être sensibilisé.

D'une façon générale, plusieurs activités dans le contexte du thème de la journée mondiale ont été menées à travers tout le pays par les services de relais du Ministère de l'Environnement et des Ressources Forestières et par des organisations non gouvernementales et associations dont les principales préoccupations sont la protection de l'environnement.

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## UGANDA

### Lugazi

Caritas Lugazi - Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Management Programme - marked World Environment Day by organizing for member farmer groups and other locals in the towns of Kayunga, Busana and Mukono to plant trees along road sides. They organized also a campaign entitled "Keeping Your Towns Clean". In addition, there were debates on the theme of **Keeping Cities Green** in schools.

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## **ZAMBIA**

### **Lusaka**

In Zambia, Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources Deputy Minister Nedson Nzowa expressed sadness that big businesses in Zambia were making huge profits at the expense of protecting the environment. The Environmental Council of Zambia (ECZ) Director also expressed concern that only 30 per cent of people in Lusaka have access to sewer systems. Speaking at the commemoration of the World Environment Day, Nzowa complained that many businesses did not care about the environment.

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## **ZIMBABWE**

### **Bindura**

To mark World Environment Day, the Environment Action Support Youth (EASY) implemented a Zero Waste Initiative at Bindura University Campus, through developing and executing a sustainable waste management plan. They also cleaned up Bindura Town and Hospital.

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### **Harare**

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### **Harare**

To celebrate WED, Bioremedies Zimbabwe organized an event that took place at Cecil Kopje, in Mutare City. Environment rehabilitation products were presented, and banners displayed, to promote wetlands conservation and management. In Africa, wetlands are planned as greenbelts, but they are also used by urban communities for farming, thereby improving food security.

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## ASIA PACIFIC

### AUSTRALIA

Each Year World Environment Day is celebrated amongst Toyota's 3000 employees in Australia with free seedlings handed out, competitions and sausage sizzles. This year, Toyota had an internal theme/focus on "Waste". They distributed approximately 2500 reusable "Green Bags" to their employees.

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### Adelaide

Centro Colonnades Shopping Centre and Zero Waste South Australia conducted the **We're Parting with Plastic** project, to highlight the need for the community to look at alternatives to using plastic shopping bags. Local schools were invited to participate in the Center's World Environment Day celebrations on Thursday 2 June, between 10am and 8pm. There were activities and displays being set up for school visits and hosted by the Museum, Energy SA, SA Water, Keep South Australia Beautiful and the Onkaparinga Catchments Water Management Board. Schools were also invited to be part of the **Swap 10 used plastic shopping bags for a FREE bag of organic Cottage Mulch**, generated from the Center's Biobin organic composting system.

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### Adelaide

The Environmental Youth Alliance organized a march against the resource security legislation on 1 June at Victoria Square to match to a festival at Rymill Park. The public participated in a lot of activities, including: workshops, speeches and drama performances.

### **Bega**

On the occasion of WED, the Bega Environment Network Centre and the Michael Hissink Memorial Fund established a Science and Story Competition inspired by environmental issues. Pupils in year 5 and 6 were invited to research this year's World Environment Day theme, "Green Cities", and to present their ideas in the form of a scientific report or a creative story. Students were encouraged to consider ways of preserving and improving the existing environment and to present their ideas as a written report or story. The two winners were awarded a \$100 prize and a book.

### **Bega**

To mark World Environment Day, the Bournda Environmental Education Centre organized the World Environment Day dinner at the Bega Town Hall supper room. **"SOLASTALGIA" and the Tyranny of Big Decisions** was the title of Dr. Glenn Albrecht's speech at the dinner.

### **Bendigo**

To celebrate WED, Flower Power Party Staff got together after work, at Bendigo Access Employment's "PepperGreen Farm", an environmental, community & heritage park. The participants planted a flower in the World Environment Day garden, as their contribution to increasing biodiversity in Bendigo.

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### **Bondi Junction**

The Waverley Council held a celebration for World Environment Day on Friday 3 June 2005, in Oxford Street Mall. The commemoration coincided with the Organic Food Market. Local, state, national and international green groups participated, as well as neighborhood councils and the Waverly new Compressed Natural Gas truck. A fun show took place at 12.30pm.

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### **Brisbane**

The faculty of Environmental Sciences at Nathan Campus, Griffith University, celebrated World Environment Day with an initiative entitled “Redeeming Our Pledge to Save Environment and Make Green Cities”. The students gathered at the nearby City Center shopping mall to conduct awareness activities on 'GREEN SHOPPING'. They requested people to reject the disposable plastic bags and go for 'GREEN BAG'. Australia uses 6 billion plastic bags each year most of which ends in the landfills.

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### **Brisbane**

On the occasion of WED this year, the Glen Planters in Brisbane, Australia planted native trees and shrubs in the lowland area of the glen. More than 800 items are planted each year.

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### **Brisbane**

Brisbane’s Waste Minimization Festival was held at Albert Park on 2 June. It included stalls, entertainment and eco-friendly edibles. A bike ride took place at Queens Park, Ipswich. Also part of the celebration was the “Festival of Green Eyes”, which featured exhibition from professional, amateur, student and Aboriginal artists. The exhibition could be viewed at McWhirters Main Gallery, from 2 to 10 June. On June 5, environmental displays and stalls were set up in Queen St Mall.

### **Brisbane**

As part of the WED celebrations, Brisbane and Pine Rives residents took part in cleaning up and replanting Westbourne Park, Wights Mountain.

### **Bridgetown**

On the occasion of WED, Bridgetown hosted a morning of tree planting. Volunteers for the Bridgetown Community Nursery grew a range of native seedlings, which were planted along the edges of the Geegelup Brook. The Bridgetown-green bushes Shire supplied a free sausage sizzle for lunch to all participants. The Shire also erected a display, outlining its plans for the future redevelopment of the brook.

### **Cairns**

To celebrate WED, the Cairns and Far North Environment Centre hosted two workshops on green living in Cairns. In addition, a Masquerade Ball took place at the local Arts Centre, featuring local and interstate acts, ranging from cultural dance to live funk. All the activities were held on 4 June.

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### **Canberra**

As part of this year's WED on Saturday 4 June, an Environment Expo was held at the Canberra Environmental Centre at the Rocks, Kingsley Street at the Australian National University. The Expo aimed to provide environmental education for the Canberra community and to create permanent displays for the Environment Centre.

### **East Perth**

On the occasion of WED, the Environment Subcommittee of the United Nations Association in Australia - Western Australian Division (UNAA-WA) organized an international tree planting on the banks of Henley Brook, near Perth, Western Australia. Henley Brook is a significant tributary of the Swan River, Western Australia's major waterway. The event was sponsored by a major bank, Westpac Bank, Australia, and many of the Westpac staff joined the team of planters. More than 80 people were expected to be involved, from well-known international company Ikea, to representatives from the Embassies and Trade Commissions, and the Overseas Students from the major universities. The aim was to join with the already vigorous and increasing number of Associations who are salvaging the river from its degraded status, and making it once more a pristine waterway which flows through the heart of Western Australia's capital city.

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### **Gold Coast**

Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council hosted once again the regional World Environment Day 'do!' community festival, to celebrate the precious Planet Earth. The 'do!' showcased environmental products and solutions, and featured fantastic music and live performances, children's activities, market stalls, gourmet food, an art gallery and government and industry representation. The 'do!' is a free, family celebration, and is usually held on the banks of the beautiful Currumbin Estuary on the Gold Coast. It is a wondrous and wonderful celebration of community, environment and culture, and is a focal point in remembering that 'what we do changes the world!'

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### **Hawkesdale**

Hawkesdale P12 College organized a "Students Living Sustainably" conference, on the occasion of World Environment Day. It involved 300 students between the ages of 10 and 15 from five schools. The opening address was done by Arron Woods (environmental scientist and Young Australian of the Year 2001). Students were divided into twelve groups and took part in four 30 minute workshops, one from each of the themes Water, Waste, Biodiversity and Energy. After a "waste - wise" lunch, students presented the work they had been doing in their own classes during terms 1 and 2.

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**Katoomba**

To commemorate World Environment Day, the Blue Mountains City Council in Katoomba NSW, Australia celebrated the work of conservation volunteers in the Blue Mountains by holding a "Trivia" Night on Saturday 4 June 2005 from 7pm.

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**Melbourne**

To celebrate WED, Parks Victoria and the National Gallery of Victoria joined forces to create an environmental trail entitled "the Altered Land", with artworks from the permanent collection of Australian art. The trail highlighted environmental issues and explored the ways in which artists captured the changing Australian landscape. Approximately fifty works of art were included in the trail, many of them depicting national park sites within Victoria. This important collaborative project was launched on World Environment Day, Sunday 5 June at the Ian Potter Centre at Federation Square, Melbourne.

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**Melbourne**

The Environment Day Action Network organized a teaching on environmental concerns ranging from the effects of ozone depletion to Third World poverty and environmental degradation. The discussion emphasized the need to work out an action plan to overcome those problems. Stalls and displays were a feature of the day. In the evening, the network and the Environmental Youth Alliance jointly organized a public meeting to protest against the resource security legislation. Both events were held in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall on 2 June.

### **Moruya**

This year St Bernard's Primary School hosted the Eurobodalla's World Environment Day Expo. The day started off with a performance from Carroll College Drama Unit, with its Clean Earth Clean Ocean skit. The skit highlighted the environmental theme the primary students of the Eurobodalla were given for 2005. The event was run in an expo format, where representatives from a variety of organizations interacted with small groups of students on rotation throughout the day. The Eurobodalla Shire has been running this activity since 1997.

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### **Murrumburrah**

Fifteen enthusiastic volunteers, made up of Advancing Harden Murrumburrah committee and community members, joined forces on 5 June to participate in tidying up Harden Murrumburrah. Their efforts were concentrated on the parks, Albury Street and the Bi-Centennial walking track. Nature strips were mowed, trees pruned, edges trimmed, leaves raked, gutters cleaned and rubbish picked up. The committee thanked people residents along Albury Street, who also made an effort to tidy up, as well as the groups who cleaned up the parks, schools, walking track and buildings in Murrumburrah.

### **Narooma**

The Tilba Ecology Network celebrated this years' World Environment Day with a programme of events focused around the proposed logging operations on the side of Gulaga Mountain, in compartment 3046 of Bodalla State Forest. Guided walks were made through the threatened area. Tilba small hall was the venue for an information display throughout the day, which culminated with the screening of the documentary Bankrupt the man and the system made by South Coast filmmaker Jenni McMillan. The evening ended with live music from the singer Cobargo and the songwriters Don Green and Dave Anderson, with a special performance by Jeff Ashman.

### **New South Wales**

The Upper Gwydir Landcare Association, in conjunction with Gwydir Shire Council, organized an exhibition at the Roxy Theatre Bingara, to celebrate World Environment Day on 5 June. The aim of the day was to raise awareness and create an understanding amongst the community of the environmental issues faced in the area. To achieve this, an exhibition was organized, with displays and stalls from the UGLA, Bingara Botanicals, Eden Seeds, Beaulieu Rum, Gwydir Shire Council Stormwater Caravan, WIRES, North

West Weeds Caravan, Northern Tablelands Dung Beetle Express, Bingara Central School and many more. The main program for the day involved guest speakers and video presentations on the areas of "Permaculture", "Water Wise" "Urban Landcare" and "Sustainable Agriculture."

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### **New South Wales**

To celebrate World Environment Day on Sunday 5 June, Randwick's first EcoLiving Fair was held at the EcoLiving Centre and Writtle Park. This free event was meant to be a showcase of sustainable solutions and to offer the public the chance to receive free advice, tours, workshops, and to listen to specialist speakers.

### **New South Wales**

To celebrate WED, environment groups around the Central Coast organized special community events:

- Friday 3 June: Water and Energy Displays at Central Coast HomeShow, Kariong.
- Saturday 4 June: Central Coast Group of Birding NSW held a bird watching day at Yarramalong Church. The Community Environment Network arranged a sea grass monitoring workshop at the Entrance. Family BBQ, tree planting and dedication of new seat were organized by Wyongah Landcare at 1 Saturday Street, Tuggerawong. The MacMasters Beach Bushcare Group held a guided walk around Cockrone Lagoon.
- Sunday 5 June: Open Day at Tebilbah Reserve, Wilfred Barrett Dr, the Entrance North. Participants had the chance to see the wonderful work undertaken by the Lions Club of The Entrance. The public could also learn about the formation of the site, preparation and planting of trees and native shrubs and the sensory garden. A series of other activities was undertaken, including:
  - A sea kayak trip up Patonga Creek: a travel up Patong Creek to view two giant sea eagles and their nest. In addition, guides gave an environmental history of the Creek.
  - Pioneer Dairy and Bateau Bay Bushcare organized a tree planting and rehabilitation day.
  - Gosford Wildlife Conservation Society held an environment service at the Lutheran Church, Brisbane Water Drive.
  - Wildlife ARC organized "Family Walk and Talk with the Animals and Humans" and arranged displays at the Erina Community Hall.
  - Wyong Terrestrial Orchid Research held an electronic music event to remove lantana.

- Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI) organized a rock pool walk at Avoca Beach. The marine touch table was also on display and a kayak tour of Avoca Lake.

### **North Ryde**

Going with the Green City theme, Toshiba Australia Pty Ltd introduced an extensive recycling programme, covering all forms of waste generated by all the company premises throughout Australia. As an introduction to this new policy, all employees were given a china mug to replace foam cups, which have been banned from Toshiba Australia Pty Ltd's sites.

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### **Nuhulubuy**

Gamarrwa Nuwul Yirrkala Landcare promoted Landcare activities, including Bush Foods and Bush Medicines at the local Market Day in Nuhulubuy on Sunday 5 June.

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### **Perth**

The City of Perth, in partnership with the Town of Victoria Park, the City of South Perth and the Claise Brook Catchment Group, hosted the World Environment Day celebrations. The event took place on 5 June, from 10am to 4pm, at Point Fraser. Since the Point Fraser car park was closed, to reach the place the participants cycled, walked, and traveled by bus or train. WED activities included: performances of the City Farm Chameleon Brass Band, a community planting at Kensington Bushland, a cycle tour of Perth, a walking tour of Point Fraser, rides with the hydrogen fuel cell bus of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, a speech by the Water Corporation and WA Museum, a Kings Park bushwalk and various workshops at City Farm. A 20% discount for bike hire was offered by Close About Bike Hire for World Environment Day visitors to Point Fraser.

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### **Portland**

Alcoa Portland Aluminum hosted an event on Thursday 2 June 2005 to celebrate World Environment Day. The event brought together (10) local primary schools and (15) community partners to share and experience environmental learning. 350 students were invited to Portland Aluminum to participate in many exciting environmental activities and also be treated to a waste wise/healthy lunch. The purpose of the event was to support environmental education and the development of future environmental leaders. It was also to showcase Alcoa Portland Aluminum's commitment to conservation and sustainability. The activities experienced by students included: interactive community partner displays, enviro-arts and crafts, animal antics, 'wetland wonders', and sustainable development.

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### **Queensland**

The Bedourie State School commemorated World Environment Day in a significant way. The school is located in a small town in the far west of the state of Queensland, on the edge of the Simpson Desert. The water supply comes from the Great Artesian Bore, which is directly below the school. It is hot water and the students are learning about the importance of using this water wisely. On the occasion of WED, the school built a football oval using a complex network of underground irrigational systems. A trip to the local council office was organized and a guest speaker, an environmental scientist, was arranged. Students discussed with him the possibility of promoting a sustainable environment. At the end the students created a banner (on calico) exhibiting what they learnt about greening their environment.

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### **Queensland**

To celebrate World Environment Day, as well as the beginning of Queensland Week, **EAST BUG** (Easy And Sustainable Transport Bicycle User Group) was officially launched. EAST BUG is a community based, not for profit group that wants to encourage more people in the Eastern Suburbs to ride bikes, and advocate for high quality cycling facilities, to make it safer and more attractive to ride more often. People living south of the Brisbane River and east of the SE Freeway out to Wynnum were invited to participate. People riding a bike for fun and exercise, or to commute to work or school joined the event with their families and friends and had a great time. They enjoyed a free hot breakfast from 8:30am in the park, along the bike path at the bottom of the Kangaroo Point Cliffs.

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### **Queensland**

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### **Queensland**

To celebrate WED 2005, Padaminka Nature Refuge and Mackay Conservation Group organized many activities, such as Green City Dice Game, exhibitions, face painting, bike ride etc.

### **Queensland**

The World Environment Day Rally Committee staged a contest which featured: 30 workshops; plus keynote panels and debates, taking up topics such as the impact of waste on the environment; the link between Third World poverty and environmental degradation; and a discussion of directions for Green politics in the '90s. A children's festival was run throughout the day. Stalls were set up by up to 50 community-based organizations.

### **Queensland**

To commemorate WED, the Mt. Crosby State School gave away "green bags" (environmentally friendly alternative to plastic bags), "water sense" brochures, and "water sense" cotton bags. They received approval from the Brisbane City Council for 50 free trees for their school in support of the day. They currently have a scheme for all schools, community groups and council tenants to apply for free trees and it is also their "water sense" campaign promotional items. They sought donations of environmentally friendly paper products from companies and arranged for adequate recycling bins for waste. They

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### **Sydney**

Raine & Horne encouraged young people throughout NSW to join in the promotion of World Environment Day on 5 June 2005 by taking part in a state-wide coloring competition with the chance to win one of 22 exclusive prizes. The competition aimed to inspire children to consider their environment and make positive choices towards the Earth. From the land to the sea, Raine & Horne wanted to encourage all young children to learn the 'refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle' principle, while playing and learning, and to share this with their peers and wider community. Raine & Horne designed the competition as part of its partnership with Keep Australia Beautiful and selected representatives from the national independent charity to provide their expertise when judging the winners. Winners received 22 Playstations 2 and the EAC Monkey Mania game.

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### **Sydney**

World Environment Day marked the launch of Planet Ark's 10th National Tree Day in Australia. Since Tree Day began, more than 7.5 million trees have been planted at over 15,000 sites across Australia. Planet Ark invited schools and the public to join the Schools Tree Day, on Friday 29 July, and the National Tree Day, on Sunday 31 July.

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### **Sydney**

On the occasion of WED, Sydney Olympic Park hosted regular parkland ecological tours and Open Days, at the historic Newington Armory Precinct. This year theme was highly relevant to the Park, as it related to the Vision for the development of a Sustainable Town at Sydney Olympic Park. During 2005, the Park 'Green Dates' aimed to encourage people to participate in a wide range of activities, to explore sustainable development, environmental innovation and health and well-being. The Houses of the Future Exhibition, from 18 February to 31 October 2005, showcased architectural excellence, especially in the use of sustainable materials and recyclable materials, recycled water and renewable technologies.

### **Sydney**

On 5 June, the Environmental Youth Alliance organized a rally entitled "Save the Forests", at Sydney Town Hall Square.

### **Taree**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Taree Envirofair was staged for the 15<sup>th</sup> year at Taree Showground, on 11 June from 9am to 5pm. The organizers concentrated on local themes and expanded their efforts to cover community issues. The farmers, schools, community groups or businesses interested in having a stall or in putting up a display were invited.

### **Taree**

The Taree Public School created a display to promote World Environment Day. The Tree branch of the Holiday Coast Credit Union provided sand to fill up the school's sandpit. In addition, the branch distributed environmentally friendly bags and plants to their customers.

### **Tom Price**

In recognition of World Environment Day, the local Coles supermarket in Tom Price held a plastic bag free week from 6 - 12 June 2005.

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## **Victoria**

Each year on World Environment Day the UN seeks to focus world attention on the environment, and in particular, on positive programmes that are working towards protecting or restoring the world's natural heritage. The United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) Victoria actively promotes this Day through the UNAAustralia, Victoria World Environment Day Awards. The annual national Awards focus on the time-honored theme "Think Global, Act Local". The Awards aim to recognize businesses, individuals, communities and school groups whose work serves to protect, manage or restore the environment. The World Environment Day theme for 2005 was 'Green Cities'. In recognition of this theme the UNAA Victoria introduced two new award categories - the 'Green Cities Award' and 'Green Building Award'.

The Major Award Categories are:

- CPAA Triple Bottom Line Award
- National Australia Bank Business Enterprise Awards
- Green Cities Award *\*New\**
- Muller Industries Green Building Award *\*New\**
- Community/Individual Awards
- Local Government Awards
- Education/School Award
- Media Award for Environmental Reporting
- Excellence in Marine and Coastal Management Award
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## **Victoria**

To commemorate World Environment Day, the Balwyn High School Environment Committee organized an excursion and a painting exercise. In addition calico bags and chocolates were sold for fund raising purposes. The funds were used to invite an expert to speak about environmental issues. In addition, competitions and games aimed at encouraging environmental awareness took place.

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### **Wollongong**

To mark World Environment Day, Wollongong City Council organized an Enviro Festival, aimed at providing a range of environmental experience. The festival was linked to the Environmental Curriculum for the K-6 syllabus. The day was aimed at school children from years 5 & 6. The activities were a hands-on experience: the students identified a problem and then determined a solution, which was relevant to their everyday lives. At the completion of the workshop, the students had an opportunity to consider issues such as biodiversity, change, conservation, ecosystems, energy, heritage, pollution, recycling and advantages and disadvantages of possible solutions to environmental problems.

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### **Wollongong**

To celebrate WED, the Wilderness Society Illawarra organized a solar powered concert, featuring: Slap Sista, the Green Groove Movers, the Leisure Coasters, the Sweet Sweet Bulbs and Tribal Jewels. The day also hosted a range of speakers, who talked about climate change, as well as eco-stalls and yummy food. The aim of the day was to raise awareness about the threat of global warming to the environment, ecology and human communities. The day looked also at solutions and at how people could make a

difference. The participants supported forest protection and the move to renewable, earth-friendly energy.

## **BANGLADESH**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the organization Pangaea in Bangladesh organized the World Environment Day Festival 2005 with the participation of the activists and professional class. They arranged an information booth on all previous WED themes and they created 33-art and information installations and paintings illustrating the themes from 1974 to 2005. An art competition for children was part of the event, to fulfill the objective. Hundreds of children participated, including disadvantaged and disabled. In addition, they organized a bicycle rally and distributed leaflets to raise awareness about WED and the role of the public in protecting the environment.

During the closing ceremony the *Chittagong Green City Declaration 2005* was presented. The declaration had been finalized by the panelists of the Roundtable Discussion Meeting held on 10 June 2005.

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### **Dhaka**

The Organization Nagorik Uddyog and Jobo Nagorik Adhikar Jote- Rangpur celebrated World Environment Day (WED) in 2005 by organizing a foot rally, bicycle parades, a tree planting exercise, a film show entitled `` Save the forest and make the planet'', and an art competition on green planet. In addition, young people undertook a clean up campaign in the city. On 5 June, the youth launched a campaign with the slogan ``Clean City Green City''.

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**Dhaka**

Nabila Quamrun Nahar honored World Environment Day by preparing a research paper on the title **Green Cities Plan for the Planet!**

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**Dhaka**

To celebrate WED, the Coastal & Wetland Biodiversity Management Project organized a rally at the project site offices at Cox's Bazaar and Kulaura. The participants included local government officials, personalities, political leaders, school teachers, representatives from environmental NGOs, school children, scouts and girl guides. The rally was followed by a discussion highlighting the importance of WED.

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**Dhaka**

To celebrate WED, the Forest Department & IUCN Bangladesh jointly organized a seminar on "Urban Nature", which took place on 6 June. The Minister of Environment and Forests participated as chief guest.

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## **Dhaka**

To mark World Environment Day, the government organized the fair **Environment Affairs** at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Center. There were 100 stalls.

## **Khulna**

On 5 June, on the occasion of WED, the Environment Club of the Department of Environmental Science, Khulna University, organized several activities, including: a rally; a seminar entitled **Green Cities and Our Responsibility**; an art exhibition and an essay competition under the theme **Green Cities**.

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## **Khulna**

Coastal Development Partnership (CDP) is a non-governmental organization working in the Southwest Coastal Region of Bangladesh. CDP along with its Network of NGOs and other Social and Human Rights Activists have jointly been observing World Environment Day since 2000. To organize the various events of the World Environment Day, Coastal Development Partnership formed a Network entitled Citizens' Committee for Conserving Coastal Environment (CCCCE) in 2000.

From the inception, the Network CCCCE has been organizing a program for observing World Environment Day since 2001. As in previous years, they observed World Environment Day 2005, from 1 to 6 June. An elaborate program was chalked out, including various events, such as environment, human rights and governance related seminars.

A Human Rights and Development Fair was held in the lobby of the venue from 4 to 6 June. A promotional material was displayed in the stalls of the fair. Various people from the region gathered and the event served as a platform to raise and discuss various issues on environment, human rights, gender and education, to contribute the Millennium Development Goals. Events included:

- 1 June 2005: Press Conference in Khulna Press Club
- 2 June 2005: Rally
- 3 June 2005: Upazila (Sub-district) level Program of Partner Organizations

- 4 June 2005: Inaugural Session;  
Seminar 1: “People’s Movement for conservation of environmental in Southwest Coastal Region of Bangladesh”;  
Seminar 2: “People’s Initiatives for adaptation to Climate Change in Southwest Coastal Region of Bangladesh”;  
Seminar 3: “Coastal Wetlands: Perspective Southwest Coastal Region of Bangladesh”; Video Show
- 5 June 2005:  
Seminar 4: “Globalization and its effects on the Southwest Coastal Region of Bangladesh”;  
Seminar 5: “Economic Justice in Southwest Coastal Region of Bangladesh”;  
Seminar 6: “Role of Joint Initiative for the Improvement in Human Rights Situation”;  
Seminar 7: “Green City-Plan for The Planet”; Video Show & Cultural Activities
- 7 June 2005:  
Seminar 8: “Women Laborers’ Rights in Shrimp Processing Plants”;  
Seminar 9: “Women: Perspective Southwest Coastal Region of Bangladesh”;  
Seminar 10: “Good Governance for Ensuring of Human Rights”;  
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### **Khulna**

To mark World Environment Day, the Association for Social Development & Distressed Welfare (ASDDW) organized a candle light meeting. 50 people attended the meeting to discuss environmental issues and solutions in Dacope Upazila, Khulna. During the day students removed rubbish from the area.

### **Khulna**

To mark World Environment Day, Save the Youth Forum, in collaboration with Kohinoor Chemical Industry Ltd and Bangladesh Today, organized a discussion and a prize giving ceremony for Tibet children and youth art competitions.

## **Rajshahi**

The Faculty of Life and Earth Sciences at the University of Rajshahi, with the initiative of the Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Faculty, prepared an elaborate plan to commemorate World Environment Day 2005. There was a rally, a seminar, a discussion meeting and an exhibition on 5 June. Students, teachers, employees and the campus residents participated in the events.

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## **BHUTAN**

### **Wangchu**

On 14 May 14, trainees and staff of the National Institute for Zorig Chusum (NIZC) and Chumey-Vocational Training Institute (C-VII) collected two truckloads of garbage in a cleaning campaign of the Wangchu, starting from Dechencholing Bridge up to the vegetable market, a stretch of about six kilometers. The two truckloads of garbage, consisting mostly of plastic bottles and wrappers, have been stored behind the Zorig Chusum institute and were displayed on World Environment Day on 5 June, to create awareness among people residing near the river.

### **Thimphu**

The Trade Ministry and the Environment Commission made a second notification and revived the ban of plastic items like bags, home-made ice cream pouches, and other items, according to trade officials on June 5, coinciding with the World Environment Day.

### **Thimphu and Uttary**

To mark the World Environment Day, a programme highlighted the recycling project initiated in 14 schools in Thimphu: a project envisaged to encourage students to recycle their domestic waste. In the afternoon the scouts of two schools, along with the city corporation and the residents of the town areas participated in a clean-up campaign. In addition, employees of the PCAL in Gomtu planted tree saplings at their new mines at Uttary on 5 June.

## **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

### **Bandar Seri Begawan**

The Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; the Environment, Parks and Recreation Department; the Ministry of Development; and

the Mukim Serasa Consultative Council jointly organized celebrations for World Environment Day 2005, at Serasa Beach. In conjunction with World Environment Day, several schools carried out environment-related activities. On 11 June, the Penjiran Anak Puteri Hajah Masna Secondary School, Lambak Kanan, held a workshop entitled “Minimizing, Reusing and Recycling Unwanted Items”. A tree planting exercise was carried out at the presence of the Minister, the Deputy Minister of Development and the members of the Mukim Serasa Consultative council.

### **Kampong Kapok**

In conjunction with World Environment Day, the Environment, Parks and Recreation Department of the Ministry of Development and Kampong Kapok community launched a clean up campaign at Meragang-Kapok Beach. The event was attended by a guest of honor: Awg Hj Mohd Zakaria bin Hj Sarudin, the Director of Environment, Parks and Recreation Department. The members of the community took part in a comprehensive clean-up of the Meragang-Kapok Beach, which shores were trashed with litter. The guest of honor also planted a sapling, to symbolize the department's effort to beautify the area.

### **Kampong Kapok**

Students from the Primary Section of the Stella School made an educational visit to the Temburong National Park, in conjunction with the World Environment Day celebration. During the visit, they gathered first-hand information on Brunei's eco-system and its importance in the preservation of the natural heritage of the country. The activity was organized as part of the school's effort toward protecting the natural environment in the country through educating its students on the importance of preserving the flora and fauna found in the Sultanate.

### **Lumut Beach**

Some 160 youths from across the country participated in a four-day camp, which started from the Lumut Recreational Beach, with the aim of increasing awareness of caring for the environment. The opening ceremony of the Environmental Camp for Youths, held in conjunction with World Environment Day, was officiated by the Chief Guest, Belait District Officer Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Yussop bin Bakar. The director of Environmental, Park and Recreational Department, Awg Haji Mohd Zakaria bin Haji Sarudin gave a welcoming speech. Various activities were organized to increase awareness, support and public participation in caring for the environment.

## **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

### **Beijing**

On the occasion of WED, one of the projects of Jia Ao Real Estate Development Co. Ltd. - Beijing Kerry Centre- held a series of activities, including: children drawing contests under the theme **Green Cities**, a drawing gallery and production and distribution of recycled bags. The aim of the activities was to encourage children, and their parents, to protect the environment. These activities took place over the months of May and June, at the office towers, as well as at the residence and shopping mall in the Kerry Centre.

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### **Beijing**

To celebrate WED, the TopEnergy Green Building Forum held a green building conference, to discuss the green building design strategies for Summer- Hot- Winter-Warm region in China, in cooperation with Guangzhou University and South China University of Technology.

Top Energy is a completely open, scientific & technical forum dedicated to people interested in energy efficiency, green building, sustainable development, etc. The fields of discussion included: energy efficiency policies and codes, energy efficiency publicizing, energy technologies, energy simulation & assessment and energy market in China.

Particularly, it constitutes a place to discuss China energy efficiency marketing for government, enterprises, and academic circles such as EMC (Energy Management Contract), ESPC (Energy Saving Performance Contract), ESCO and LEEDTM, the green building rating system in Chinese and English, etc. It covers almost every aspect about green building. This internet based academic forum was founded in Oct 2003 and in May 2005 it had about 6,500 members from all around the world, including UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, etc.

Of course, the majority of the members come from China. The number of members is increasing at a pace of 30-40 persons per day. Until 23 May 2005, the overall browser ship was 3,185,232, including 179,363 members. According to TopEnergy survey among the members, 49.5% are academic researchers belonging to universities or other research organizations. 43.2% are engineers, architects, or managers. This means TopEnergy's audience has a high educational background and some influence in the green building research areas. Some of key members log in the website almost every day, and some of informational members (about 1,213 persons) think of TopEnergy as the main source of information on green buildings.

TopEnergy formed several Voluntary Mission Teams, such as Translation Team, Information Collection Team, etc. TopEnergy Web Team translated two books and published 8 articles on academic periodicals. All these works were performed through online communication and cooperation. TopEnergy also organized the four editions of

the Green Building Salon, which is a green building seminar, in ShangHai, ChongQing, and Beijing.

The topics focused on several aspects, including: LEED green building rating system in China (ShangHai), Commissioning for Green Buildings (ShangHai), Building Energy Efficiency for Mountainous Areas (ChongQing), Concept & Practice of Zero Energy Buildings in China (Beijing). TopEnergy is striving to become a portal website for green buildings or energy efficiency, and is developing a database for green buildings including all kinds of energy efficiency strategies for building envelope, lighting, tap water, domestic hot water, air conditioning and heating system.

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### **Beijing**

To mark World Environment Day, China organized a programme entitled “Restore the net of life along the Yangtze River”, in 12 provinces along the longest river in the Country. Nearly one million people were involved in the programme, which aimed at creating awareness among the public of the grand net of life of the Yangtze River, with its mainstream and tributaries forming an organic network. An exhibition with the same theme was held on 5 June 2005 in the 12 provinces and cities involved. Six motorcyclists left Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on Sunday 5 June, on a journey across China to promote environmental protection.

### **Beijing**

SEPA and the Chinese Environmental Protection Foundations held a nationwide knowledge contest on how to be environment-friendly consumers. The contest aimed at heightening public awareness of environmental protection. Activities also include the launch of the first report by SEPA on the environment in China's urban areas, an international forum of mayors from environment-friendly cities worldwide, and a summit of Chinese mayors.

### **Hong Kong**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Environmental Campaign Committee and District Council CEE organized WED 2005 celebrations in Hong Kong. The event was ceremoniously inaugurated by Dr. the Honorable Sarah Liao, JP, Secretary of the Environment, Transport and Works and Mr. Joseph Lee, BBS, JP, Chairman of the Environmental Campaign Committee. The guests included also representatives from

government departments, from the Legislative Councils and District Councils, green groups and community groups. The opening ceremony included the launching of Announcements of Public Interests (APIs) echoing the theme "Fresh Air, Cool City; an exhibition; a prize awarding of the TV episode *Design Competition of WED 2005*, and environmental performances by schools. The programme was open to the public free of charge.

### **Shen Zhen**

To commemorate WED, Hitachi Global Storage Technologies hosted a celebration entitled "Green City, Green Home", at Shenzhen Red Forest Eco-Park. Activities included: a clean-up of the park from the waste left by tourists, an environmental quiz, and a picture exhibition.

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### **Taipei**

To mark World Environment Day, a group of university and college students chanted "No pollution! We want to survive!" on 5 June 2005 in Taipei, to raise public awareness of environmental issues. The students from National Taiwan University, Tung Hai University, and other universities and colleges gathered at Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall. Around 1000 participants marched toward the Presidential Office.

### **INDIA**

National Safety Council (NSC) is an apex, autonomous and non-profit organization set up in 1966 by the Ministry of Labor, with the overall objective to generate, develop and sustain a voluntary movement on Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) among industries at the national level. It has a network of over 6000 members, comprising industrial and business establishments, institutions, trade union organizations and HSE professionals with 14 state chapters and 29 Action Centers.

To achieve its objective, NSC undertakes a wide range of activities such as conferences, training, consultancies, national awareness campaigns, publications and periodicals, promotional materials and information resources.

Since 1999, NSC has also started promoting World Environment Day (WED) with an active participation from member industries, chapters and action centers. As part of the efforts to promote the WED campaign, NSC appeals to members to actively celebrate WED and help them by providing a variety of awareness and publicity material on

current environmental issues. For WED 2005 Campaign, NSC produced the following awareness and publicity material:

Banner carrying UNEP's WED Theme - **“Green Cities Plan for the Planet!”**

II) Multicolor poster - **“Make Cities Green”**

II) An information package containing information about the significance and objectives of WED, various ways of celebrating WED and a list of environmental legislations in India

III) Pocket Guides containing technical information in easy-to-understand format on -

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Electronic Waste Management
- Safe Use of CNG

Around 350 industrial organizations from different parts of India took the benefit of the above awareness and publicity material produced by NSC and effectively celebrated WED 2005 in their premises. The WED Campaign has been steadily growing.

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### **Agra**

To celebrate WED, the Council of Agra organized a series of activities, aimed at raising awareness of the need to reduce the use of polythene, of the importance of roof top rainwater harvesting, and of the benefit of waste segregating and degradable waste composting. The participants included: VCADA, CPCB, Municipal Corporation, Forest Department, and Water Works Department.

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### **Allahabad**

SSCUWIC Porbandar

- SSCUWIC coordinated clean-ups at various sites in the local area of Porbandar, and run an awareness programme in local schools and colleges.

National Forum for Environmental Studies and Conservation (NESCO)

- A seminar was held on WED in the Department of Botany at Ewing Christian College in Allahabad.

### **Ahmedabad**

The Center for Environment Education (CEE) celebrated World Environment Day through educational activities. This year, as every year, many of their offices across the country are organized and conducted a series of events to mark this Day. Activities took place in nearly 25 places across India, managed by CEE widespread network of regional, state, programme and field offices. Every year, on WED, CEE involves organizations, individuals, experts and especially children to take part in interesting and thought-provoking activities, which help in raising awareness about environment and sustainable development. Many of CEE members were invited as resource persons in activities being organized by other organizations and agencies. CEE focused on the theme chosen by UNEP for 2005: "Green Cities: Plan for the Planet", and also addressed other environment and sustainable development issues. For a list of all CEE activities please visit the webpage: <http://www.ceeindia.org/cee/latest/wed.htm>

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### **Ahmedabad**

Vishwa Parivar Foundation celebrated World Environment Day by organizing awareness programmes in four cities of the State viz. Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Anand and Valsad. The programmes were organized both in rural and urban areas. These community-based programmes included:

- a. Awareness Campaigns
- b. Broadcast of public service announcements
- c. Exhibitions and Environmental banners at major intersections
- d. Various competitions such as banners, drawing, essay, painting, posters and poetry

Leaflets, brochures and posters were also distributed.

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### **Assam**

More than 300 people attended the naming ceremony of the Bengal florican chick hatched by a village hen on Sunday, World Environment Day, in Kokilabari Manas National Park, in Assam.

### **Assam**

Rainforest Action Group – Volunteers cleaned-up and planted trees throughout North Lakhimpur in Assam State to mark WED.

### **Assam**

HQ 9 Sector Assam Rifles celebrated World Environment Day by organizing a lecture on the importance of a healthy environment. They also planted 255 saplings of various types.

### **Bangalore**

To commemorate WED, Motor Industries Company Limited in Bangalore planted saplings around their offices. They are also launched an "Air Pollution Control" campaign.

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### **Bangalore**

On the occasion of WED, the Bharatiya Samaja Seva Trust organized a gathering that took place on 5 June at 10am, at the All Karnataka Children Association auditorium, in Chamarajpet, Bangalore 18. The calendar included an inaugural function, a prizes awarding ceremony for the essay competition winners, an environment protection awareness rally, an oath taking ceremony, an environment songs concert, and an environment protection drama performance. More than 600 students and teachers took part in the event, which was organized under the leadership of Hon. President, Rajiv Gandhi and with the participation of the Environmentalist Shri Shivamallu, Environment Award Winner.

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### **Bangalore**

To celebrate World Environment Day, Rotary Club Bangalore Midtown launched a tree-planting project with the Centre for Management Studies [Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain College]. In addition, an educational campaign was carried out in collaboration with World Wide Fund for Nature and Karnataka Chapter. The campaign included the distribution amongst the Rotary, Rotaract & Interact Clubs, as well as schools and colleges, of specially designed **Bangalore Bring Back Birds** Leaflets, Posters & Stickers. During the month of June, a 40 minutes slide presentation on "Urban Wildlife" was shown at various Rotary Clubs and schools. Press gave extensive coverage to the project.

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### **Bangalore**

Greenpeace organized a unique project on World Environment Day: they erected a concert stage on a tree in Bangalore's prominent M G Road, and tried to spread the green message about the need for retaining trees in cities. Greenpeace is commemorating the World Environment Day through this music concert.

### **Baroda**

Bundy India limited held the "Environment Awareness Week" from 4 to 11 June. A number of activities were organized for the employees and their children, including: a story competition, a quiz on environmental issues, a tree plantation exercise, a card-making and a collage-making competition under the theme "Save the Environment", and others.

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## **Baroda**

As part of World Environment Day celebrations, Eco-Watch, an environment activists' organization, launched a 30 acres Biodiversity Park, in the Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation campus in Kudlu. Tree plantation was initiated by Sirikumar, Additional DGP, Police Housing Corporation. Intel Technologies, SOS Children's Villages and Eta Karnataka Estates Ltd supported the programme.

## **Bharat Vikas Parishad**

World Environment Day was celebrated in Bharat Vikas Parishad through a quiz programme for high school students, training for teachers at R. V. College, near Ashoka Pillar.

## **Bhubaneswar**

The Orissa Environmental Society (OES) and the Indian Science Congress Association: Bhubaneswar Chapter (ISCABC) jointly celebrated WED 2005 in the Parija Hall of Plant Resource Centre, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India. Following is a brief account of the diverse programmes undertaken on the occasion:

### **I. 10 am: Plantation:**

- Saplings were planted by the Hon'ble Ministers and other dignitaries within the premises of the Plant Resource Centre

### **II. 10.20 am: Inaugural Session:**

- Mr. B. Harichandan, Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development, Industries and Law inaugurated the celebration as the Chief Guest by lighting a candle.
- Dr. B. Mohanty, former Vice- Chancellor presided over the session.
- Mr. K. Viswanadham, President of OES introduced the guests.
- Dr. J.K. Panigrahi, Secretary, OES, focused on the theme of the WED 05.
- Mr. S.N. Patro, Hon'ble Minister of Energy, IT and Tourism, made his speech as the Guest of Honor and emphasized the importance of strengthening the planning process to make the cities of the state of Orissa clean and green.
- Dr. F.B. Das, former Secretary of Urban Development spoke elaborately on the concept of green and peace cities and its diverse aspects.
- Mr. B. Harichandan, Minister, emphasized the importance of providing infrastructural facilities and better environment to the rural areas, so as to reduce the migration of people to the cities.
- 'Green Student' certificates and prizes were awarded to the winners of the Environment Quiz Competition.
- Dr. S.N. Patro, Convenor, ISCABC, offered vote of thanks.

### **III. 12 noon – 2.30 pm: Citizens' Workshop:**

- Dr. F.B. Das chaired the session. Ar. H.N. Dash, Dr. K.C. Satpathy and Dr. Dillip Ray presented the resource lectures on the theme. The workshop was attended by about 200 delegates. Among them were city planners, architects, academics, scientists, environmentalists and administrators. The delegates participated actively in the discussion session and excellent suggestions were put forth for the

future course of action, in addition to discussing the present state of affairs of the cities of the state Orissa. The recommendations of the workshop have been submitted to the Government of Orissa for implementation in course of time.

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### **Bihar**

The Kainat Foundation organized a number of activities to celebrate World Environment Day by involving the rural population and the Children of Kako Village in Jejamabad District in India. School and non-school going children took part in the following activities: tree planting; Save Our Planet Puppet Show put on by Kainat Foundation volunteers; a cleaning exercise of the watershed of the village by all the villagers; street shows by the children of the village depicting environmental issues relevant to the village; and debate, quiz and poetry competitions.

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### **Culcutta**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Irab Kirab in Dibrugarh organized a daylong seminar about North-East India's natural resource management, with special reference to Meghalaya at the conference hall, Raitong Building, Shillong. There was also an essay competition on the topic "Conservation of Environment" and projects undertaken by NGOs.

### **Culcutta**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Voluntary Health Association of Meghalaya, in collaboration with the social forestry department, Ri Bhoi district, organized the Health Fair at Umsning, Shillong.

### **Chandigarh**

To celebrate WED, UT Administrator General (retd.) S.F. Rodrigues laid the foundation stone of Prayavaran Bhavan, in Sector 19, and presided over a state-level function at CII Auditorium, Sector 30. General Rodrigues emphasized the need to preserve and protect the environmental heritage, which is essential for survival and for sustainable development.

### **Chennai**

On the occasion of the World Environment Day, the employees of Raintree Hotel and Onyx joined hands for a special clean drive on St Mary's Road at Alwarpet. Along with the drive, tree saplings were planted on the stretch.

### **Chennai**

The Choolaimedu Exnora Innovator's Club celebrated World Environment Day and honored some of its members for their contributions towards uplifting Choolaimedu. Dr A Paneerselvam, present at the function, urged the residents to follow the source segregation of garbage at the house hold level and also planted tree saplings in their area to make it clean and tidy.

### **Dhrangadhra**

To celebrate WED, Clean Up Dhrangadhra was organized: over 2000 volunteers took part in a tree planting project along Taluka Road in Dhrangadhra.

### **Gujarat**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Essar Steel Limited organized several activities for the company staff, including: a tree planting exercise; guest speeches, presentations and discussions on environmental issues, as well as a speech of the Head of Environment Department. In addition, drawing, painting and essay competitions were organized, to create environmental awareness among school children. A prize giving ceremony concluded the celebration.

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### **Gujarat**

Gujarat Council of Science City celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June 2005 in a very innovative way. They arranged a poster exhibition on the theme "Green Cities" to

sensitize students, teachers and the general public on the issues of urban areas. In addition a poster painting and a green city quiz competition were arranged for students from Class I to XII. Students and Visitors had the chance to screen puppet shows and skit plays on the theme "City of My Dream". In the evening, a tree plantation around the Science City campus was carried out by the student participants and the visitors. The programme concluded with World Environment Day speech, delivered by the Chairman, Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority, who distributed prizes to the meritorious students. Gujarat Science City, working under the aegis of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat, is emerging as a large scale science popularization platform in the country. Apart from the above programmes, visitors can see IMAX movie "Galapagos", Hall of Science, Ride Simulator, Musical Fountain and many more excitements.

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Jan Seva Group Porbandar – In the week leading up to WED, 350 volunteers took part in roadside clean-ups and tree planting throughout Porbandar in Gujarat State.

### **Gujarat**

The District Science Centre in association with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Centre for Environment Education chalked out a tree-day programme in connection with WED.

On Saturday (4 June), an elocution competition was held on 'Your dream green city – your role' for high school students. An essay competition on 'Environment pollution and protection' for V-VII class students and an extempore talk were held on the same day. On June 5 there was a drawing competition for school students on 'Nature' and 'Green and clean city'. An open house quiz for students on 'Ecology and Environment' was conducted on June 6. Besides these programmes, there was a video show on 'Solid waste management', 'Environment' and 'Pollution and its effects'.

### **Guwahati**

On the occasion of WED, Bharat Jan Vigyan Jatha (BJVJ) released a report on the environmental status of Guwahati. The report also highlighted the rapid deterioration in air quality triggered by the vehicular boom in the city.

### **Hyderabad**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Orient Cement, a division of Orient Paper Industries Limited and a part of the C. Birla Group of Companies, was awarded the prestigious “Cleaner Production Award” at a ceremony held at the Jubilee Hall, Public Garden on 5 June.

### **Imphal**

The volunteers of Human Development Agency, Uripok, observed WED by planting 250 saplings of Mango trees at 100 selected places in Imphal West, East and Thoubal district.

### **Imphal**

World Environment Day 2005 was marked all over the State through various initiatives, including: call for concerted efforts to curb environmental degradation; plantation of trees; and painting, essay and quiz competitions on the theme ‘Protection of Environment’.

### **Imphal**

To celebrate WED, Citizen Welfare Agency, Singjamei, under the joint auspices of Nehru Yuva Kendra, and State Sericulture Department, organized a tree plantation programme along the Lilakhongpalli of Khagemba Road in Heiranggoithong Keibung Oinam Leikai. Around 100 volunteers took part in the programme and planted Mulberry plants and other tree saplings.

### **Imphal**

In connection with World Environment Day, Manipur Pollution Control Board Employees’ Association (MPCBEA) organized a competition under the theme **Green Cities: Plan for the Planet**, at Manipur Press Club.

### **Imphal**

The Centre for Research on Environment Development, Naoremthong Bazar and Social Volunteers’ Association, observed World Environment Day by distributing leaflets and spreading awareness on environmental pollution.

### **Jamnagar**

Nirmal Foundation held WED celebrations on 5 June in Jamnagar. Dr. Y. Anatani, Executive Director of Gujarat City Managers Association, delivered a keynote speech. The Mayor of Jamnagar was invited to preside over the function.

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### **Jamshedpur**

To mark WED, Tata Steel launched a rainwater-harvesting project, through Jamshedpur Utilities and Services Company (Jusco), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Steel major, in the groundbreaking ceremony at the Beldih Lake flats at Dhatkidih. Jusco had also lined up a series of programme to celebrate WED. The celebration kicked off early in the morning with the distribution of an information booklet, stressing the needs and benefits of rainwater harvesting, to morning walkers at Julibee Park. The employees of Jusco also conducted a door-to-door campaign in several residential areas.

### **Kochi**

On World Environment Day, the Mangalavanam Paristhiti Samrakshana Samithy organized a function to plant saplings of a few new varieties of mangroves.

### **Kochi**

Greenpeace India Society and the Indian arm of the Greenpeace Movement organized a bicycle rally on 5 June, from Rajendar Maidan to Eloor.

### **Kolkata**

Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), the steel giant with 5 integrated steel plants, 4 special steel plants and 23 captive mines and collieries, is an environmentally conscious organization, which is steadily going ahead with its productivity whilst keeping environmental concerns as part of its activities.

SAIL, which has been celebrating World Environment Day (WED) for more than a decade, celebrated the Day in all its units in order to reaffirm the commitment of the company towards the protection of ecosystems. WED activities included: the taking of environmental pledges, the organization of slogan, debate, quiz, sit & draw, essay and poster competitions amongst employees and school children. A run for the environment, a tree planting, trainings/workshops and a lecture series were also organized in the different units.

SAIL availed itself of the opportunity to commemorate WED to also reaffirm its commitment to contributing towards a clean and sustainable environment and to continually enhance its environmental performance as an integral part of its business philosophy and values as depicted in the SAIL Corporate Environmental Policy.

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### **Kolkata**

To celebrate WED, the Birta Industrial and Technological Museum, in association with the NGO Mitra Mela organized a 'go as you like' dress parade and painting and poetry competitions.

### **Kolkata**

The West Bengal Pollution Control Board organized a sit and draw competition and quiz at Yuba Bharati Krirangan.

### **Kolkata**

The Kolkata Police, the Kolkata chapter of the Lions and the Anti-Pollution Society of India organized a walk from Wellington Square to Taltala High School.

### **Kolkata**

The International Association for Human Values organized a tree planting function at Victoria Memorial.

### **Kurseong**

World Environment Day was celebrated in a grand manner: more than 2,000 students drawn from over 18 schools took part in a programme organized by the Kurseong Municipality in commemoration of the Day. Representatives from several non-governmental organizations, headmasters and directors of different schools and institutions, NCC cadets and renowned citizens of Kurseong also took part in this mega event. Different competitions were held to mark the day such as essay writing competition, Nepali essay writing competition on environment, art competition on environment, etc. A tree plantation programme was also organized.

### **Lucknow**



Lions Club Lucknow Intelligentsia celebrated World Environment Day by planting many saplings of various varieties at a Park opposite the Bharat International School in Sector-G, Jankipuram.

Lion Yash Pal Kapoor, Secretary told that very soon their club was going to launch an environment awareness campaign entitled "Birthday Trees", wherein people would be made aware about the importance of trees and the environment and would be encouraged to plant a tree on their Birthday as a part of their celebration.

Chief Guest of function Lion Dr. Neeraj Bora, Multiple Council Chairperson planted the first sapling and inaugurated the function. Thereafter other members including Lion (Mrs) A M Kalra, VDG (Elect), Lion Parag Garg, Region Chairperson, Lion Sudeep Kulsreshtha, Zone Chairperson also planted the trees. Local residents also participated in

the function and assured each other to take care of the park and trees planted here. Stickers with catchy slogans such as **Blow Horn for Caution, Not For Pollution** were also pasted on vehicles stopping at petrol stations.

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### **Lucknow**

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### **Lucknow**

A function to mark World Environment Day was organized at the National Botanical Research Institute. The function, under the theme 'Green cities: Plan for the Planet' was an initiative aimed at sharing information on the subject and converting cities into 'green cities'. In particular, the usefulness of biodiesel was highlighted. Biodiesel, being completely natural and renewable since it is completely vegetable oil based, has also the incomparable advantage of being home grown.

### **Lucknow**

To coincide with World Environment Day, 'Brahad Safai Andolan' involved citizens in keeping public spaces clean. The corporation workers and civil defense volunteers did most of the cleaning.

### **Lucknow**

Prithvi Innovations - In the lead up to WED Prithvi Innovations held a number of environmental initiatives, including a biodiversity conservation exhibition for children, a

green signature campaign and a week long Fun 'n' Learn Activity camp at Nirmala Inter College.

### **Maharashtra**

To commemorate World Environment Day, the Tekdi Group organized "Earth Events 2005" from 22 April (Earth Day) to 5 June (WED). These events were part of the joint celebrations for WED and Earth day and symbolized an attempt to bridge the time between these two days by initiating Eco Activities.

The Events held specifically on WED 2005 included: the launch of a Digital Desktop Eco Calendar on 5 June, available on their website (<http://www.tekdi.com>) as a free download. This calendar featured important Eco Events of the year as well as environmentally important days. As in previous years, their WED activities began with tree planting exercises at their branches around the world. This activity started on WED 2005 and goes on until December depending on local seasons. For example, in India the planting season begins on 5 June and goes on until September. TEP (Tekdi Eco Portal) launched also its special free interactive services for Eco Webmasters like discussion & news forum feeds, Eco Web ring on an international level on WED 2005. Before, these services were available only in India.

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### **Mumbai**

The Academy of Environmental Education in Mumbai arranged a lecture and an exhibition on various aspects of environmental awareness on the occasion of World Environment Day - 5 June 2005. The event was organized in collaboration with the Institute of Science in Mumbai.

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## **Mumbai**

The WWF-India (Maharashtra State office), in association with the Maharashtra Nature Park, planned a workshop entitled "Green Mumbaikar", on 5 June. The program included a nature trail in the Maharashtra Nature Park (a city man made forest, developed by WWF-India on a garbage dump in 1990's), followed by interactive sessions on vermicomposting, paper making and recycling. Different games and quizzes were also organized. The venue for the event was Maharashtra Nature Park, Sion -Bandra link road, from 8 am to 4 pm.

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## **Mumbai**

Since 1999, the National Safety Council has been promoting World Environment Day (WED) with the active participation of its members in industry, chapters and action centres. As part of its efforts to promote the WED campaign under the theme **Green Cities - Plan for the Planet!**, the Council appealed to its members to actively celebrate WED and provided a variety of awareness and publicity material on current environmental issues. The following information and publicity material was produced:

- ❖ Banner carrying WED theme;
- ❖ Multicolor poster – **Making Cities Green**
- ❖ An information package containing information about the significance and objectives of WED, various ways of celebrating WED and a list of environmental legislation in India
- ❖ Pocket guides containing technical information in easy-to-understand format on:
  - Environmental Impact Assessment
  - Electronic Waste Management
  - Safe use of CNG

Around 350 industrial organizations from different parts of India benefited from the campaign materials produced.

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### **Mumbai**

Thane Municipal Commissioner Sanjay Sethi inaugurated a 2-km cycle track on 5 June, to mark World Environment Day. The aim of the initiative was to encourage more people to go cycling and to be “environment-friendly and healthy.”

### **Mumbai**

The World Wide Fund for Nature-India celebrated world Environment Day at its Secretariat's office. Activities included: a slideshow, a street play, a dance drama, various competitions, seed and flower trails and other activities such as face and pebble painting, film screenings etc. The effort was aimed at raising awareness of the importance to avoid the use of plastics and to work tirelessly to restore life in "the decaying mother earth" by planting trees and cleaning up. Roshan Seth awarded prizes to the winners of various competitions. WWF-India celebrated World Environment Day with a host of educative events for children, youth and the public. The event was meant to generate awareness and to educate the participants on the importance of sustainable community participation towards the conservation of environment.

### **Mumbai**

To mark WED, Socialite and former Miss India Nafisa Ali led the children in a silent march on 5 June, from Lodhi Gardens to India Habitat Centre. 150 children of Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice flagged off solidarity with nature, to remind the Capital how greenhouse gases have depleted ozone layer and warmed the atmosphere. Children carried placards and a banner reading “An effort to make the world a better place”.

### **Nagpur**

Western Coalfields Limited observed Environment Week during 1 - 7 June every year. This year, the day will again be observed at the Company's Headquarters in Nagpur and in 10 Administrative Areas, as well as in 85 Project Units located in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. A number of environmental awareness campaigns will be arranged during this period, including competitions and exhibitions and seminars on environmental protection themes.

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**New Delhi**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Postal Department of the Government of India brought out the 1<sup>st</sup> Day Cover, which is essentially an envelope bearing a commemorative cachet depicting the work of the Jal Bhagirathi Foundation, a partner of UNDP.

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**New Delhi**

To celebrate WED, the World Wide Fund for Nature – India organized a number of events, including: a poster painting; a “Seed and Flower” trail; an initiative entitled “Wealth from Waste” (aimed at creating wonders with wise and creative use of waste); an environmental puppet show; a quiz; a slide show on sustainable cities and Flower Power; a film screening; a pebble painting; a face painting; and a month-long photo exhibition on Green Cities around India.

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### **New Delhi**

To celebrate WED, and in the context of Indo - American Environment Leadership Programme (IAELP), the United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) organized a panel discussion, entitled "Strengthening Environmental Journalism and Information Management", in collaboration with MIECOFT (Mission for Implementation of Eco-Friendly Technologies) and with the Department of Journalism of Kamla Nehru College. This event took place on 6 June at the Seminar Hall, Kamla Nehru College, Siri Fort Road, New Delhi. The discussion included various topics, including: wholesome communication and reporting (news vs. views); legislative awareness; enhancing information exchange between environmental journalists; right to information and access to reliable environmental data.

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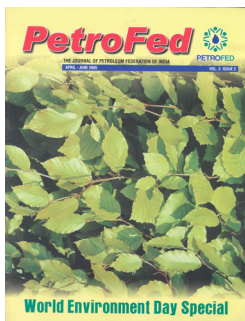
### **New Delhi**

To mark WED, the Taj Group of Hotels began its programmes on Friday 3 June, with environmentalist Suresh Heblkar flagging off the 'Enviro Walk' from Taj Residency. On June 4, an 'Enviro exhibition' was held at Taj West End, while on June 5, the hotel had a green displays at its lobby and a free music concert took place at Guru Nanak Bhavan.

### **New Delhi**

To mark WED, Euro40bn Bosch Group undertook a planting of saplings and 'clean-up the neighborhood' campaigns to create environmental awareness among its plants' staff across the country.

### **New Delhi**



To mark the WED a special number of the PetroFed Journal was published.

### **New Delhi**

The following activities were carried out in India to commemorate World Environment Day:

1. Releasing of a commemorative stamp on Green Cities by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment and Forests, along with a brochure and first day cover wherein the selected painting from the competition of children in the five eco cities (a scheme implemented by the Government of India currently) was printed.
2. Adoption of the Urban Environmental Accords/Green City Declaration by the All India Council of Mayors (a body of 117 Mayors of India) on 5 June 2005 in New Delhi.
3. Organised a Conference on Green Cities (130 professionals from various interest groups participated)/ Children's Summit on Environment (wherein 110 children from five Indian Eco cities and Delhi participated) and a day long workshop on electronic waste management (65 participants) in India was organised on 4 June as a collaborative effort of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, German Technical Cooperation, Royal Norwegian Embassy etc.
4. As a follow up to the above-mentioned activities, an Eco City Expo and a three day Eco city Workshop will be held by the Ministry of Environment and Forests during 3-5 November 2005 in New Delhi with the support of IIT Delhi. This event is expected to bring professional from various walks of life including international experts. A special session for Mayors will be held during the three day event.

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### **Nilakottai**

**Set – Win.** A clean up and recycling campaign involving 100 volunteers was held to celebrate WED in Nilakottai City. In addition, CA Vania Advocate Volunteers removed waste from a lake in Memka village and separated materials for recycling.

### **Orissa Eco-clubs**

The Centre for Environmental Studies in Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India celebrated World Environment Day since 2000. This year, they formed eco-clubs in 4,500 schools in Orissa State, and the students undertook various activities, such as tree planting and clean-up efforts.

The Centre organized also a drawing and painting competition, which was launched on 16 January 2005 and an essay competition, launched on 23 January 2005. The competitions were among school students in the state capital, Bhubaneswar, and the number of participants was approximately 600.

The drawing, painting and essay competitions were also organized in 4,500 eco-club schools, mainly in rural areas. The deadline was 30 April 2005, and the number of participants was 45,000 students! In addition, some 4,500 students were requested to make scientific models based on this year's theme Plan for the Planet.

On 5 June 2005, a function was organized in Bhubaneswar and the Honorable Chief Minister of Orissa was expected to grace the occasion at which an exhibition was organized to showcase selected entries of the drawing and painting competition, as well as the scientific models.

The Centre was selected also individuals and organisations who have done good environmental conservation work in the State, and on WED itself 30 individuals were presented with the "Prakriti Bandhu" (Friend of Environment) award and 30 organizations were given the "Prakriti Mitra" (Dearest friend of Environment) award. The winners of the competitions were also awarded.

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### **Orissa**

On June 5th City Managers of Orissa gathered in the Temple City of India Bhubaneswar to observe World Environment Day 2005. Activities on the day included a workshop and

an exhibition related to Green Cities. In the run-up to the day itself there was a series of roundtable & IEC focusing on urban environment, specifically on the topics of solid waste management, water, urban forestry, green infrastructure and energy conservation, etc. The participants of the workshops included Ministers, Mayors, Secretaries to Government, city managers, officers of urban local bodies, development authorities, planners, academics and international agencies located in Orissa.

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### **Parganas**

On the occasion of WED, Lokamata Rani Rashmoni Mission organized a number of activities, which took place during the week leading up to 5 June. A rally was organized to raise awareness about the WED theme among the public. A sit and draw, as well as an essay competition took place to promote the WED theme among children. Seminars were also held with the members of the youth club and of the science club. In addition, an environmental education CD was shown in schools.

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### **Parganas**

To commemorate WED this year, the Youth for Development organization in Parganas, India organized a workshop/seminar, a cycle rally and a film screening. Their activities involved 20 districts and about 1,000 schools, colleges and universities in West Bengal.

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### **Pune**

To celebrate WED, the Health and Peace Foundation (Swami Hardas Charitable Trust) organized a national seminar on major environmental issues. Dr. Swami Hardas' method was illustrated.

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### **Pune**

Over 100 students and IIPM staff members participated enthusiastically in a rally, whose aim was to convey the message "Plant More Trees and Keep the Environment Clean". In an endeavor to create awareness amongst the general public, the spirited lot marched all around the city enacting a street play.

### **Pune**

Hotel Taj Blue Diamond's employees cleaned the streets of Pune with broomsticks and collected the garbage on the occasion of World Environment Day.

### **Ranchi**

To mark WED, the Subarnarekha Bachao Abhiyan, along with the organization Yugantar Bharti, organized the three-day 'Subarnarekha Pollution Study Tour' to gauge pollution level in the Subarnarekha River. The tour began at Nagri, 15 km from Ranchi, on 3 June 2005 and ended at Bahragora (east Singhbhum). A symposium on 'Environment of Subarnarekha' was also organized in Jamshedpur.

### **Sivasagar**

For the WED 2005, Sanjay Sangole organized a lecture to raise awareness of ONGC Hospital employees about the prevention of indoor and outdoor air pollution.

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### **Tamil Nadu**

Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board organized the following events on World Environment Day 2005

1. An Awareness Programme in a slum adopted by Anna University
2. A live broad cast in Anna FM Community Radio
3. Release of Pamphlets and Charts highlighting the message of the Day
4. An Eco Cultural Programme

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### **Tamil Nadu**

Muthamil Education and Rural Development Society – On the occasion of WED, the Society concluded a tree planting campaign that began on Earth Day (April 22). A total of 3000 saplings were planted throughout Dindigul District of Tamil Nadu.

### **Tamil Nadu**

Rural Development Society Kanji Volunteers coordinated a pollution awareness program in five village schools around Kanji Village, in the Tamil Nadu State. 150 students from each school took part in the programme.

### **Tamil Nadu**

The students of Valley Commonwealth Public School, located in Kanji Village participated in a tree planting day and in the monitoring of existing trees.

### **Tamil Nadu**

The Society for Community Organization and Rural Education organized street clean ups over two days, to remove waste and raise awareness of littering in communities throughout the Karur District.

### **Trivandrum**

On the occasion of WED, the Forum for Environmental Writers (FEW) displayed banners in local dialect on the menace of plastic bags. They were put up on vantage

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### **U.T of Lakshadweep**

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### **Vadodara**

To celebrated WED on 5 June, INSONA hosted an awards ceremony at the Motibaug Palace Compound in Vadodara. Various awards were given, including 'The Fatehsinghrao Gaekwad Conservation Award for Environmental Achievement'. The award is named after the founder of INSONA and was given to Dr Sapna Surendran for her work in wildlife conservation and environmental stewardship.

### **Visakhapatnam**

World Environment Day celebrations were jointly conducted by the Jan Sikslan Samsthan (JSS) and People's Organization for Welfare in Rural Enviroment (POWER). The 'Kannam Srinivasa Rao Smaraka Vrikshamitra' was presented to G SN Sarma, founder of the Village Development committee and B Dhanunjaya Rao, Chodavaram forest range officer. Vadu Chairman PSN Raju urged the public to protect the environment, to enable it to protect the mankind.

### **Visakhapatnam**

Rural Education and Development Project (READ Project) Volunteers marched in the streets of Attur to raise awareness about recycling water.

**Visakhapatnam**

Friendship Foundation - The Foundation cleaned up waterways severely affected by industry pollution in Mrugavani National Park, KBR National Park, MHV National Deer Park and Jawahar National Deer Park.

**Visakhapatnam**

Association for Promotion of Education and Socio Cultural Activities (APESCA) - APESCA held one of their weekly Sunday street corner meetings to display banners and distribute information to help raise environmental awareness in their community.

**Visakhapatnam**

On the occasion of the WED, the Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT), organized sapling plantation programme at the sports and cultural complex, Nehru place, involving children. Kishore distributed prizes to the winners of the essay writing competition held at the Dock Labour Board Junior College. VASAVI CLUB planted saplings in the APSEB colony and ASR Nagar.

**Visakhapatnam**

World Environment day was celebrated at the Dipatoli Cantonment on 5 June. Major General Dalip Bharadwaj, the general officer in commanding, Cockerel division, along with the president of the Army Wives' Welfare Association, Renu Bhawadwaj, inaugurated the function. Both of them planted a sapling in the newly development children's park.

**INDONESIA****Ayapura - West Papua**

To commemorate the World Environment Day on 5 June 2005 - CYCLOPS - the Centre for Environmental Education played its role as initiator and worked with several government institutions and individuals to organize various events. In cooperation with the Ministry of Environment in Jakarta, Cyclops started working with the local community living in a small complex in Jayapura City to save their environment with activities such as tree planting, a workshop on urban environment issues such as city green-belts, waste management, and talk shows on local radio. By working with interested individuals and professionals, Cyclops worked to organize a "Sustainable City Forum" - an independent forum aimed at promoting Jayapura as a sustainable city. The forum was part of the World Environment Day celebrations this year. Other activities were also undertaken.

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### **Jakarta**

To celebrate WED, Antheus Indonesia PT has organized Indonesia Environment Week 2005, a big environmental event that took place from 2 to 5 June 2005 at the Jakarta Convention Center. Several activities were held, including an exhibition, seminars, discussions, educational competitions and field trips.

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### **South Kalimantan**

In the last years, Batulicin has become a coal mining town. A lot of people have come with various activities and a lot of land is disturbed and a lot of waste and rubbish created. PT Arutmin Indonesia, one of the coal mine companies with a high commitment to the environment, is undertaking reclamation and other environmental management exercises. To celebrate WED 2005, PT Arutmin Indonesia invited the local government and the people to clean their areas by picking up rubbish and planting trees in some public areas. They also provided rubbish bins to be placed along the city roads and assisted in developing domestic waste management systems and the necessary infrastructure.

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### **Tangerang**

In Indonesia the main source of air pollution is vehicles emission. For this reason, on World Environment Day 2005, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Tangerang Municipality measured public vehicles emissions. The measurement was undertaken free of charge in order to enhance public awareness of the need to maintain their vehicles properly to prevent air pollution. The WED events took place over two days - 6 and 7 June. The EPA distributed also posters, leaflets and stickers, describing the importance to maintain vehicles.

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### **Yogyakarta**

Sylva Indonesia, the Indonesian Forestry Student Association, celebrated WED with a tree planting exercise, to raise awareness of this year World Environment Day theme. In addition, a project entitled "An Eco-Corridor for a Green City" was developed in collaboration with 30 Indonesian universities. The aim was to create a green corridor between Merapi Mountain National Park and the town of Yogyakarta. The association cooperated with the local government and NGOs, as well as with civil society and the media.

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## **JAPAN**

Japan Environmental Action Network (JEAN) continued the Spring Clean Up campaign, which run from March until August involving 20, 000 volunteers across Japan.

## **KOREA**

### **Daegu**

On the occasion of WED, Dr. Ahn's Institute for Nature Care organized a special event for children sponsored by the Debec department store. The event included: an exhibition of NIE (newspaper in education); artworks; houses made of milk cartons; building a green Daegu; reading books about the environment; giving pamphlets about renewable energy and saving energy, etc. The event took place from 5 to 9 June 2005, at the event hall of Debec Plaza.

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## **LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

### **Vientiane**

Lao held a meeting in Vientiane on June 8 to commemorate World Environment Day under the theme "*Green Cities: Plan for the Planet*". On this occasion, Lao Prime Minister Bounhang Volachit urged the entire people to show their high sense of responsibility for environmental management and sustainable utilization of natural resources.

## **MALDIVES**

In conjunction with WED, Abdullah Kamludeen, Acting Minister of Environment and Construction, the Minister of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources released the Tsunami Assessment report. Details of the report were given at the ceremony by the

UNEP Country Coordinator in Maldives Mr. John Benet. Leaflets on the theme of World Environment Day were distributed and a documentary video was presented to create awareness on the importance of measures taken to protect selected areas in the Maldives. The documentary video was prepared under the Nation Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, which is jointly implemented by UNDP and the Ministry of Environment and Construction, with the assistance of the Global Environment Facility.

On the occasion of WED, Muhidhdhin School held a poster exhibition. The exhibition was inaugurated at a special assembly by the Director for Coastal Management of the Environment Research Centre, Mahmood Riyaz. All students of the school submitted drawings to the exhibition. The best five posters from each grade were selected after the exhibition.

To mark World Environment Day, Male's English School and Muhiyuddin School have jointly held series of special events. The events began with tree planting in Muhiyuddin School followed by a meeting for students from both schools in Muhiyuddin School Hall. An informative session was held following the meeting, where information was provided to students by Environment Analyst of the Ministry of Environment and Construction. Students also carried out a cleaning program in Villingilli today. The Villingilli Health Office and Ward Office participated in the event. The NSS Coast guard also took part by cleaning the west and east coast of the island. 200 students from MES as well as the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders from Muhiyuddin School took part in the activities. Madrasathul Ameer Ahmed also celebrated World Environment Day with a program to clean the School grounds. The members of the school Environment club, Cadets, Cub Scouts and Girl Guides took part. The programme included a tree planting program and a poster drawing competition. A special assembly was also held in the school, during which the environment club launched the booklet 'Fehimagu'.

## **MALAYSIA**

### **Petaling Jaya**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Environmental Protection Society of Malaysia (EPSM), one of the oldest Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations in the country held its annual public forum themed: Green Cities: Plan for the Planet- The Urban Environmental Challenge. The purpose of World Environment Day is to focus attention on the importance of the environment- to give a human face to environmental issues and to empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development for the benefit of the present and future generations. Topics for discussion for our 2005 forum included:

- \*Pure Elements- food, water, air,
- \*Redesigning the Metropolis- smart growth, waste diversion, green building,
- \*Cities on the move- transportation,
- \*Urban Power- renewable energy and energy conservation,
- \*Flower Power- open space, biodiversity and greening the urban environment.

This year their line of eminent speakers and panelist included:

- \*YBhg Datuk Ruslin bin Hj Hasan Datuk Bandar of Kuala Lumpur.

\*Professor Dr. Mohd Nordin Hasan, President of ENSEARCH and former director of LESTARI.

\*Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan Former Programme Manager, the Urban Governance Initiative (TUGI), UNDP

\*His Excellency Mr. Geoff Randal High Commissioner of New Zealand

\*Mr. Roland Haas, Chief Technical Advisor, Malaysian- German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Department of Environment.

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### **Kuala Lumpur**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Bangsar Village Shopping Centre undertook an environmental campaign, whose objective was to educate and reinforce the concept of recycling. The Shopping Centre sponsored 20,000 specially designed reusable green shopping bags, with the slogan Go Green for the Future of Our Kids. Storyboards targeted at children were also displayed inside the shopping centre, in order to create awareness of the need to recycle.

To reinforce the message of using used materials, a book recycling effort was carried out. All collected books were donated to local charities, which adhere to the Bangsar Village Kids for Kids Charity Programme.

To create awareness of the color-coding employed for the sorting of different recyclable items, colored recycling bins were put at key points, with large posters hanging over each bin. The whole campaign started in early April and continued until WED. To support the campaign and to create awareness of the project, advertisement in the media was used.

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**Pahang**

In commemoration of World Environment Day, a reforestation activity was carried out, with the participation of 200 people. In addition, a camping trip to Sungai Wi Waterfall was organized, so that the local community could enjoy and value Cameron highlands' natural patrimony.

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**Pulau Tioman**

In conjunction with World Environment Day, the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) organized the Island Fest 2005 on the East Coast Island. The event was aimed at introducing the natural wonders of Tioman, which is known as an ecological heaven. The Malaysian Nature Society invited nature lovers to the Island Fest 2005, to learn more about this gem in the South China Sea. Activities lined up for this two-day event included MNS-guided walks, snorkeling, bird-watching and frogging. There also were exhibitions, games for children and talks.

**Selangor**

To commemorate World Environment Day, Green Marketing and World of Colors organized a Color Event, which was held at a few mega shopping malls in Malaysia. Thousands of children and adults were invited to participate in the event. As a memento, all participants received a special edition of a WED 2005 box of recycled colored pencils as well as a Wed 2005 Do it Yourself Key Chain. They received also a Certificate of Participation. The effort was in support of the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia.

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### **Selangor**

Global Environment Centre - In conjunction with the Friends of Kelana Jaya Park, volunteers from the Global Environment Centre cleaned up and planted trees in Kelana Jaya Park. The aim was to promote a clean, healthy park environment to park users and the community of Kelana Jaya.

### **Shah Alam**

In conjunction with World Environment Day on 5 June, Alam Flora Sdn Bhd launched the Customers' Choice Awards 2005. The event was aimed at celebrating the efforts of waste management workers on their contribution towards a cleaner and greener Malaysia. Alam Flora Chief Executive Officer, Mohd Siraj Abdul Razack, invited the public to nominate the worker, driver or supervisor whom they felt was dedicated to his job in keeping the city clean.

## **MALDIVES**

### **Vleidhoo**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Velidhoo Youth Development Society organized a clean-up exercise near the beach side of the island. In addition a campaign to raise awareness of the need to recycle was conducted among school students.

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## **MYANMAR**

### **Yangon**

A ceremony to mark World Environment Day 2005, sponsored by the Myanmar National Commission for Environmental Affairs, was held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The National Commission for Environmental Affairs, in cooperation with related Ministries, organized also a series of activities around the country to raise public awareness of WED theme. Activities included: an essay competition and an exhibition,

entitled **Green Cities, Plan for the Planet!** An environmental award was organized, to honor individuals and organizations that gave outstanding contributions to the management and protection of the environment. In addition to this, songs commemorating WED were aired from the Broadcasting stations and 260,000 saplings were also planted in Taikk Township in Yangon on 5 June.

## **MONGOLIA**

### **Ulaanbaatar**

On the occasion of WED, Mongolian Nature and Environment Consortium established a community based tree nursery in Uliastain community located 12 km east from center. The Asian Development Bank provided financial assistance. The objective was to set the tree nurseries in areas which will be able to provide sustainable seedlings for the next 10 - 20 years. The communities would like to green Uliastain area in next 5 years. The Mongolian Nature and Environment Consortium will provide technical and professional service to community members to fulfill the objectives.

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## **NEPAL**

### **Bhakatapur**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Nepal International Consumers Union (NICU) held a seminar at Navratna English School at Bhakatapur- Thimi - with 31 participants. After the discussion, the participants expressed their desire to continue environmental education activities.

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**Kathmandu**

Environment Cycle Radio hosted WED celebrations on 4, 5 and 6 June. Various activities took place in Kathmandu Valley, including environmental speeches, display of banners related to the “Green City” theme, a bicycle rally, and a poster distribution. Other environmental initiatives were held at Kathmandu City Hall.

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**Kathmandu**

On 5 June His Royal Highness Crown Prince Paras Bir Bikram Shah Dev inaugurated the main function and exhibition organized to mark the World Environment Day 2005 amidst a function at Royal Nepal Academy, Kamaladi. On this occasion, HRH the Crown Prince observed with keen interest the 30 stalls at the exhibition showcasing the importance and need of activities relating to energy, agriculture, bio-diversity and tourism. During the function, HRH the Crown Prince awarded environment and women prizes. Letters of appreciation were also awarded to various organizations.

The World Environment Day 2005 National Celebration Committee was formed by the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology and by other organizations. Other activities were organized, including an initiative entitled Clean Energy Nepal.

**Kathmandu**

A Clean Up the World Member in Nepal, Support Nepal, held an environmental workshop with the assistance of local authorities, policy makers and media personnel. The workshop was entitled ‘Urban Environment in Nepal – Policy and Practice’. The workshop discussed policy and practices relating to environmental issues in Nepal, with a particular focus on solid waste management.

**Kathmandu**

During the month of June, Engineers without Borders cleaned up Lubhu Village, an ancient village located in the eastern outskirts of Kathmandu valley, rich in history and culture. The aim of the campaign was to educate the residents about the importance of waste management and other environmental issues.

## **Kathmandu**

On the occasion of WED 2005, the Youth Awareness Environmental Forum (YAEF) arranged a banner show, on 4 June, at Ratnapark, Kathmandu and Lalitpur, Lagankhel's Venus. YAEF executive chairman, Mr. Astaman Kisee Maharjan, and YAEF advisor, Padam Bahadur Sapkota, gave speeches and information about the ongoing activities of the forum and about the programme organized to celebrate WED. Representatives of the leading daily and weekly newspapers attended the opening ceremony. On 4 June 2005 the Secondary Level Valley Speech Competition Programme was held. 34 schools of the valley participated in the competition with totally 68 representatives.

The competition took place at the Namuna Machhindra secondary school Lalitpur Lagankhel. YAEF also distributed posters which carried slogans on different topics, including: water conservation, plastic use reduction, stop chimney brick industries, stop the stone curser industries, etc. The programme was jointly conducted by representative of SAYEN, National Focal point Mr. Deepak Acharya, and YAEF members.

5 June Programme was jointly organized by YAEF and by Environment Cycle Radio (ECR FM). Celebrations started at the city hall in Rastriya Sava Griha Exhibition Road with the Valley Bicycle Rally, with the aim to turn into action World Environment Day slogan. The rally left Lagenkhel and followed Jawalakhel, Pulchowk, Kupondole, Tripereshwor, Sahidgate, Sundharas, Newroad, Bhotahity, Jamal and Gantaghar. The event was inaugurated by the IUCN country representative, Mr. Sagendra Tiwari.

The gathering was addressed by YAEF executive chairman of YAEF and by YAEF Chief Advisor Member, Mr. Bharat Jung Rana. YAEF programme coordinator, Mr. Rajendra Maharjan, facilitated the programme. Thereafter the public visited the main chows and places of Kathmandu like Bagbazar, Maitighar, Putalisadak Exhibition Road, Singadurbar; Maitighar Thapathali, etc. The participants finally reached YAEF Head office, where a discussion was organized on the topic "Environment Protection in Nepal: Problems and Solutions". Teachers, students, journalists, and social workers actively participated in the rally.

On 6 June, a performance with cultural dances and environmental related songs took place.

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## **Lalitpur**

To celebrate WED, the King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation (KMTNC), Central Zoo, in coordination with the IUCN Nepal and Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City organized a 'green walk'. More than 3,000 people took out with the message "Green city:

Plan for the future”. Some 22 wards and 30 different schools participated in the walk. A tree plantation was also organized at Jawalakhel by KMTNC.

### **Sunsari**

B.P.K.I.H.S. Dharan organized a rally for students and villagers, a tree planting in a school (Janata Madhyamic Vidhyala, Narsing), and an essay and drawing competition among the students.

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### **Sunsari**

Saplings of various species were planted at Hasposa VDC of Sunsari district on the occasion of World Environment Day. Some 500 saplings were planted under the active participation of Local Community Forest Users.

## **NEW ZEALAND**

To coincide with World Environment Day, Canon New Zealand launched the Canon Environmental Grant, a \$15,000 product grant to be awarded on an annual basis to facilitate an environmental project or research.

Six Green Ribbon Awards and five highly commended awards were presented on 9 June during a ceremony at the Grand Hall, Parliament. The awards are presented each year in June, to tie in with World Environment Day on 5 June.

## **PAKISTAN**

### **Abbottabad**

Abbottabad IUCN Office celebrated World Environment Day in collaboration with District Government Abbottabad on 4 June 2005 at Jalal Baba Auditorium. Three competitions were held among school children:

- Urdu Speech Competition (15 student from 15 institutions)
- English Speech competition (15 student from 15 institutions)
- Poster Competition (50 students from 19 institutions)

The topic of the competitions was **Green Towns-Secure Future**. A Stage drama was also performed. District Nazim was the chief guest and distributed certificates and souvenir to the students.

### **Chitral**

IUCN Chitral Office celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2005, in collaboration with Muslim Model School Chitral. In this connection a Speech and Poster Competition were held. The theme of the activity was "Environmental issues of Chitral town and their impact on Human Life".

### **Balochistan**

To celebrate WED, IUCN in collaboration with the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation Quetta organized a speech contest among the students of twenty colleges. The title of this activity was the 'PBC-IUCN All Quetta Inter Colleges Environmental Speech Contest'. Urban Basic Services Cell, Quetta organized walks of life with the collaboration of IUCN BPO.

### **Balochistan**

Seminar on Islamic perspective on Environment and Conservation were organized by the Ulema of Balochistan. Representatives from districts participated in this seminar. Ulema from every school of thought made their deliberation.

### **Balochistan - Ziarat**

Ziarat Juniper Environmental Council (ZJEC) held a seminar in Ziarat. The topic of the seminar was 'Conservation of the Juniper forest and of the Environment in Ziarat'. People from all walks of life participated in this event.

### **Balochistan**

To celebrate WED, Balochistan Social Development Programme (BSDP) organized a walk. In addition, a declamation contest among the schools of Quetta was held on May 26. The theme was "Green Cities, Plan for the Planet!". One girl and one boy were nominated to represent the region in the national declamation contest that was held on 5 June in Islamabad.

### **Balochistan**

Society for Human Awareness Development and Empowerment celebrated World Environment Day in Naseerabad region. On 5 June 5, a rally was organized and people from all walks of life were invited to participate. The rally was followed by a seminar on "World Environment Day".

In addition to this, a Poster Competition for school and college students was organized. A prize for journalists of the Naseerabad region for articles about World Environment Day was awarded. All cable operators in Naseerabad region displayed slogans related to WED. Balochistan Coordinating Council (BCC) a partner in the civil society network organized events (walks, seminars, etc.) in ten districts of Balochistan Islamabad Programme Office.

For the event, IUCN collaborated with UN Information System (UNIC), Capital Development Authority (CDA), and WWF Pakistan to organize joint event/celebrations on 7 June 2005 at Islamabad Convention Centre. To highlight the significance of the day and the theme, the Ministers for Environment, the Chairman CDA and key players in

urban planning of Islamabad were invited, along with environmentalists, academicians, media and relevant civil society organizations.

Exhibition stalls were set up by civil society organizations and Universities/Colleges/Schools depicting their initiatives/research/projects on environmental issues. Numbers of private and government schools displayed their artworks related to environment.

### **Dera Ismail Khan**

To mark WED 2005 the Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD) held a seminar at Dera Ismail Khan in collaboration with IUCN DIKhan. The topics selected were: Environment and Development, by Khalid Abdullah; Islam and Environment, by Prof. Ahmed Nawaz; Environment and Urbanization, by Eng. Javed Environment; Health Concerns, by Dr.Hussain. The presentation was followed by a drawing competition for school children on environment.

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### **Islamabad**

To celebrate WED, Gogi Studios presented a book, entitled "The Garbage Monster" on the theme of environment protection and cleanliness. The book, authored by the famous Pakistani cartoonist, Nigar Nazar, has colorful cartoons and illustrations and includes a board game based on the Do's and Don'ts of maintaining a healthy and clean environment. It was translated in Urdu and was printed by the Ministry of Environment. It was distributed widely to children in different provinces of Pakistan on the occasion of the World Environment Day.

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**Islamabad**

Envirotech – An environmental campaign commenced in Sector E-9 in Islamabad to mark WED. The campaign aimed to address environmental problems currently facing the area, including untreated wastewater, solid waste polluting the waterways and uncontrolled waste incineration producing air pollution.

**Lahore**

Human Development Organization – A Clean River Campaign commenced on the occasion of WED and run over 5 days. Volunteers removed waste from the Ravi River near Lahore.

**Multan**

To celebrate WED, the National Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, a joint project of UNDP & the Government of Punjab Pakistan, organized an event entitled “Green Development Forum Plan for the City”. On this occasion, the environmental actions that were going to be undertaken in Multan were presented to the citizens. The event took place at the Multan Arts Council hall.

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The Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment (SHADE) celebrated WED for the first time in the region. Activities included a walk; a seminar entitled “Save the Planet” and a poster competition among students of different schools. In addition, an environmental message was broadcast throughout the day on a local TV.

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The IUCN Sarhad Office supported Sarhad Conservation Network, a civil society organization to commemorate World Environment Day on 4 June 2005 at Khyber Medical College. The main features of the seminar were presentations by experts and panel discussions on Urban Environmental Issues and its public health implications, with a key note address by Dr. Parvez Hassan on Environmental Protection "recent challenges of implementation in Pakistan".

### **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

#### **Alotau, Milne Bay Province**

To commemorate WED, the organization Conservation International (CI) organized a Green and Clean Day. Students, town authorities, business houses, prison inmates, and the general public came together to clean up the town and plant some trees. In addition, CI and the Town Authority launched a continuing Coastal Care Programme and presented the Alotau Green and Clean Committee, who was responsible for initiating clean and green programmes throughout the year. Posters and brochures were prepared for the event and youths painted waste drums with clean and green messages.

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### **Madang**

Madang town is one of the many tourist hot spots in Papua New Guinea. A lot of tourists from all over the world go there either on cruise ships or airplanes. One of the ideas for World Environment Day 2005 event was to discourage the use of plastic shopping bags and ice-blocks, frozen in plastic tubes and sold at marketplaces. The town is littered with plastic bags and being right on the sea, a lot of plastic end up in the ocean.

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### **Port Moresby**

Eco-Forestry Forum (EFF) coordinated the World Environment Day events in collaboration with all conservation NGOs in Port Moresby. EFF involved schools and organized a whole-day's-event which included: a poster competition, tree planting, writing poems and songs, clean-up campaigns, competitions, the production of a WED magazine that was distributed on 5 June, and promotional materials related to the WED theme.

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### **Port Moresby**

The Department of Environment and Conservation, on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea, launched the celebrations for WED at Port Moresby National High School on 3 June. The Prime Minister, Sir Michael Thomas Somare, gave the keynote speech. Planned activities included: traditional songs and dances, poem readings by students, drama performances and choir groups. The most important event was a tree planting, with the participation of many dignitaries, including ministers, heads of departments and diplomats. Each of them planted a tree that was named and tagged after them. In addition to this, the Moitaka Wild Life Sanctuary was officially dedicated to Sir Michael Thomas Somare. Student representatives from about 15 schools of the capital were present. Moreover, the National Capital District Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Conservation, organized awareness campaigns on the major cities markets.

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Kasela Palu Group, a village-based environment group, mobilized 200 volunteers to raise awareness for environmental protection on 5 June. They focused on the suburb of Boroko, conducted a general clean up and planted trees.

## **PHILIPPINES**

### **Baguio City and Nationwide**

WED commemoration in the Philippines every year since 2001 can be described as a cluster of many diverse environmental consciousness-oriented activities mainly in a national site chosen the year before, and with parallel but smaller-scale activities in other cities, including the national capital, Metro Manila. All details can be accessed by clicking the World Environment Day link from the opening menu of <http://earth.web.ph>

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### **Bongao, Tawi-Tawi**

World Wildlife Fund- Philippines organized a number of activities to commemorate WED, including:

- ❖ The first meeting of the Environment Committee of the Province of Tawi-Tawi. The meeting was co-chaired by the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, by representatives of USAID FISH Project and of WWF CRFC Project;
- ❖ The launch of the Environmental Management Program in Tawi-Tawi;
- ❖ Environmental awareness activities in the schools, which took place every weekend throughout the month of June. They were led by the “Youth Movement for the Sea and included film showings, seminars, lectures, coastal clean-ups and mangrove reforestation initiatives;
- ❖ A clean-up effort, in the Island of Kang Tipayan (Languyan), on 26 June.

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### **Butuan City**

On the occasion of WED, the Environmental Management Bureau held clean ups in coastal areas within Butuan City and/or Agusan del Norte.

### **Cebu City**

To mark World Environment Day, the Bike for Hope Advocacy Ride and Race invaded Cebu City on 4 June. Senator Pia Cayetano led the initiative, to raise funds for Companero Rene Cayetano Foundation, which supports various health, educational, sports and environmental projects. The 56-kilometer action started at the Cebu IT Park and passed through Mandaue, Consolacion, Liloan, Compostela, Danao and Sogod.

### **Davao City**

To celebrate WED, the Human Development International (HDI) Vanguard Corps for Peace and Development showed a documentary film produced by HDI, entitled "Call in the Wilderness" to schools students and to the community. The film featured the importance of mountains as source of energy, air, water and other natural elements. It also showed the destruction, onslaught and encroachment that happened at Mt. Apo (the Philippine's tallest mountain). Environmental awareness was also raised through a radio programme, called "Gising Kabataan" (which means "Youth Wake Up!") that was aired every Saturday from 3 to 4pm at DXRP Radyo ng Bayan 675 KHz. This initiative was part of HDI's plan to raise awareness and consciousness of the need to protect the mountains and the environment as a whole.

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### **Koronadal City**

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### **Malaybalay City**

ECO-VENTURE marked WED 2005 with an information campaign entitled “A Walk to Remember: From Valencia City to Malaybalay City” in Bukidnon. The campaign aimed at the residents of two major cities in Bukidnon, which contribute greatly to solid waste pollution of the local rivers, especially from plastics. Activities included an information campaign in the form of a parade, carrying banners and placards containing messages urging people to stop using plastic bags.

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### **Mandaluyong City**

To commemorate World Environment Day this year, the TREES@Net Group of Singles for Christ in Manila organized on June 3-5 2005 a tree planting activity with hiking/trekking in one of the denuded mountains, as well as clean-up drives.

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### **Muntinlupa City**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Muntinlupa City Ecological Solid Waste Management Board organized a number of initiatives, which took place throughout the month of June. Activities included: a motorcade; a gathering of all Public Utility Jeeps (PUJ) and Tricycle Operators (TODA); a free gas and diesel testing for all tricycles, PUJs and government vehicles; a lake seeding exercise, and a river clean-up. In addition, an initiative entitled **Tree for the Next Generation** was launched, a seminar on

Solid Waste Management Program (RA 9003, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000) was held and a free testing of water stations of the city was carried out.

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### **Naga, Cebu.**

Kyocera Kinseki Philippines, Inc, in collaboration with the Barangay Council of Cantaoan, held a clean-up campaign in Naga, Cebu. Volunteers cleaned up, planted trees and were involved in solid waste management training.

### **Pagadian City**

To mark World Environment Day, EWM Pagadian City organized an ecological awareness radio campaign to inform the audience of the importance of protecting the ecology of Pagadian City. Tree planting took also place, and at least 100 tree seedlings were planted in each of the 54 barangays. Over 5000 people took part to the event.

### **San Fernando City**

In conjunction with the celebration of World Environment Day, the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR) organized the **First Regional Eco Youth Summit** (22-24 June 2005). The event was coordinated by the youth officials of the DENR, in partnership with the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Education (DepEd). The Eco Youth Summit was a three-day event designed to strengthen the involvement of the youth in environmental issues. Students from different high schools, colleges and universities of the region took part in the summit. It included workshops, lectures, outdoor activities, plenary sessions and group discussions.

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## **SINGAPORE**

tickleart@citylink celebrated WED with a series of art installations at CityLink Mall in Singapore. From June to end July 2005, three window showcases held art works from various artists, and Very Special Arts (a non-profit org) that contributed to raising awareness of the world environment. Shirley Soh, artist, installed her work entitled "the writing's on the soil", comprising objects sculpted from dried compost.

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In support of World Environment Day, one of Singapore's leading supermarket retailers launched a Green Bag, to encourage the use of fewer plastic bags. Environmentalists estimate that a staggering one million plastic shopping bags are given out free each day in Singapore. To mark the launch, the first 20k000 customers from 31 May received a free Green Bag, when they spent at least \$50. On Sunday's National Family Week launch at the Singapore Expo, 15000 Green Bags were also given to visitors. Posters and tent-cards with the message "Let's save the environment, use less plastic bags", were displayed at FairPrice supermarkets.

## **SRI LANKA**

### **Colombo**

To commemorate WED, the Centre for Environmental Justice - a team of environmental activists in Sri Lanka - organized workshops and seminars in tsunami-affected areas to enhance understanding of the importance of green belts in coastal areas and conducted a replanting programme on the coastal belt.

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### **Galle**



Rainforest Rescue International (RRI) in Sri Lanka is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting conservation of tropical rainforests. Its activities will lead to long lasting social, economical and

environmental benefits to the people. Recently, RRI has redirected its activities to respond to the damage wrought by the tsunami:

- WED main event organized by RRI took place to establish Green Belt in Dadalla, 0.5 km Galle-Colombo road side affected by the Tsunami, with the participation of 200 School Students, BTS School;
- Under the theme Re-Building Nature, held awareness programme for 20 Tsunami affected schools in Southern Province, to commemorate this special day followed by planting a Memorial tree;
- 5 and 6 June, 9.00 am-5.00 pm exhibition and awareness stall, on Rebuild the Tsunami affected Home Garden and Sustainable use of Rainforest and screen a film on "Biodiversity of the Sea" at Town Hall, Galle;
- Annual WED Periodical Wata-Pita (ISSN 1391-9652) including UNEP, events and WED Message.

Aims of these WED-2005 events were to enhance environmental knowledge of the communities; empower people to become active agents to challenging attitudes towards the rebuilding of Tsunami affected Nature and various environmental issues in the country.

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### **Galle**

To commemorate WED, a promotion campaign to popularize Green Cities was launched by UNDP and GEF/SGP at Samanala Uyana. Other activities included exhibitions and sale of products, comprising over ten stalls by Government institutions related to environment and tourism; an environment walk; a tree planting program to restore marine and coastal habitats destroyed by tsunami; environmental education programs for schoolchildren; beach cleaning programs; and prize distribution for winners of the national, art, poster essay and poetry competitions.

### **Kandy**

The Diocese of Kurunagala organized a number of activities on the occasion of World Environment Day, including:

- ❖ Procession of children carrying posters of their creative work on the theme, along with the clergy, displaying them as they go round the congregation and leaving them at the notice board;
- ❖ Praise and worship service in Sinhala, English and Tamil (Trilingual);

- ❖ Contemporary reading of the theme;
- ❖ Sermon by an Environmentalist;
- ❖ A leaflet containing how to be environment friendly, and how to manage garbage to make compost to enrich gardens.

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### **Kosgoda**

The Sri Lanka Nature Forum (SLNF), the Consortium of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/ Global Environment Facility (GEF) /Small Grant Programme (SGP) funded Environmental NGOs organized an environmental exhibition and many other side events to commemorate World Environment Day 2005. The exhibition and side events were held in Galle Butterfly Park (Samanala Uyana) on 5 and 6 June. The chief guests were the Honorable Minister A.H.M. Fowzie of the Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources & the Deputy Hon. Minister Bandula Basnayake among others.

The government departments such as Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources, National Zoological Department, Sri Lanka Tourist Board, Sri Lanka Customs, Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, Marine Pollution Prevention Authority, Coast Conservation Department, National Aquatic Resources Agency, National Museum, Forest Department, Wildlife Department, Central Environmental Authority, National Biodiversity Secretariat etc. joined SLNF in displaying their exhibition stalls in the exhibition area. SLNF member organizations and non-member environmental organizations also participated in the exhibition. There were more than 50 exhibition stalls. Full media coverage was given by the "Sirasa" Radio and Television (MTV) Network.

In addition, side events such as a walk and an art, poster, essay and poetry competition among the schools were held, as well as a tree planting exercise to restore the marine and coastal habitats destroyed by the Tsunami in Galle District. Other activities included environmental education programmes for school children, Tsunami survivors and other coastal communities; an environmental and cultural show; an environmental film, a declaration of a conservation conscious society; a beach cleaning effort; and the production and distribution of an environment day souvenir. The award ceremony of the National School Art / Essay and Poetry competition was held on 6 June at the Galle Municipal Council Hall.

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### **Peradeniya**



On the occasion of World Environment Day (WED) and under the theme Green Cities, the National Environmental Forum (NEF) launched a Tree Planting Campaign on 5 June under the Pinus Carebia Plantation located on 0.25 acres of the University land. This was undertaken in collaboration with its sister organization Hantana Conservation Society (HCS), University of Peradeniya.

Five different indigenous plant species were introduced as pioneers at this initial stage. No undergrowth is found under these Pinus plantation, which extend more than 400 acres. This piece of land would develop as a Pilot site to regain the biodiversity in the area. NEF is a voluntary community organization, manned by professionals and other citizens qualified in various environment-related disciplines. Among them are senior university academics as well as officers attached to a number of the national and private organizations. They are involved in many environment-related activities in a voluntary capacity in order to investigate and mitigate environmental problems in Sri Lanka. In addition, they also conduct awareness programs in relation to natural resources management particularly for various youth communities.

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## **THAILAND**

### **Bangkok**

Children from Klong Toei in central Bangkok joined a street campaign to mark World Environment Day. The use of banana leaves and stacked food containers rather than disposable plastic ones was the central theme of celebrations in the Kingdom.

### **Krabi**

Thais up and down the country celebrated World Environment Day with a declaration of 'Independence' for the environment, with local communities taking part in numerous schemes to revive the nature ecosystem. Natural Resources and Environment Minister Yongyuth Tiypairat presided over the opening of an environment fair at Nopparat Thara beach. The pop group Bird and Hearth performed a mini concert; Mr. Yongyut spoke on a television programme broadcast by satellite to the nation of the need for local people to get involved in environmental conservation and restoration programmes. The nation's 148 National Parks embarked on a Big Cleaning Day, launching programmes to clear up rubbish both on land and in the sea.

### **Lampang**

In keeping with this year's WED theme '**Green Cities - Plan for the Planet!**' the Lampang Environmental Office brought together around 360 organizations, including 16 local schools in Payao for activities on World Environment Day 2005. Activities on the day included cleaning up the canal and public roads, and planting native trees and shrubs. The schools were involved in a symposium and an exhibit on how to preserve our environment. Some examples of the activities students experienced on the day are: interactive community partner displays, enviro arts and crafts, quizzes and information on sustainable development. In addition, they organized a concert and distributed leaflets to raise awareness about WED and the role of the public in protecting the environment.

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### **Phuket**

To mark World Environment Day, Phuket authorities launched a fresh effort to crack down on forest encroachers by setting up another special task force.

## **Rayong**



Bayer Young Environmental Envoys (BYEEs) organized celebrations for World Environment Day 2005, with the support of Bayer Thai, the Klangkachet Municipality of Rayong led by Surapol Itrasert, Mayor of Klangkached Sub district Municipality.

To be in line with the theme of “Green Cities” and the slogan of “Plan for the Planet!”, BYEEs across the country joined hands with their counterparts from “Sailom Saengdad Group”, community-based youths, community members of Baan Noen Payom, as well as Bayer’s employees, to refill the field with more than a thousand mangroves, supported by Marine and Coastal Resources Department’s Rayong office. The aim of the activity was to stimulate the community members to become more active on sustainable and equitable development.

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## **Rayong**

Buddhist monks helped during a reforestation campaign at Prasae Dam in Rayong on 9 June 2005, to mark World Environment Day Week. Thousand of locals grew 30,000 saplings for planting around the dam.

## **Rayong**

Rayongwittayakom School students removed waste from their school grounds as part of WED celebrations.

## **Ubon Ratchathani**

To mark World Environment Day young people in Mudaharn Municipality cleaned up their city and environment. On 3 June 2005 there was a recycling parade with the participation of various agencies in Mudahan Province, followed by a contest to determine the best recyclers among local schools, government offices, banks and hospitals. In addition, there were performance of local dance and music to attract many people to participate in World Environment Day.

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## **VIETNAM**

### **Buon Ma Thuot**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) of Vietnam chose Buon Ma Thuot city in DakLak province as the national venue for the celebrations of World Environment Day 2005. Several activities took place, including: a WED ceremony; tree planting and clean-up exercises; the closing ceremony of a convention on environment protection at Ako Dhong Highland Village; a workshop on resources management and environment protection, a senior management meeting on resources and environment between the leaders of MONROE and 5 highland provinces. Representatives of the United Nations in Viet Nam attended the event. At the celebration, the organizing board presented Viet Nam Environment Awards 2005 to 20 units and individuals nationwide. In addition, WED celebrations were organized throughout Vietnam by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment under the Provincial People Committees. Activities included workshops, seminars, exhibitions, tree planting initiatives, and various competitions.

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### **Ho Chi Minh**

The Green Wit Club of the Faculty of Environmental Science at the University of Natural Sciences in Ho Chi Minh City saw WED as an opportunity to celebrate and protect the environment. They have an environmental examination called 'Discover Your Environment'. The purpose of this exam is to encourage people, especially students, to discover their environment, so that they can improve their knowledge and develop ideas on how they can protect the environment and all living things. The prize and the project are sponsored by various organizations and companies.

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### **Hue**

In the former Vietnamese capital Hue, the Centre for Resources Environment & Bio Technology run a drawing competition with the theme 'Green Cities' to raise environmental awareness among local students.

## **EUROPE**

### **ARMENIA**

#### **Sisian**

The NGO "Sissian Development Center" celebrated WED with a number of activities, including: an exhibition of items created by children with recycled materials; a bicycle race and a drawing competition, on the theme "Green Cities", for young people and children. In addition, a round-table on environment was held, with the participation of representatives from local authorities, local and international organizations, political parties and interested individuals.

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## **AUSTRIA**

### **St. Poelten**

The Austrian Environment Service "Die Umweltberatung" organized an extensive programme to mark WED 2005.

- 1 June 2005: official opening in St. Poelten with environment secretary DI Josef Plank
- 2 June 2005: special radio broadcast by Gym Radio for the area Hollabrunn/Znaim; 18:00-19:00
- 2 June 2005: Nature walk on herbs in Pitten; 17:00
- 3 June 2005: Garden party at 'Waldegg' pre-school; includes competition "Nature in the Garden" winners
- 3 June 2005: Practical seminar "Wood - Straw - Clay: old materials, new construction methods" at Stiftstaverne Ardagger, 14:00-21:00
- 4 June 2005: "Leave Your Car Behind" action day in St. Poelten, Riemerplatz - information stands, children's activities, etc.; 9:00-14:00
- 4 June 2005: Practical excursion "Future House" in Baden/Krems; 9:00 - 17:00
- 4 June 2005: Workshop "Build your Own Solar Dessicater" in Enzenreith nr. Gloggnitz, 9:00-16:00
- 4 June 2005: Nature walk - Collecting wild herbs; nature park Oetscher Tormaeuer; 10:00-15:00
- 4 June 2005: Mediaeval Garden Party in Bad Voeslau; from 10:00
- 4 June 2005: Practical seminar "Mowing and Threshing" in Hardegg and Gars am Kamp; 13:00-17:30
- 4 June 2005 and 5 June 2005: Garden party in Wolfpassing/Hochleithen; 14:00 - 18:00 both days
- 5 June 2005: Cycle tour/family bicycle festival in Krumbach, Bad Schoenau, Kirchschatz; from 9:00

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## **BELGIUM**

### **Brussels**

On 11 June 2004 the 1000 participants of the Fourth European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns, Aalborg +10, adopted the Aalborg Commitments as the conference declaration and representatives of 110 local governments signed the document on stage. The initiative is called the Environmental Aalborg Commitments.

The Aalborg Commitments encourage local governments to start target setting across the 10 fields of sustainability defined in the document. The initiative also includes several steps, namely: producing a baseline review of the local situation, setting local targets, defining action plans and monitoring the progress. The Commitments also aimed to monitor the local sustainability processes and facilitate the exchange of experience and benchmarking among the local governments in Europe. To date approximately 250 local governments throughout Europe have signed the declaration.

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### **Brussels**

As previous years, UNEP Brussels gave a high profile to World Environment Day (WED) celebrations. The UNEP Brussels team developed and designed a series of leaflets, posters and a special WED edition of the UNEP Brussels fortnightly newsletter. The themes for this year's outreach materials were transport and mobility, and energy. The aim was to raise awareness and facilitate change on these key issues closely related to the behavior patterns in urban areas. The leaflets gave ideas and easy tips to help people look at their behavior, its environmental impacts, and to change it. Key areas of concern and benefits of change, even slight ones, were highlighted.

The leaflets were designed in such a way that they provide a folder for other materials. A CD-ROM was included with UNEP's TV campaign on public transport. These information materials were widely distributed. In its activities for WED, UNEP Brussels worked with various partners, including the European Commission- DG Environment, governments, private sector, NGOs, associations and schools. They also focused on outreach and media coverage, through press conferences, TV and radio interviews or newspaper articles.

Since 2003, they have collaborated with the European Commission Green Week <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/greenweek> celebrations (May 31 to June 3). Green Week takes place at the beginning of June to coincide with WED. This year's motto was: Get to grips with climate change. Green Week is a four-day series of events, exhibitions and conferences to raise the public's awareness on sound environmental practices. As in previous years, UNEP had a stand to present its latest reports and initiatives, as well as to disseminate the leaflets developed in partnership with the European Commission.

UNEP Brussels leaflet on energy and transport was distributed to an updated list of contacts in Brussels, covering the European Parliament, schools and networks, as well as NGOs. Furthermore, the leaflet was distributed internally within UNEP.

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## **CZECH REPUBLIC**

### **Prague**

Dans le cadre de la Semaine française du développement durable, l'Ambassade de France en République tchèque organise une semaine de manifestations, de conférences et de concours en collaboration avec le Ministère tchèque de l'environnement. Le 5 juin, à l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, un stand de sensibilisation sur le développement durable sera organisé pendant le festival "United Island of Prague". Figurent parmi les activités prévues: un concert, des questions quizz pour les plus jeunes, ainsi que des tombolas. Pour les gagnants, les lots sont des produits du commerce équitable. Des initiatives de sensibilisation sur le respect de l'environnement sont également prévues, afin que les détritux laissés par les festivaliers soient ramassés par le public même.

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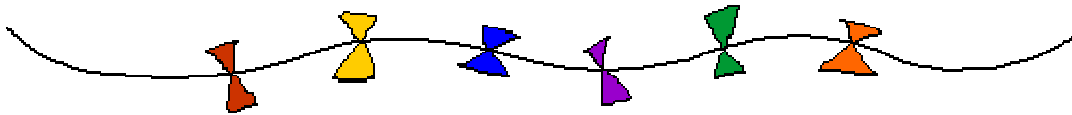
## **FINLAND**

### **Helsinki**

The national main WED -event in Finland was a public City-happening, held in Hesperia Park, next to the Finlandia Hall. There was an official session at 12.00 o'clock with high-level speakers, and the Finnish Association for Nature Conservation (FANC) gave its annual Environmental Prize.

The event was also targeted at children and their parents. Many environmental education elements could be found in this park party and people might twitch Aunt Green, Miss Algae and the City Squirrel in the park. Many NGO's and other organizations represented their work for the environment (City of Helsinki/ Public Works Dept., Nature League, the Metropolitan Re-cycling Centre). UN:s exhibition bus stopped in the park.

An ecological picnic was available and people carried their own food as well (people were kindly asked to avoid use-only-once plates etc.). Information for the national and local media was provided.



The main organizer was FANC, supported by the Finnish Ministry for the Environment.

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### **Joensuu**

ENO-Environment Online is a global web school for environmental awareness at 180 schools in 69 countries. ENO's bicycle parade and kite flying events on the occasion of World Environment Day marked the end of the 2004-05 school year. ENO organized a bicycle trip with students to a local park or green area where they were able to fly their kites. The kite is a symbol of the ENO programme, and with these activities they celebrated the day, not only in Finland but in schools in 69 countries!

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## **FRANCE**

### **Anglet**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, la commune d'Anglet organise une balade 100 % nature, pour promouvoir les pistes cyclables et les voies pédestres d'Anglet, pour faire partager le plaisir du vélo ou de la marche, comme modes de transport alternatif à la voiture.

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### **Annecy-le-Vieux**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, ORIAZ et l'Office National des Forêts distribuons 300,000 graines de Pins Laricio de Corse avec un système d'arrosage économe d'eau.

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## **Belfort**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, le Conseil général du Territoire de Belfort organise les journées du patrimoine naturel les 3, 4 et 5 juin 2005. Cette manifestation permettra aux habitants du département de découvrir les richesses naturelles qui les entourent, les espèces qui y vivent et les hommes qui les protègent.

Ces journées se dérouleront sur quatre sites: l'étang du Malsaucy, la pelouse à orchidées de Chèvremont, la vallée de la Bourbeuse et l'étang Colin à Chaux. Elles seront ponctuées de nombreuses animations gratuites avec des expositions, des ateliers nature, des conférences, des balades à pied, en vélo, en calèche et même en bateau!

Avec des espaces naturels de valeur qui couvrent plus du tiers de sa superficie, le Territoire de Belfort dispose d'un patrimoine qu'il lui appartient de valoriser.

En matière d'environnement, les politiques menées par le Conseil général visent à protéger les milieux naturels et à l'améliorer le cadre de vie. Des politiques indispensables pour le bien-être des habitants et pour le développement économique ou touristique.

Quatre axes illustrent ces politiques:

- la connaissance des milieux naturels du Territoire de Belfort, préalable indispensable à la mise en œuvre de politiques publiques de qualité;
- la préservation des secteurs remarquables destinée à permettre la conservation des espèces et paysages les plus intéressants;
- la gestion des grands équilibres naturels avec en particulier la problématique des rivières;
- la sensibilisation et l'information du public à travers notamment sa Maison départementale de l'environnement.

## **Programme**

### **Etang du Malsaucy:**

Balade nature:

Balades en bateau pour accéder aux parties les plus sauvages de l'étang.

Les 4 et 5 juin de 14h à 17h

Départs réguliers de la Maison départementale de l'environnement

Atelier nature:

Clôture vivante et tressage de saule: apprendre à tresser les rejets de saules pour construire des aménagements vivants: cabane, clôture, fascine...

Les 4 et 5 juin de 14h à 18h

### **Pelouse à Orchidées de Chèvremont**

Balade nature:

Un circuit à vélo pour relier les sites préservés avec leurs orchidées.

Le 5 juin de 10h à 13h

### **Vallée de la Bourbeuse:**

Balade nature:

Une calèche longera le canal du Rhône au Rhin ainsi que la Bourbeuse et fera escale sur les plus beaux points de vue paysagers.

Les 4 et 5 juin à 13h30 et 15h30

Exposition:

Exposition du photographe Dominique Delfino, auteur de "Doubs pan nature"

### **Etang Colin**

Balade nature:

Excursion à travers les layons forestiers pour découvrir l'ambiance sauvage de la forêt de la Vaivre.

Le 4 juin de 9h à 12h, départ de l'étang

Découverte nature:

Initiation à la pêche en étang, animation familiale pour découvrir les joies de la pêche.

Les 4 et 5 juin de 14h à 18h.

Une Conférence sur le thème de la biodiversité « Notre Nature, un patrimoine insoupçonné, une biodiversité à préserver et à valoriser » ouvrira ces journées du patrimoine naturel le vendredi 3 juin à 17h30 à l'Hôtel du département.

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### **Boège**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, OPAC74 en France organise un nettoyage de printemps pour les enfants d'un site HLM à Boège (74) avec intervention frapna et gouter pour les participants.

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### **Gâtinais**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, l'association L.E.D.E. installera plusieurs petits stands de jeux et d'information dans le Parc du Château de Corbeilles en Gâtinais. Une vente d'objets au profit de l'association y sera également organisée. A l'intérieur du gymnase, sera présentée une exposition sur l'association et l'environnement. L'Association a aussi prévu de planter quelques arbres symboliques pour marquer le début de l'année Villes vertes et, en accord avec le thème de la Journée mondiale, essayer d'aménager écologiquement la ville de Corbeilles en Gâtinais.

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### **Paris**

La troisième édition de la Semaine du développement durable, organisée par le Ministère français de l'écologie et du développement durable, se tiendra du lundi 30 mai au dimanche 5 juin 2005. Cette Semaine a vocation d'encourager les particuliers, les associations, les entreprises et les administrations, à affirmer leurs engagements volontaires et pérennes au service du développement durable, en présentant des projets et des manifestations dans toute la France. Elle doit également permettre d'informer et de sensibiliser le public en présentant concrètement le développement durable et les différents domaines qu'il recouvre, en particulier économiques et sociaux. Pour la troisième édition, six axes principaux ont été retenus: transports, responsabilité sociale de l'entreprise et l'État exemplaire, éducation, consommation et achats publics, changement climatique et biodiversité. Le dernier jour de cette semaine sera consacré à la Journée mondiale de l'environnement.

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## **Paris**

In January 2005, Veolia Environnement launched an international awareness campaign, entitled **Streamers Around the World**, around the theme "The environment, it's my nature... and my health". The French National Commission for UNESCO gave its support to this operation, which involved classes in 20 countries/regions. Primary schools children, aged between 9 and 11, designed their "streamers" symbolizing environmental protection, and wrote a short text explaining the thinking behind it.

On the occasion of WED, all the countries that participated in the campaign organized simultaneous activities, including streamer expositions in schools, city halls, museum, and in operational sites managed by Veolia Environment. In France, the streamers were displayed at the Jardin du Luxembourg of the French Senate, from 31 May to 5 June. The exhibition was launched by Mr. Poncelet, President of the Senate, and Mr. Proglia, CEO of Veolia Environnement. Alongside the streamers exhibition, workshops for children were conducted by professionals everyday from 10 am to 8 pm.

This event aimed to encourage people of all ages to think about our planet's environmental stakes against demographic and urban development trends, and to express their contribution and commitment.

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## **Paris**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics in Paris organized a number of activities, including:

- ❖ The posting of a WED banner on a leading newspaper's website for 3 days prior to 5 June.
- ❖ The French Ministry for Ecology posted the WED logo and link on their website. They also showed the Ozzy Ozone video and the Transport Ad on 2 June at the Ministry, open to the public. It was part of the events they organize for the 3rd edition of their 'Semaine du développement durable'.
- ❖ Rennes University broadcasted a special radio programme on WED on 4 June. On 5 June, the Mairie de Paris 'advertised' WED and carried the slogan on their LCD billboards throughout Paris. The Mairie de Paris also distribute to other 'mairies' the WED kits in French.
- ❖ RFI broadcasted a special WED programme on 5 June, live from San Francisco. Special programmes in Arabic were broadcasted on Radio-Orient on 3rd or 5th

June and Radio Monte Carlo Moyen-Orient. The WED logo also featured in the magazine for youth 'Ca m'intéresse'.

- ❖ JNE (Journalistes-écrivains pour la Nature et l'Ecologie) posted the WED logo on their website and bulletin.

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Cette année, la classe de CM1 de l'école primaire à Ungersheim participera activement à la Journée mondiale de l'Environnement organisée par AMCOR RENTSCH France. Pour des raisons de calendrier (le 5 juin étant un dimanche) l'entreprise a décidé d'organiser cette journée le vendredi 3 juin 2005.

Le thème "Des villes vertes, un plan pour la Planète" sera développé autour de 5 ateliers qui seront créés spécialement pour cette journée dans un hall aménagé de l'entreprise. Dans chaque atelier, un groupe de 4 enfants présentera son travail aux employés de l'entreprise ainsi qu'aux parents d'élèves.

*Atelier 1* : Les énergies renouvelables (la production d'eau chaude)

*Atelier 2* : Les énergies renouvelables (la production d'électricité)

L'association ALTER ALSACE ENERGIE (<http://www.altersace.org/>) viendra pendant 2 à 3 matinées dans la classe de CM1 et fera une animation scolaire avec exposé, projection de diapositives ponctuées d'expérimentations autour de ces deux thèmes.

*Atelier 3* : La pollution banalisée (déchets au bord des routes, produits dangereux utilisés dans les jardins, produits dangereux utilisés pour le bricolage, ...)

*Atelier 4* : Les gestes responsables (tri des déchets, déchetteries, réutilisation, ...).

La Brigade Verte de Soultz ([www.soultz68.fr/F/vivre/quifaitquoi/brigadeverte.html](http://www.soultz68.fr/F/vivre/quifaitquoi/brigadeverte.html)) interviendra pendant une matinée dans la classe de CM1 de l'école d'Ungersheim et apportera son expérience autour de ces deux thèmes.

*Atelier 5* : Les actions environnementales de la commune.

Les enfants, avec l'aide de leur instituteur, développeront les différents thèmes, grâce aux connaissances acquises sous forme de jeux, d'expériences, de dessins, de questionnaires, etc.

Cette sensibilisation venant des enfants permettra aux adultes de prendre conscience des gestes simples que chacun d'entre nous pourra faire à l'avenir pour réduire la pollution dans nos villes et villages.

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A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, la Médiathèque Publique et Universitaire de Valence organise, en collaboration avec la Fédération Rhône Alpes de Protection de la Nature (FRAPNA), deux conférences et une exposition sur le thème de la biodiversité. L'exposition, qui sera titré "Sur les traces du loup", aura lieu du 30 mai au 11 juin. Le mercredi 8 juin à 18h, Roger Mathieu tiendra une conférence sous le thème "La biodiversité, ça sert à quoi?". Enfin, le jeudi 9 juin à 18h, Didier Ariagno mènera une conférence intitulée "Intégrer sa maison à l'environnement"

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### **ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN and GEORGIA**



Caucasus Zone Green is an environmental protection festival and awareness campaign held annually throughout the month of June in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. This year, in its 4th edition, the campaign was implemented by hundreds of NGOs, institutions and activists working together to promote government action and public awareness of environmental issues and related health linkages. The media was encouraged to showcase the ongoing environmental activities of organizations and government departments. Last year over 130 events were organized by more than 100 organizations. Events covered a wide range of activities – tree planting, concerts, seminars, round tables, distribution of informational materials to parliamentary representatives and to the public, neighborhood clean-ups, drawing competitions, media articles and press briefings, WED national radio lecture and activities involving kindergarten children and IDP communities and promoting World Environment Day.

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### **Tbilisi**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the association Green Way launched a project called "Earth Festival". The project included a Forum on Environment Day, the establishment of a "Green Fund", the launch of a Small Grant Competition, as well as various charitable actions. The main aim of the project was to raise awareness of environmental issues in Georgia. The Forum involved environmental NGO representatives, legislative and executive bodies, business sector, donors and diplomatic corps working in Georgia. During the Forum the invitees were given the opportunity to present and popularize their activities and achievements, to emphasize the problems that they were facing and to illustrate possible strategies to solve them.

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### **GERMANY**

#### **Singen**



To commemorate WED, the city council of Singen organized the "Tour de Twiel" Participants could enjoy the landscape on a walk at the Mountain "Hohentwiel" just beside the town Singen near Lake Constance (most of the Hohentwiel is a nature reservation zone); the wine grown at the hillside of Hohentwiel, and a lot of cultural activities - music, land art, theatre. This was the effort of the organization Modellprojekt

Konstanz GmbH and the city council of Singen to commemorate WED on 5 June 2005

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## GREECE

### Athens

'Clean Up Greece' organised a month long Eco-Festival in Athens in the lead up to WED. A wide range of activities, exhibitions, concerts, workshops, paper recycling and competitions took place as part of the festival.

### Zakynthos

To celebrate World Environment Day 2005, the Department of Ecology and Environment and the Technological Education Institute of the Ionian Islands, together with the Municipality of Zakynthos, organized a city open-day, under the slogan **Nature is You**. Cars were not allowed within the city's limits, while public transport was for free. A number of activities, including a bicycle tour, street events, concerts, bands and theatre plays were held.

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### Athens



As part of the celebrations for World Environment Day, the St Catherine's British Embassy School, and MEDASSET held slide shows and talks at the school, based on the political barriers to sea turtle conservation in a world of global citizenship, and the need for conflict resolution skills. 350 students, aged 7 - 17 enjoyed images of sea turtles ranging from the exotically beautiful, to sometimes of disturbing inflicted injuries. The effects of uncontrolled coastal development on creatures of the sea and shoreline were also highlighted. The students learned that the large and growing list of endangered species around the world is a problem that must be faced now, otherwise as adults they could be facing an environmentally depleted planet in their lifetime.

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## **ICELAND**

### **Reykjavik**

On 5 June, Landvernd, Icelandic Environment Association, awarded the Blue Flag to Nauthólsvík beach in Reykjavik. On this occasion, Global Action Plan (GAP) for the Earth, one of Landvernd's international programmes, organized a bicycle parade from Reykjavik harbor to Nauthólsvík beach, under the slogan "A Bicycle-Friendly City". At the end of the parade, the Blue Flag was awarded to representatives of the City.

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### **Reykjavik**

A l'occasion de la Journée Mondiale de l'Environnement, WWF Véraldarvinir et Clean Up The World ont organisé une manifestation à Reykjavik. Cette dernière s'est déroulée sur la plage de Nautholsvik (Plage très populaire à Reykjavik) et avait pour but de sensibiliser les habitants de la ville et tout particulièrement les riverains à la protection de leur environnement. Le titre de la manifestation: Clean Up the Coast Line

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## **ITALY**

### **Forli**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Municipality of Forlì, in collaboration with the "Agro-Environmental Observatory of Cesena" and with local environmental associations, organized the following activities: A "Sensory Nature Walk" through perfumed and bloomed plants, addressed to children and to everybody who wished to play like a child.

The participants received a "sensory card" and a "desire card" that they hanged in the "friend tree"; A photographic exhibition entitled "Secular Trees of Romagna", showing images of the most monumental trees of the surroundings; was also organized. In addition, guided visits of the historical center and botanical garden took place. The celebration coincided with "Forli 5<sup>th</sup> Ecological Sunday".

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### **Milan**

Ambiente in Club, an environmental association, was officially instituted on 5 June 2005, to coincide with WED. A seminar on environment was held to promote the association. In addition, a two-day gathering on 4-5 June was organized in a natural and historical reserve: Parco Adda Nord, in the province of Milan. The Adda Park hosts the Eco-Museum Adda di Leonardo and is a nice place to spend a day in the open air. Various other activities took place, including guided visits to the park, shows for children and families and a visit to the Eco-Museum. In addition, flowers were planted, to mark the link with the Flower Power Day in San Francisco.

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## **Rome**

Annarella Youth Community Association celebrated WED, in collaboration with the municipality of Rome and with the support of some Italian recycling firms and environmental associations. Several activities were organized, including:

- a special events at Shuster Park (next to St. Paul Basilica), comprising a bicycle parade and other youth-led activities;
- an “eco-village” exhibition, set up with stalls of environmental association operating for sustainable development, including exhibition of artcrafts done using recycled materials
- a public meeting entitled “Rome, Green City, with the participation of representatives of Rome institutions and companies, during which environmental policies and projects carried out in the surroundings
- Film screening on environmental issues
- Awareness activities to promote the use of sustainable modes of transport.

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## **Sorrento**

To celebrate WED, the municipality of Sorrento organized several activities, including:

- A clean-up of Sorrento beaches, on 27 May, in collaboration with the Environmental City Department, Legaambiente, and Verdi Ambiente e Società, T. Tasso school students and the company Penisola Verde;
- A workshop, entitled “Protect the rights of the sea”, on 28 May, featuring Marco Fiorentino, Mayor of Sorrento, Antonino Pane, head of the Environmental Department, Rosario Fiorentino, head of the Education Department, and many other guests;
- A clean-up of Sorrento coastline and sea depths on 29 May, with the support of the association "Amare mare", the company Penisola Verde and the Environment Department of Sorrento;
- A chess competition for disabled persons on 5 June, organized by the association Stabia Scacchi;
- A sport event, entitled “Sport and nature in Sorrento”, on 5 June; Release of the hand out “Safety in Sorrento roads” on 5 June.

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### **Verbania**

To celebrate WED, the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation organized Verbania 2005- an international congress entitled A Peaceful Environment for Your Health.

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### **MONACO**

Dans la Principauté de Monaco, les activités suivantes seront organisées:

- Chaque élève des différentes écoles primaires de Monaco ont semé une graine. Les plantations obtenues seront exposées lors de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement;
- Un quartier piétonnier sera réaménagé aux couleurs de la Journée avec la participation des élèves de la Principauté; Initiation à la culture du bonsaï;
- Sensibilisation du public à la lutte biologique intégrée dans différents jardins de Monaco et avec lâchers d'auxiliaires; Visite par bateau d'une zone naturelle de Monaco (falaise);
- Présentation des activités de reboisement engagées par la Principauté de Monaco sur la Tête de Chien en partenariat avec l'Office National des Forêts;
- Mise en place d'une voie verte entièrement dédiée aux vélos, rollers et skateboards sur des un des boulevards de Monaco.

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## **NETHERLANDS**

### **Utrecht**

On the occasion of the World Environment Day, the Somali Center for Development Research, in collaboration with African Sky, organized a seminar about the current acute environmental problems in Somalia. According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Somalia had since 1980s been receiving countless shipments of illegal nuclear and toxic waste dumped along the coastline. The Tsunami disaster has certainly exacerbated Somalia's environmental problems in general and the impact of hazardous waste in particular.

The reality is that very little is known about the exact magnitude of this multidimensional tragedy and its effects in terms of environmental degradation, human health and livelihoods' erosion. To this end, the findings of literature research carried out by Somali professionals were discussed. The meeting took place at the Meeting Centre Hoog Brabant, in the area of Central Station of Utrecht, Brabant Radboudkwartier 23 3511 CC Utrecht.

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## **NORTHERN IRELAND**

### **Bangor**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Northern Ireland Tree Campaign, a Conservation Volunteers Northern Ireland initiative, funded by Environment and Heritage Service, descended on Scrub Country Park, Newtownards, to hold an "Environmental Adventure".

Starting in the main car park in Scrabo Country Park, adventurers followed a simple map around Killynether Wood, a mixture of beautiful beech and hazel trees, stopping along

the way to take part in fun activities to learn about the natural world. Each activity was carefully designed to be both fun and educational. The activities took about an hour to be completed and were suitable for all ages, especially families. Participants could join the “adventure” at any time from 11am until 3pm.

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### **County Antrim**

In the week leading up to 5 June, the Ulster Wildlife Trust held two guided wildlife walks in the borough of Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland. The 'Blackhead' coastal path walk from Whitehead took place on 4 June 2005 at 17.00. The Carrickfergus urban wildlife walk took place on 5 June 2005 at 17.00. The walks were advertised in the local press as part of the WED celebrations and the Carrickfergus walk looked at urban wildlife, thus also reflecting the theme of this year's UN WED. The walks were guide-led and lasted for one hour. The trust also produced some trail leaflets to go with the walks, with a short section on the history of WED.

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## **IRELAND**

### **Lorraine**

On the occasion of WED, the Shannon Regional Fisheries Board organized Fisheries Awareness Week in the Shannon catchments. Activities included open days, environmental awareness talks, angling demonstrations and competitions,

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## **MOLDOVA**

### **Chisinau**

On the occasion of World Environment Day (WED), the youth environmental NGO SalvaEco, in collaboration with another NGO, Viitorul Verde (Green Future), organized an awareness campaign entitled "Take Care of Your Waste at Home". This activity took place at the national level, and articles were published in magazines and newspapers. Media coverage included also radio, TV and Internet. In addition, SalvaEco volunteers distributed plastic bags with flyers in public places to enhance environmental awareness and action.

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## **ROMANIA**

### **Arad**

To celebrate WED, Arad and Tulane Universities organized "Urban Environmental Forum Speakers", including workshops, trainings and tours of sewer plants and landfills. Experts from various fields (i.e., government, NGOs, university, private companies and citizens) came together to discuss urban environmental issues. The Conference was attended by people coming from 6 countries. The theme of the Conference was developed to coincide with WED's urban focus.

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### **Galati**

On the occasion of WED, Danubian Hope organized several events to raise awareness of the importance of environment among youth. A trip to a natural site was held on 1 June. Youth participated in several activities, including football, volleyball, chess competitions

and scouts games, as well as workshops, seminars, and discussions. Tree planting and clean-up exercises were also carried out.

In addition, birds spotting was taught to children by a bird specialist. On 2 June, children gathered in the Botanic Garden for the celebration of Summer Event. Students with mental disabilities prepared a festivity and were sponsored by the visitors. On 5 June, a clean-up of Galati was organized, with the help of hundreds of Green Club Volunteers.

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### **Timisoara**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, le Centre Culturel Français (CCF) à Timisoara organise un concours d'arts plastiques intitulé "Recycl'art". Les élèves de 12 à 19 ans des écoles roumaines sont invités à réaliser une oeuvre à partir de déchets (plastique, aluminium...). Les oeuvres primées seront exposées dans le jardin du CCF et seront visibles sur le site Web.

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### **RUSSIA**

#### **Nazran**

To celebrate WED, International Medical Corps - Russia organized clean-up campaigns (rubbish and waste removal, renovation of communal places, cleaning of river beds and springs, tree planting, trees pesticide treatment) that were conducted on 6 June in 4 settlements in Ingushetia and 2 villages in Chechnya.

Ten local ambulatories were provided with waste-bins, with slogans inviting people to take care of the environment. All volunteers could attend a "green concert", during which

children of the IMC Youth Centers (from spontaneous settlements "Iman" and "Metalshop") could show their creative skills and initiative. To foster healthy life-style skills and attract children interest in environment issues, poster/drawing competitions were organized among 20 spontaneous settlements in Ingushetia and 4 villages in Chechnya.

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## **SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO**

### **Belgrade**

Waste and recycling are huge problems in cities and the NGO Young Researchers of Serbia (YRS) decided to dedicate this year's World Environment Day celebrations to this issue. Infrastructure for primary waste separation, collection and recycling still doesn't exist in the capital of Serbia and Montenegro - Belgrade. Motivated by this fact, YRS are continuing their activities in raising public awareness on the need for reducing and recycling waste. During 2004, YRS had a permanent campaign consisting of several actions related to recycling promotion, and often linked with celebrations of important environmental dates.

One of the basic concepts of sustainable development is ensuring a future for today's youth. This is why it was decided to include school children in this year's activities. During the month of May, pupils of a Belgrade primary school carried out a survey among their peers on the usage of packaging materials made of recyclables / non-recyclables. Several weeks prior to WED they also started collecting recyclables.

On 3 June WED celebrations included numerous activities in front of the school, starting at noon: -Presentation of the survey's results, a short film directed by a YRS member especially for this purpose (ECO-address) and photos taken by schoolchildren.

-Selection of the best slogans on How to refuse a plastic bag in a shop?

-Workshops with schoolchildren on recycling.

-Transport of the collected recyclables (by Belgrade's public utility company)

Around 300 children aged 11-14 participated in the workshops. Belgrade's city authorities, the UN resident representative and National Geographic Junior magazine also joined the celebration.

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## **SPAIN**

### **Alcalá de Henares (Madrid)**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Association of Environmental Sciences launched a digital magazine called **Legatus**, featuring various articles on Sustainable Development.

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### **Santander**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Department of Environment (“Consejería”) organized the “Cantabria – Green Cities” Forum. The goal was to think about urban environment and to come to conclusions to improve it. This forum took place on three different dates, May 31, June 1 and 2, and covered following topics:

1. Urban Sustainability, Climatic Change, Local Strategies on Sustainable Urban Development, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Environment;
2. Construction of a Sustainable City, Design, Planning, Mobility and Transportation Systems, Power.
3. Local Agenda 21: Experiences of Cantabria and of Spain.

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### **Valencia**

On the occasion of WED, the Scouting Group "VALLDIGNA" (Valencia-Spain) organized activities, together with the Clean-Up- the-Mediterranean action, including: talks in two Primary School; cleaning of the Sea Shore in the beach, and an ecological walk through the sand dunes, explaining the importance of Sustainable Development and the preservation of such an important ecosystems. This activity was opened to all scholars in the town, in small groups.

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### **SWITZERLAND**

#### **Geneva**

**UNEP flags** were displayed on Geneva's Pont du Mont-Blanc throughout the week leading up to WED, from 30 May-5 June 2005.

The main celebrations took place day on Friday 3 June 2005, at the International Environment House. The day began with a **roundtable** on the World Environment Day theme, attended by more than 100 people from Geneva's international and environmental community. The roundtable examined success stories and lessons learned from the movement to green Europe's cities.

The event was moderated by Amb. Beat Nobs of the Swiss Agency for the Environment Forests and Landscape. The welcome and introductory remarks were made by Frits Schlingemann, and by Abdalla Abbas of UN-HABITAT.

Panel presentations were made by the following: Pascal Peduzzi, UNEP/DEWA/GRID-Geneva, Jukka Uosukainen, Member of the City Planning Committee, Espoo, Finland, Mario Levental, Geneva Cantonal Service for the protection against noise and non-ionising radiation, Kate Theobald, Sustainable Cities Research Institute, Northumbria University, UK, and Bettina Kaltenhauser, Decentralized Cooperation Programme, UNITAR immediately after the roundtable, the Swiss authorities hosted a **reception** in the Annex to the International Environment House, a new building that has been recently

been inaugurated and houses environmental NGOs. Speeches were made by Frits Schlingemann, UNEP, Amb. Beat Nobs, SAEFL, Manuel Tornare, Mayor, City of Geneva, and Carlo Lamprecht, State Counsellor, Canton of Geneva.

Guests at the reception were able to view several **exhibitions** prepared for the occasion. A series of satellite image posters illustrating environmental problems encountered in selected cities around the world had prepared by GRID centres.

The winners of a Europe-wide painting competition for children were also on show. A full day event was organized for **children from four international schools in Geneva**, including briefings and preparation for a role-play on sustainable environmental management of a hypothetical developing country city. A special issue of the newsletter “Environment House News” was devoted to this year’s WED theme and was launched at WED.

World Environment Day also provided the forum for the launch of the update of the GEN’s **flagship publication** the “Green Geneva Guide” 2005 edition, which is a practical guide to Geneva-based global organizations working on the environment and sustainable development. And last but not least, the WED message was stressed at a large-scale event targeting the general public, which took place over the weekend of 11-12 June, organized jointly with the City and Canton of Geneva, in the form of a sustainable development fair.

This was the fourth consecutive year that this event takes place, and is expected to draw some 20,000 inhabitants from Geneva and surroundings. In addition, the WED message was disseminated at a roundtable also organized jointly with the City and Canton of Geneva with the photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand on 10 June 2005.

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### **Lausanne**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Athena Foundation presented the 2005 Canton de Vaud Earth Champions Awards. The event took place at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland, and honored those who have made significant contributions to environmental sustainability in the Canton.

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### **Lausanne**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, le Summit Foundation sera présent à la place St-François ainsi qu'au musée olympique et dans ses jardins et dès 17h dans le cadre de la remise des prix "Earth Champions". Thème de cette journée : "Des villes vertes, un plan pour la planète". Diverses activités et animations sont prévues tout au long de cette journée avec comme moment clé la réalisation d'une maquette géante sur le thème "ville verte" où chaque participant pourra y construire l'édifice vertigineux sur la base d'éléments 100% recyclés.

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### **Zurich**

On the occasion of WED, the city of Zurich organized a series of activities that took place on 3 and 4 June. Participants could experience and learn more about 20 environment and health topics, including: air pollution, noise protection, renewable energy, city animals, city safari, city cleaning etc.

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## **TURKEY**

### **Ankara**

To celebrate WED, the Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey organized various initiatives, which took place in about 20 provinces throughout the country. Several exhibitions were held under different themes, including Green cities, Freshwater, Clean up the world and Black Sea Action Guide. In addition, photo competitions on Green Cities were organized in parks. Guides and scouts were encouraged to discuss with local authorities ways to cooperate for greener cities.

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### **Istanbul**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Foundation for Protection and Promotion of the Environmental and Cultural Heritage (CEKUL), organized a series of activities, including: a meeting with people of Istanbul in Cihangir Park, aimed at strengthening environmental consciousness through the "Responsibility Oath for Earth"; and an exhibition of publications on nature and the environment. Social responsibilities and duties were highlighted during the activities. CEKUL organized also a poster exhibition on environmental issues, in Erbaa-Tokat, Anatolia. A "Cleaning March" was carried out after the exhibition. In addition, the children of Taskopru-Kastamonu gathered in Cumhuriyet Square, carrying hand placards. They visited historical places, such as residences, parks and baths, and had a picnic in Elmali Garden.

The 10th "Environment Festival" took also place, with the support of the Ministry of Education. The Festival ended with a music concert by Conservatoire of Samsun Municipality. Other activities included: a ceramic exhibition on Nature, by Pinar Dinç and Aysegul Sasmaz, in Mudanya-Bursa; and a declaration about the "World Environment Week, by the Association of Historical Towns and Regions, which aims to protect world's natural and cultural heritage.

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## **UNITED KINGDOM**

### **Basingstoke**

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### **Coventry**

World Environment Day saw the launch of the Urban Wildlife Network. The main aims were to:

- Promote and increase understanding of the importance and benefits of nature in towns and cities;
- Advance education and awareness and promote public involvement in wildlife and nature conservation in urban areas;
- Encourage, advise and support members of the community, voluntary, private and public sectors involved in conserving, restoring and creating natural and semi-natural habitats and biodiversity in towns and cities;
- Promote a strategic vision of urban living built on sustainable natural systems and enhanced connections between people and nature.

Details were available on 1 and 2 June from Pat Callaghan, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, at Staffordshire County Show, County Showground, Stafford. Tel: 01782 750211 or 01889 880100, [pcallaghan@cix.co.uk](mailto:pcallaghan@cix.co.uk)

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### **Darlington**

To celebrate World Environment Day, Darlington Borough Council organized a minibus journey to discover wetland sites within Darlington. The tour departed from Town Hall, on Sunday 5 June at 2.30 pm. The excursion was free of charge.

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### **Dorking Surrey**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Dorking Decongestion Forum organized a number of events that took place during the WED weekend. Events included a non-Single Occupant Vehicle Day, with the participation of 20,000 people; a Cycle Fun Day, with 15,000 people taking part; and a Black Tie Gala Dinner.

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### **Dorset**

As part of the Corporate & Social Responsibility agenda, Barclays Bank in the UK has a network of champions across over 40 sites, covering more than 3000 people. On WED, posters and displays were on show as people came in to work, to raise environmental awareness among Barclays staff.

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### **Kilmarnock**

East Ayrshire Countryside Ranger Service offered 'Creatures from the Deep' to mark World Environment Day. People were invited to delve into the depths of our pond to discover the weird and wonderful creatures that live there. Booking essential

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### **Knowsley Council**

The Knowsley Council, in partnership with the National Wildflower Centre and with Merseytravel, celebrated World Environment Day with a "Green Fayre" at Court Hey Park and at the National Wildflower Centre, Roby Road, Huyton. This annual free event took place on 5 June from 11am to 5 pm. Attractions included a craft fayre, a farmers market, a brass band, circus skills and arts workshops. The Environment Agency was in attendance, encouraging people to play their part in helping the planet, by signing up to personal pledges such as using energy saving light-bulbs, saving water, making fewer car journeys and starting to compost. The event was part of the Merseytravel Green Transport Festival, Knowsley Festivals 05 and Knowsley Pride.

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**London**

London Sustainability Weeks (LSW) is the largest project to date of London 21 Sustainability Network - [www.london21.org](http://www.london21.org). This two-week programme celebrated local action for sustainability in Greater London, to coincide with World Environment Day on 5 June. Events were organized by local organizations and London-wide networks: there were 9 supporting partner organizations, who worked on issues such as food-growing, recycling, city farms, energy and social inclusion. LSW was first run on a small scale in 2003 (with about 50 events in one week).

In 2004, London 21 received financial support for this work and expanded the event from one to two weeks. The partnership of organizations supported over 350 local events across the city. The core idea is that it can be hard for small projects to get publicity and media coverage on their own due to limited resources and staff time. By working together they are able to provide a stronger story for the press and the public.

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**London**

To celebrate WED, the Southbank International School held a "World Summit on Green Cities" with the students in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 - a total of 150 students. The student body is made up of young people from around the world. All students were assigned a member nation of the UN to represent (not their own country) - the Summit had thus a total of 48 country delegations from around the world. The Summit opened with a speech given by the school "Secretary General" and the President of the World Summit on Green Cities - chairpersons chosen by the Model United Nations group in year 11.

The students debated two resolutions: one related to urban growth and the other related to environmental degradation in cities of the world. Each delegation gave an opening speech setting out the country's views and perspectives on urban issues. Students researched their assigned country and were able to provide specific information relevant to their country. At the end of the conference each delegation gave a closing speech, summing up their positions on the Resolutions debated. The Summit took place on Monday, 13 June, at International House in London. The aim of the World Summit was that all delegates would go away with new awareness and inspiration for resolving the problems urban areas face today.

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### **Macclesfield**

Working in partnership with Macclesfield Borough Council, Bollin Valley Rangers, Onyx, Tesco & McDonalds AstraZeneca held a clean-up day to mark World Environment Day.

The clean-up took place along the Middlewood Way from Tesco to AstraZeneca on 11 June 2005. Waste collected was segregated where possible and recycled.

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### **Manchester**

To commemorate WED, the Mersey Basin Campaign organized a series of open days across the Northwest of England to allow people to visit interesting places/events that are not normally open to the public. Host organizations were invited to open all or part of their premises on the weekend of 4-5 June for all or part of one or two days. The open days provided a unique opportunity for people to see good environmental practice, have a fun day out and be inspired to consider the impact of their everyday lives on the environment.

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### **Manchester**

To celebrate World Environment Day, United Futures (United Utilities and Groundwork) arranged five employee volunteering events, which took place on Groundwork sites. Activities, which included pond-dipping, planting beds, footpath clearance and vegetation maintenance, were designed to get employees out on site improving their local environment. Up to 120 United Utilities employees from across all businesses were involved to make it a day to remember! As well as this, a family fun day was being organized with a strong environmental theme and was held at one of the environmental education centres, and within the surrounding nature reserve.

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### **Manchester**

The community was invited to celebrate World Environment Day at the Manchester Museum, to find out what local organizations are doing to improve the environment in the city and the surrounding area. There were lots of opportunities to talk to experts about the work that they do and to find out how to get involved and help make a difference.

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### **Merseyside**

The Birkenhead Land Registry has adopted a local scout group and they worked with them to create a useable garden and wetland area. The scouts have an area of land behind their scout hut which the Registry hopes to improve in order to attract wildlife with the wetland area and bird and bat boxes. The work culminated in an event on 5 June where

the staff helped the scouts with planting, tidying the area, constructing the wetland area and then having a barbecue. It was a way for all to work together to improve the environment.

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### **Port Talbot**

To celebrate WED on 12 June, the Margam Country Park organized a fun-packed day, where families and people of all ages learned about their local environment. There were guest speakers, nature walks and children activities, all set within the castle and beautiful grounds of Margam Country Park.

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### **Preston**

Lancashire County Council Environment Directorate celebrated World Environment Day in a very unique way. On 2 June 2005 they opened the Vertical Composting Unit pilot plant at Tom Benson Way, Preston, which processes putrescible kitchen waste. On 3 June 2005 a 18 hectare land reclamation scheme in Fleetwood, Wyre was opened, which transformed a former redundant power station site into the leisure and recreational facility known as Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park.

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### **Scotland**

To mark WED 2005 CSV Action 4 Sustainability along with CSV's Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme in the Highland held a joint project launch event on Friday 3rd June in Inverness at the Caledonian Stadium. The projects worked jointly with schools in the Highland Council region and older volunteers in the community to generate practical, intergenerational projects which aid the sustainability of the community.

These can be related to biodiversity, sustainable transport initiatives, renewable energy/energy efficiency, waste and resource use. Inverness, the capital of the Highlands, is said to be the fastest growing city in the UK, so requires sustainable development, and the Scottish Highlands are renowned for containing of a substantial part of the UK's precious biodiversity.

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### **Swadlincote**

To mark World Environment Day 2005, the National Forest Company produced a colorful and informative poster to illustrate how trees can help offset the effects of the greenhouse gas emissions that are exacerbating climate change. In particular it shows graphically The National Forest's contribution to the UK's obligations to reduce atmospheric carbon. Six million trees have been planted throughout the 200 square miles of The National Forest over the last ten years. Carbon is taken out of the atmosphere and stored by trees and shrubs as they photosynthesize, creating a 'carbon sink'.

In the period 2008 - 2012 The National Forest area will be absorbing carbon at the rate of 43 million kilograms a year. This is equivalent to: 14% of the region's share of greenhouse gas reductions outlined in the Kyoto agreement and 0.05% of the nation's contribution. The amount of carbon emitted in the exhaust of 11,000 average family cars in a year. The net annual carbon emissions of 1000 British households. The amount of carbon contained in 400,000 sacks of coal. The new Chair of the National Forest Company, Dinah Nichols, was formerly Director General Environment at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

She was the senior official at the Kyoto and subsequent climate change negotiations, and the official head of the UK delegation to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. Dinah Nichols said: "The UK is in the forefront of action to combat climate change. It was the first country in the world to produce a comprehensive climate change programme and I am proud that The National Forest is making its own significant contribution to the tough goals which the UK has set itself. "The National Forest is a most exciting exemplar of sustainable development, demonstrating what is scientifically proven to be possible in mitigating climate change.

At the same time it brings environmental benefits, enhances the landscape, promotes the use of renewable resources, boosts the rural economy and opens up access to the countryside for many thousands of people - all in one place. Most importantly, it gives local communities, businesses and visitors the opportunity to be directly and positively involved in improving their own environment."

The poster explains the benefits of growing trees in locking up carbon, and also the advantages of wood as a sustainable alternative to fossil fuels. Wooden items (furniture, floorboards etc) continue to lock up carbon for the life of the product. Interested individuals and representatives of schools, universities and other educational institutions are welcome to contact the National Forest Company for a free copy of the poster 'Locking up our carbon in The National Forest'. Call 01283 551211 or e-mail [enquiries@nationalforest.org](mailto:enquiries@nationalforest.org)

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### **Telford**

In combination with their own environmental raising awareness campaign held every June, Epson Telford held its third competition to celebrate World Environment Day with local primary schools in the Telford area. This year they asked primary school pupils in the Telford area to enter a poster, which depicted their vision for a green city of the future - in line with the WED theme this year **Green cities - Plan for the Planet!**. Epson Telford donated prizes to a total value of £1000 shared between the three winners.

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## **UZBEKISTAN**

### **Tashkent**

On the occasion of the World Environment Day (WED), Uzbekistan conducted a public awareness campaign to enhance awareness of urban environmental problems.

The Roundtable, organized under the WED theme ***Green Cities: Plan for the Planet!*** was held on 6 June 2005 in Tashkent by the project UNEP/Uzbekistan Implementation of UNFCCC Article 6 jointly with the Center of Hydrometeorological Service of Republic Uzbekistan (Uzhydromet). A number of individuals participated including representatives of various state institutions, NGOs, and members of academia, e.g. teachers and students of universities.

A number of issues dealing with environmental problems of cities, its improvements and impact on population health, the current environmental situation of big industrial cities in the country were discussed. The climate change issues and its impact on the environment of cities - sources of significant GHG emissions were also addressed. A booklet entitled ***20 advices: how to make the daily small contribution to environment protection*** was produced and generated much interest among participants of the roundtable.

On 12 June 2005, Uzhydromet organized a painting competition on the environment for children between the ages of 5 and 12. The winners of the competition received various prizes and gifts.

The State Committee of Nature Protection of Republic Uzbekistan on 3 June 2005 held the press conference to commemorate WED, and where representatives of the mass media and NGOs also discussed environmental problems of cities - focusing on activities for improving the quality of water resources.

On 1-10 June, activities promoting sanitary, hygiene and the ecological culture directed to sustainable development were undertaken by the International Fund of Ecology and Health (Ecosan). These events included meetings showing videos and TV and radio programs on environmental issues.

In addition, an environmental festival was held 4 June in Tashkent Capital Palace "Turkiston" with the support of Ecosan, Tashkent city municipality and the Ministry of Culture and Sport. The Festival Agenda included the presentation of awards to the winners of two competitions: To make our area, city, region into territory of high sanitary culture and Ecology of Tashkent: Youth initiatives.

An ecological exhibition entitled *National Parks of Uzbekistan: Eco-tourism and sustainable development*, as well as a popular concert featuring some of Uzbekistan's singers were organized by the public youth movement "Komolot", Ecology Committee of Parliament and Law Institute. The festival was attended by more than 3000 people.

On 4 June, a clean-up campaign in which some 6 million people participated was conducted in many cities and villages around the country under the motto « The healthy environment is a basis of a healthy life». Activities included the collection of plastic bags and bottles and the cleaning of areas of various businesses, organizations and residential areas.

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## **LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

### **ARUBA**

#### **Oranjestad**

On the occasion of WED, Rainbow Warriors International launched the Project Paradigm. See: [http://www.rainbowwarriors.net/en/rw\\_co\\_pdigm\\_en.html](http://www.rainbowwarriors.net/en/rw_co_pdigm_en.html)

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### **BRAZIL**

#### **Goias**

UNEP Regional Office for Latin America collaborated in the organization of the VII International Festival of Environmental Films and Videos that took place in Goias from 31 May to 5 June.

#### **São Paulo**

As part of the global celebration for World Environment Day, the São Paulo Rail Rapid Transit Company - Metrô de São Paulo - organized a two days discussion panel, which

focused on the relations of transit, environment, and sustainable development of large metropolitan areas such as São Paulo and its neighboring cities.

In addition, an exhibit was held at the company's headquarters and a four- day distance learning programme on environmental issues was broadcast. Metrô's President, Luiz Carlos David, and the Board of Directors opened the event, organized by Unimetro in partnership with Aeamesp. The keynote speaker was Jacques Demajorovic, and Eduardo Alcantara de Vasconcellos. Panelists also included: José Carlos Mora, Noel João Mendes Cossa, Karen Pizzotti, Gustavo Borges, and Luiz Antonio Cortez Ferreira.

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### **São Paulo**

A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, l'Université de São Marcos organise l'exposition "Memória Ambiental do Ipiranga e do Tatuapé", sur la mémoire écologique des quartiers et des alentours de l'Université. L'exposition sera montée par les élèves. En outre, une séquence de courts métrages sur l'environnement, suivie de discussions, sera présentée aux élèves. Enfin, l'Université mettra sur pied une exhibition de photographies, prises par des élèves dans le cadre d'un projet sur le développement durable à Novo Airão (en Amazonie).

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### **CAYMAN ISLANDS**

#### **Agape Community Park, South George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands**

To celebrate WED, John Gray Recyclers worked on the naming of the rare trees in the Park area, and cleared the area of some of the dead trees due to the wrath of Hurricane Ivan in September 2004. The Cayman Islands' National Trust is helping with the naming of the trees, and has helped the John Gray Recyclers find two very rare trees already.

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## **CUBA**

### **Havana**

To mark World Environment Day, UNEP Regional Office for Latin America organized the GEO Cities Third Regional Workshop on May 25-26 in Havana, in collaboration with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment. Representatives from more than 20 cities of the Latin American and Caribbean region attended the meeting. In addition, a series of environmental films were shown, in collaboration with CITMA as well as a weekly TV programme on the Environmental Video Libraries Network.

## **GRENADA**

### **St. George's**

Conservation Grenada Inc, a voluntary non-profit environmental organization established a collaboration with the Westerhall Secondary School, with the intention of working together to implement a program of action. The Environmental Program was launched at the School premises on 6 June, in commemoration of World Environment Day. A number of corporate sponsors were partnering with Conservation Grenada to implement the one year program.

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## **GUYANA**

### **Georgetown**

On the occasion of WED, Banks DIH Limited - a Food and Beverage Manufacturer in Georgetown sponsored a banner competition for local secondary schools. Fifteen (15) schools entered the competition and began designing their banners based on the WED 2005 theme: **Green Cities - Plan for the Planet!** The Company provided these schools with the banner material, paint and paint brushes. Each school was required to form an Environmental Club and to undertake a school-based project that promotes environmental awareness. The competition concluded in May with the first to third place winners receiving prizes. Banks DIH Limited also participated in local WED activities, including a Green Walk!

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## **JAMAICA**

### **Kingston**

In celebration of World Environment Day, The Jamaica Environment Trust (JET) promoted Jamaica Carpool Day! on Friday 3 June, under the theme **Cities on the Move**. JET asked all drivers to show their support for a greener city by carpooling to work, to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion in the cities. Supporters of a greener city shared their carpooling experiences by e-mailing JET.

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## **MEXICO**



### **Mexico City**

As part of the global celebration of the 2005 World Environment Day, PLANETA.COM presented the fifth annual Colibri Ecotourism Achievement Award. First presented in 2001, the Colibri is presented every year to a leading catalyst working toward ecotourism in Mexico. Colibri means "Hummingbird" in Spanish and the winner of the annual award receives a trophy, diploma and a \$1,000 cash award from Emilio Kifuri, president of Canyon Travel. The winner of the Colibri Award was selected by Planeta.com founder Ron Mader with consultation from members of the Mexico Ecotourism Network. Planeta.com participated in several environmental events in Mexico City during the World Environment Day weekend and presented the Colibri on the waters of the Xochimilco Gardens.

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### **Mexico City**

To commemorate WED, a 30-second television spot in Spanish was broadcast by CNN and other TV channels in the region. The programme for UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and Caribbean celebrations was as follows:

- June 4 – 11: Inauguration of the Week of Art and Environment for Green Cities - Sustainable Cities, Monterrey (Cineteca). Including: Photo Show, Exhibition on GEO-Cities, Speech on PNUMA activities in Latin American cities, and a season of environmental films.
- June 3 – 10: Environment Week - Poster exhibition (20) - The Rights of Nature - GEO-Cities and environmental cartoons. Organized by PNUMA/ORPALC and SEMARNAT. Mexico City.
- June 1 – 4: Tlaxcala Summit, organized by SEMARNAT, Tlaxcala, Mexico
- June 5: Concert by the Bellas Artes Chamber Orchestra, organized by PNUMA/ORPALC and the Bellas Artes Chamber Orchestra, Mexico City.

June 5: WED Show 2005, organized by the Environment Secretariat from Mexico City and PNUMA/ORPALC, Mexico City.

June 6: Award distributed to the winners of the Environmental Posters Competition, organized by Colegio de Bachilleres and PNUMA, at Xochimilco Ecological Park, Mexico City.

### **Monterrey**

To celebrate WED, Mundo Fest organized a free concert with Celso Piña, Genitalica, Fonka Tonka, Reyes del Camino and Los Primos. The public was requested to cooperate and leave the Macroplaza clean after the music event.

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### **NETHERLANDS ANTILLES**

#### **Curacao**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Maduro & Curiel's Bank Medio Ambiente Committee organized its fourth biennial Recycling Awareness Day - KoRe 2005. It took the form of an outdoor public information fair on all aspects of recycling on the Island of Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. The aim was to stimulate the interest and awareness of the public to learn more about what possibilities exist on Curacao for recycling and how they can also be a part of this important process.

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#### **St Maarten**

In cooperation with Enviro I, the umbrella organization of environmental foundations of St Maarten, Ocean Care Foundation organized a beach clean-up and a shoreline clean-up

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## **PERU**

### **Freire**

The Mayor of the Municipality of Freire in Peru joined the World Environment Day celebrations on June 5, 2005 with a series of activities related to sustainable development, including various policies to preserve the native forests and the environment, thus encouraging clean production among the neighbors, urban and rural communities, and the business sector. The programme also included:

1. Planting of trees in Green Areas of Schools, using Always Green Species Native Forest.
2. Video presentations on Solid Residues Management, the Spanish case. Program: Annex Program to the Recycling Plan Project for the Freire Commune, Environment Protection Fund, CONAMA 2005.
3. Environmental Lectures at municipal schools and other communal organizations to highlight the environment's importance.
4. In site lectures and discussions on Management of Solid Residues. "Landfill Project of the Freire Commune"

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## **ST. LUCIA**

### **Castries**

The St. Lucia Chapter of the Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN) decided to take advantage of World Environment Day to spearhead efforts to inform and involve the wider St. Lucian public in environmental and sustainable development issues. CYEN recognized the need to protect and preserve the environment and community interaction in all aspects of environmental management throughout the Caribbean. The theme for this year's activity was Green Cities Plan for the Planet.

The aim of the programme was to promote the day with the participation of all sectors of society. It is the belief of CYEN that partnership should be forged between non-governmental organizations and government. WED provided an excellent opportunity to promote issues pertaining to sustainable development and environment and to make the public aware of the importance of their role and responsibility in the process.

Today's youth are often portrayed in a negative light. They are often defined as generally lacking initiative, direction and discipline. WED created an avenue for young people to demonstrate their interests in vital national issues. It also provided an opportunity for them to demonstrate their ability to be creative and well organized.

The CYEN organized the following activities to commemorate World Environment Day in 2005:

- An **Environmental Career Guidance Day**, during which students were given information on the importance of the environment and on a career in that field.
- A seminar on sustainable development issues, focusing on business houses. Keeping in mind the theme **Green Cities - Plan for the Planet**, the environmental problems of the city of Castries were analyzed and discussed, and feedback was given to the relevant authorities.

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### **Castries**

To celebrate WED, the Sustainable Development and Environment Section of the Ministry of Physical Development, Environment and Housing organized a programme, including:

1. World Environment Day Speech by the Minister of the Environment, on 5 June
2. Ministerial panel discussion on "Green Cities" (participating the Minister of Physical Development, Environment and Housing, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Minister of Communications, Works and Public Utilities)
3. Live "call-in" panel discussion on "Green Architecture"
4. Relaunch of Training for Technicians in Ozone Friendly Technologies
5. Lectures and presentations at elementary and secondary schools (featuring various experts)
6. Sandals Grande Hotel - in-house exhibition
7. Sandals Hotel chain: unveiling of 1200 trees planted in the Forestiere forest reserve

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## **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

### **Arima**

The GLOBE Trotters Environmental Club in Arima, Trinidad & Tobago organized a number of activities to celebrate World Environment Day:

1. A poster competition among school classes on the theme "Green Cities" over the period May 2nd - 27th
2. A week of celebrations in which NGOs visited the school and interacted with students
3. Every student wore a pin (a green leaf) on June 3rd to commemorate WED
4. The club participated in an environmental walk/run around Queen's Park Savannah on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. A special school assembly was held Fri June 3<sup>rd</sup>, during which the club highlighted the significance of the week of activities.

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## **NORTH AMERICA**

### **CANADA**

#### **Apsley**

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Chandos Lake Canoe and Kayak Club invited cottagers to get out on their canoes or kayaks and paddle.

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### **Brampton, Ontario**

As part of their commitment to reducing pollution and waste prevention, the Community Environment Alliance hosted the "Let's e-cycle" days in Peel to mark World Environment Day.

The event focused on reducing the generation of e-waste in Peel which became a prime concern in the community. Individuals and businesses were able to drop off their used equipment at one of the event locations and get an overview on the issue of e-waste and its potential impacts. As students constitute the primary consumers of electronic gadgets, they were engaged in discussions on what the problem is and how we can address it to make the community safe, healthy and sustainable.

In this vein, there was a student contest on the subject: Electronic waste: Present and future: Am I Doing It Right? Students had to identify key concerns around e-waste and provide a potentially viable solution to deal with it. Students submitted entries in visual, collage or written format. Three winners were selected from three categories -- elementary, middle and high school -- and received prizes and recognition.

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### **Mansons Landing, BC**

On the occasion of WED, The Knowers Ark Educational Foundation organized a symposium. In addition, a poster publication, entitled "Earth, A Graphic Look at the State of the World", was released. The publication presented important data and commentaries on global environment conditions.

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### **New Brunswick**

On the occasion of WED, the New Brunswick Climate Change Hub and the Cape Jourimain Nature Centre hosted **Our Climate - Our Change**, on 4 and 5 June. The event coincided with Canadian Environment Week and Clean Air Day being marked on 8 June. The public was invited to take part in the event, a weekend of informative, interactive and fun-filled activities on Climate Change, which was held at the Cape Jourimain Nature Centre.

Located at the New Brunswick end of the Confederation Bridge, the Centre is an environmental education and eco-tourism facility that offers programs for a variety of audiences about natural history, human history, green technologies and energy efficiency. The Falls Brook Centre's Climate Change Bus, a traveling exhibit on climate change and energy efficiency, which has its own onboard wind turbine and solar panels, was at the Centre for the weekend. Interactive exhibits from Science East, as well as various environmental presentations, film screenings, and a mini-trade show on energy efficiency were offered. The event also encouraged Canadians to take the Government of Canada's One-Tonne Challenge.

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### **Québec**

Dans le cadre de la Journée mondiale de l'environnement et pour souligner son 5ème anniversaire, L'Arche des Papillons propose un atelier sur des solutions alternatives à l'utilisation des pesticides.

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### **Nicolet**

Pour célébrer la Journée mondiale de l'environnement, les Louveteaux du Groupe scouts de Nicolet organisent un événement spécial, auquel ils invitent toute la population. Le rendez-vous est fixé pour dimanche 5 juin, de 14 h à 16 h, au kiosque d'accueil du Parc de l'Anse du Port à Nicolet. Figurent parmi les initiatives prévues des expositions, des jeux et des activités écologiques.

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### **Vancouver**

The Public Works and Government Services run a 'Commuter Challenge' in Vancouver, Canada, encouraging workers to avoid using cars for a day.

## **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

### **United Nations**

The United Nations refugee agency observed World Environment Day with worldwide activities that focused on minimizing the environmental damages caused by refugee camps.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees adapted the World Environment Day theme to **Green your Camps – Improve Natural Resource Management and Plan for the Planet.**

“Refugees’ impact on the environment can have an important bearing on the willingness of host states to continue to grant asylum”, Assistant High Commissioner Kamel Morjane said. “In extreme cases, the competition for natural resources can turn local communities or governments against refugees and threaten the very institution of asylum.”

To prevent this from happening, UNHCR has been running a wide range of projects in its camps worldwide to mitigate the impact of refugees on the environment. For example, in eastern Chad, which hosts over 200,000 refugees from Darfur, tree seedlings were distributed for refugees to plant. In many camps, stoves were distributed that reduce the use of firewood. In others, clean-ups were carried out.

To highlight such programmes, on the occasion of WED, UNHCR offices around the world held demonstrations of sound environmental practices, camp clean-ups, games, competitions and cultural events.

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### **Anaheim**

World Environment Day Event was held at Chain Reaction ([www.allages.com](http://www.allages.com)) 1652 W. Lincoln Ave. Anaheim, CA 92801 on Saturday 4 June.

It was a Fundraising Event for the African Well Fund ([www.africanwellfund.org](http://www.africanwellfund.org)). Their World Environment Day Event goal was not only to raise funds for water projects in Africa but to also promote a cultural awareness about the plight facing African citizens. The organization asked their event guest for a \$10 donation at the door. All ages were welcome – admission was free for 10 years old children and under and parking was also free. There were a lot of different activities going on at this event. - Auction - Entertainment by Jimi Blackstone - Opportunity drawing - Guest Speakers including Representatives from DATA ([www.data.org](http://www.data.org)) and Invisible Children ([www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com)) -Food and beverages were provided free of charge to all guests.

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### **Atlanta**

In tribute to the United Nations World Environment Day and its theme "Green Cities: Plan for the Planet!" celebrated June 5, 2005, San Francisco, CA., the Captain Planet Foundation compiled a DVD. This DVD contained 4 episodes of Captain Planet and the Planeteers: the world-renowned children's animated television series that educates while it entertains children of all cultures about critical global

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### **Berkeley**

To coincide with WED, the organization Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) presented the 2005 Lewis Mumford Awards for Peace, Environment and Development.

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### **Berkeley**

On the occasion of WED, the Nature in the City Committee organized a visit of San Bruno Mountain, led by local stewards. Visitors experienced the urban ecological jewel of the San Francisco peninsula, only 20 minutes from downtown. Participants immersed themselves in the wild nature of the San Francisco Bay Area, while enjoying 360-degree views of the city. Participants enjoyed also a cultural ecological talk and tour in one of the mountain's wild canyon lands and saw the positive effects of local community ecological stewardship along Colma Creek.

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### **Boulder Creek**

On the occasion of WED, the Virtual Town Hall Speakers, from successful sustainable development projects around the world, participated via internet in a town hall discussion. Various topics, diverse communities from every global bio-region took part in the discussions.

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### **Chesterland, Ohio**

On the occasion of WED, the organization Save Our Stream placed stickers on storm grates, and passed out flyers about ways residents could reduce non-point source pollution in the watershed neighborhoods of the native Ohio brook trout, a threatened species.

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### **Connecticut**

To coincide with World Environment Day, at its convocation on 2 June 2005, Quinebaug Valley Community College in Connecticut gave a tree sapling to plant to each graduate of the college. The College believes that every graduate is a leader of tomorrow, and as leaders they must share their vision of Growth, Care and Sustainability through their actions.

The graduates could show their leadership through this simple action of planting trees. The message was that, as trees reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, by reducing carbon dioxide the impact of global warming could be reduced.

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### **Gibbon**

To celebrate WED, the Kearney Nebraska Evening Lions organized a clean-up effort along Highway 30. The association recycled also used cell phones, eye glasses, ink cartridges and hearing aids throughout the year.

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### **Landover, Maryland**

On the occasion of WED, PRIDE International in Cameroon organized a number of activities, including the launch a clean War on HIV/AIDS in Cameroon entitled AIDS Diagnostic and Environmental Care in order to increase accuracy in HIV/AIDS diagnosis and reduce the effects of bio-hazardous waste to public health and the environment. PRIDE organized also an activity entitled Sustainable Natural Resource Conservation and Primary Environmental Care: Technological Innovations for Increasing Resistance to Ecological Stress and Disease and Pest Causing Premature death of trees.

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### **Mill Valley**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the San Francisco Department of the Environment, together with StopWaste.org, Bay Area Build It Green, and Healthy Home Plans organized a presentation entitled The "Not So Big" New Urbanism - Keynote Address.

Sarah Susanka, and Andrés Duany, two of the most influential architects in the world today, took the stage together to present an inspiring view of the future of sustainable planning and architecture. Sarah Susanka, author of "The Not So Big House" series, and Andrés Duany, author of "Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream", met the public after the presentation for a book signing.

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### **Oakland**

On the occasion of WED, Molletphoto/Nomad Cafe in Oakland, California organized a photography exhibit by Martijn Mollet entitled "Sustainable Energy and Sustainable Fashion Series. Nomad Cafe invited the public to meet green photographer Martijn Mollet, and to view his work in the Nomad Cafe Gallery on Sunday, 5 June. 6500 Shattuck Avenue (corner of 65th Street) Oakland, CA 94609 His work could be seen at the Nomad Cafe at any time throughout the month of June.

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### **Oakland**

On the occasion of WED, the organization Ecocity Builders organized a conference entitled GREEN CITY VISIONS - Rebuilding the City to Save the Environment in collaboration with Carl Pope, Richard Heinberg, Marla Hollander, Gary Braasch, Michel Gelobter, Randy Hayes, Van Jones, Richard Register and Dave Biggs.

GREEN CITY VISIONS covered best ideas and proposed responses for all sizes of cities and towns based on ecological principles and scientific assessments of what needs to be done in the face of the peak oil/climate change/biodiversity collapse/health crisis in order to rebuild our human habitat in balance with living systems.

The event took place on Tuesday, 31 May 2005 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Scottish Rite Center, OAKLAND 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland CA 94612 Admission: \$50 General, \$30 Student.

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### **Pennsylvania**

In Pennsylvania USA, PA Cleanways held a recycling day at Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Residents took tyres, lead acid batteries, appliances and scrap metal to the Fairgrounds for recycling.

### **Philadelphia**

On the occasion of WED, Global Education Motivators (GEM) designed Sustainable Communities - A Town Square Event at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, PA, USA. The keynote speaker was William McDonough, a visionary designer of communities of the future. This round table event also featured: Dr. James Baker, President, Academy of Natural Sciences, Dr. David Schwerin, Director, Social Responsibility in Business and James Sniffen, Information Officer, UNEP. There was a live webcast for pre-conference registrations via the website of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

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### **Philadelphia**

To mark World Environment Day, Spirit the 7th Fire organized World Environment Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, 4 and 5 June, featuring local Eco groups including: the Energy Cooperative, Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities, Delaware Valley Earth Force and the Clean Air Council. There was a lecture entitled "Energy and the Environment" with Nadia Adawi, Director of Operations of The Energy Cooperative.

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### **Philadelphia**



On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health organized a Global Health Summit which, among other topics, featured a discussion group addressing priority environmental health issues. The Summit took place in Philadelphia, on 5 June and the occasion was used to invite comments on the U.S. Surgeon General's

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### **Pt. Reyes Station**

On the occasion of WED, the association Marin Organic invited the public to visit Star Route Farm, near Bolinas -Marin County. The tour presented farming operations, organic certification practices, and the nutritional benefits of local organic production.

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### **Riverside**

The Ecomodels are real life action figures who practice and promote a positive lifestyle. At WED, the Ecomodels shared sustainability related artwork and comic strips printed on recycled promotional products. The Ecomodels also promoted the use of friendly cosmetics and household products. In addition, Ecomodels volunteered for WED by assisting in picking up trash, setting up, and getting the word out during and before hand.

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### **Sacramento**

On the occasion of WED, California Environmental Protection Agency held a workshop, during which were presented innovative waste reduction, composting and recycling policies, as well as programmes being implemented in San Francisco and across California. These policies and programmes were examples of best practices for the Waste Reduction actions set forth in the Urban Environmental Accords. Presentations included San Francisco's Zero Waste policy and current diversion programmes and facilities.

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### **San Antonio**

On 6 June, the first business day following WED, Harcourt rolled out an Environmental Championship team and kicked off an environmental awareness and conservation programme.

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## **San Francisco**

**Press clippings only for the five day period from 1 to 5 for World Environment Day activities in San Francisco are available on request**

## **San Francisco**

The San Francisco Public Library is planning a calendar of events to mark United Nations Month and World Environment Day.

Public Lectures/Panel Discussions:

- ❖ Saturday, 4 June: "What Does Green Architecture Mean?" - Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level 100 Larkin Street at Grove, San Francisco. This exciting panel discussion focused on sustainable design and construction concepts. Participants could learn about important concepts and beliefs of sustainable construction, such as site design, building orientation, native plant selection, ventilation, indoor air quality, water conservation and much more. Panelists included: Willem Maas, publisher, Green Home Guide ([www.GreenHomeGuide.com](http://www.GreenHomeGuide.com)); Michael McCutcheon, owner, McCutcheon Construction; and Richard Parker, AIA, principal, 450 Architects, LEED Accredited Professional. The event was co-sponsored by AIA San Francisco COTE and San Francisco Public Library
  
- ❖ Saturday, 11 June: "How to Incorporate Green Design into Your Home Design" - Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level 100 Larkin Street at Grove, San Francisco. This panel discussion expanded on the concepts of sustainable design and construction discussed in the "What Does Green Architecture Mean?" panel. Participants could learn more about the wealth of information and resources available on the web for homeowners; local building materials available in the Bay Area for homeowners; and planning and building code issues regarding sustainable design and construction in San Francisco. There was also a live internet connection available for homeowners to conduct their own research while the experts were available to answer questions. Handouts included local resources available for homeowners. Panelists included Willem Maas, publisher, Green Home Guide ([www.GreenHomeGuide.com](http://www.GreenHomeGuide.com)), Michael McCutcheon, owner, McCutcheon Construction, and Richard Parker, AIA, principal, 450 Architects, LEED Accredited Professional. The event was co-sponsored by AIA San Francisco COTE and San Francisco Public Library
  
- ❖ Sunday, 5 June: "Getting Warmer: The Effect of Global Warming on California" - Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level 100 Larkin Street at Grove, San

Francisco.

Panel discussion on what may happen in California as a result of global warming. Moderated by Michael Vasey, Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, with Stephen Schneider, Stanford, Climate Change Science, Wil Burns, Acting Chair, Department of International Environmental Policy, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California, Daniel Kammen, University of California-Berkeley, and Rolf Gradinger Assistant Professor School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences University of Alaska Fairbanks

- ❖ Saturday, 11 June: "Your Water: Hetch Hetchy-Drain or Maintain" - Main Library, Koret Auditorium, Lower Level 100 Larkin Street at Grove, San Francisco.  
Susan Leal, General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, presented an historical overview and an update of where we are today with our Water System Improvement Program, along with information about the complex environmental challenges that we face today that are different from when the system was built 100 years ago, how the political climate is still contentious, and a section in the history about the Hetch Hetchy Railroad

Exhibitions:

- ❖ "The Signing of the United Nations Charter in San Francisco, 1945" - 3rd Floor, Humanities Center Main Library, 4 June – 4 August 2005.  
In 1945 representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco to establish an international organization dedicated to preserving peace and to reaffirm faith in human rights. The result was the United Nations Charter, the laws that govern the UN. This exhibit, using rarely seen photographs, artifacts and documents from the collection of the San Francisco History Center, provided a view of how the UN Charter was created, the experience of the signers, and the effect all of this had on San Francisco.
- ❖ "Our Rights as Human Beings" - Lower Level, Library Café Display case Main Library 28 May - 11 August 2005.  
1949 Photo exhibit explaining the UN Declaration of Human Rights
- ❖ "Hetch Hetchy: Then, Now and Tomorrow" – 5th Floor, Government Information Center Main Library 4 June – 18 August 2005.  
This exhibition of historic and contemporary photographs, documents, and artifacts illustrates the early 20<sup>th</sup> century genesis of San Francisco's famous 167-mile water and hydropower system, the unfailing service to today's 2.4 million Bay Area consumers, and tomorrow's challenges, directions, and opportunities.

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### **San Francisco**

The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs and the US Mission to the United Nations celebrated World Environment Day by sponsoring a concert: "The Sound of Music--Baghdad by the Bay", a live performance by Kurdish Members of the Iraqi National Orchestra; on 2 June 2005, at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco.

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### **San Francisco**



### **Gospel Stars Come Out To Save The Earth with World Environment Day Theme Song**

Organic Bouquet Inc., the world's first organic floral company, based in Marin, California was named the "official florist" for the United Nations World Environment

Day on 1 – 5 June 2005 in San Francisco.

In addition to decorating San Francisco with organic flowers and floral sculptures during the week of festivities, Organic Bouquet significantly contributed to the celebrations by commissioning the legendary gospel singer Edwin Hawkins (four-time Grammy winner, "O Happy Day") to write the theme song for World Environment Day.

The recorded song, entitled "*United Nations, Together We Can*", was given to WED 2005 by Organic Bouquet and Edwin Hawkins to help promote the event and future WED events around the globe. Organic Bouquet sponsored a spectacular live performance of the song on 5 June - named "Flower Power Day", at the closing ceremony of WED 2005 on the steps of City Hall in San Francisco. Celebrity gospel and secular artists on the recording were invited to sing with a 1,000-voice Gospel choir.

Proceeds from the sale of this song were donated to A Community of Unity – an Oakland based non-profit organization led by Edwin Hawkins that raises funds for a variety of Bay Area charities.

Gospel groups and artists included: Raquel Bitton, Kim Burrell, Byron Cage, Rev. Daryl Coley, Tramaine Hawkins, Walter Hawkins, LaShun Pace, Richard Smallwood, The Three Bridges (Mitch Kenitzer, Elliott McCoy, Dave McVay), Virtue (Ebony Holland, Heather Martin ), Williams Brothers (Doug Williams, Melvin Williams)

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### **San Francisco**

Greenaction for Health & Environmental Justice used the occasion of WED to highlight "Our Reality" - An Environmental Justice Tour of Southeast San Francisco. They invited one and all to visit some of the sites that inspired the environmental justice movement in San Francisco. Participants could learn about the history of Bayview Hunters Point, from its origins as a US Navy Port - and its legacy of toxic pollution- to its current incarnation as a vibrant multicultural community seeking to redefine itself. The tour overviewed local environmental struggles and highlight the efforts of residents to retain the community's unique character in the face of redevelopment and gentrification in San Francisco.

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### **San Francisco**

Leave it to food-loving San Francisco to come up with more than 100 taste-tempting ways to help the environment. That's the number of restaurants who participated in the numerous events in San Francisco from 1 to 5 June to observe United Nations World Environment Day. The restaurants focused attention on sustainable cuisine by offering at least one dish made entirely with organic, locally produced ingredients. Participants

ranged from Pauline's Pizza, in the Mission District, to higher-end spots like Slanted Door and Absinthe. The celebration included more than 150 community events.

On 1 June, in Japan town, Donna Keiko Ozawa, an artist, began assembling an art installation of thousands of disposable wooden chopsticks. A fashion show on June 4 had Bono's new Edun line of environmentally friendly clothing, couture by Katherine Hamnett and a lounge with organic beauty stations. More than 25 films, introduced by celebrities like Al Gore and Alice Waters, were shown during an environmental film festival at the Castro Theater on 1 to 5 June. And at the free Green Cities Expo, June 3 to 5 at Fort Mason, 114 businesses and organizations showed products like earth-safe cleaning supplies and wallets made of recycled rubber. The mayors of London, Shanghai and more than 50 other cities signed accords for "green cities" at City Hall on 5 June.

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### **San Francisco**



In the spirit of service and goodwill, Sri Chinmoy offered the San Francisco Bay Area and attendees of the World Environment Day Programme, the Harmony Concert. This was his own personal contribution to harmony, both within the individual and in the world. The event, which took place at 8:00 pm in the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, was an evening of meditative music played on a selection of world instruments. The concert was free.

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### **San Francisco**

National Public Radio (NPR) promoted World Environment Day 2005 on its NPR broadcast "Living on Earth". These billboard announcements could be heard at 4:00 pm on KQED radio locally as of Saturday 16 April. These promos, highlighting World Environment Day, were aired on more than 320 stations throughout the United States, and continued through the first week of June. NPR served as radio partner, promoting the World Environment Day conference.

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### **San Francisco**

To commemorate WED, the Neighborhood Parks Council and Friends of the Urban Forest organized visits to four neighborhood parks around San Francisco. Tours of each park were led by local advocates, volunteers, neighborhood associations, and non-profit organizations striving to keep their community spaces beautiful.

The four parks were: Koshland Park, a community space in the center of Hayes Valley neighborhood; Renowned Dolores Park, in the heart of the Mission District; recently built Parque Ninos Unidos, also serving the Mission District; and the inspirational Heron's Head Park, in Hunters Point along the waterfront.

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### **San Francisco**

To commemorate WED, the Pacific Institute and Earth Day Network organized a presentation entitled "Solving Water Challenges in the 21st Century: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis". This event took place on 1 June at Fort Mason Firehouse in San Francisco. The presentation detailed looming threats to the world's fresh water resources and provided practical solutions to help policy makers protect water supplies, improve efficiency, and ensure fair access at the local and regional level. The workshop featured Dr. Peter H. Gleick, President of the Pacific Institute and Director of the Water and Sustainability program. Dr Gleick is an internationally recognized water expert and was named a MacArthur Fellow in October 2003 for his work. In 2001, Gleick was dubbed a "visionary on the environment" by the British Broadcasting Corporation. The talk also featured Dr. Gary H. Wolff, the principal economist and engineer for the Pacific Institute. Dr. Wolff is an expert in the economics and engineering of the water sector, including conservation, end-use efficiency, privatization, and incentive policies.

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, the Women's Global Green Action Network (WGGAN) organized a one-day celebration that took place on Sunday, 5 June, at the Fort Mason Festival Pavilion. The calendar was as follows:

- 1 to 2 pm: Local Grassroots Organizations Tabling. Viewing of "Art & Women Environmental Heroines Clothesline".
- 2 to 5 pm: "Celebrating Women's Leadership in Sustainable Development", an official event of U.N. World Environment Day, whose purpose was to highlight women's perspectives and contributions in promoting sustainable development. The participants included women speakers, local grassroots organization members, musicians and artists. Featuring: Harinder Pal Kaur, ecological design & construction pioneer from India; Marta Benavides, founder of Ecohouse, from El Salvador; Julia Butterfly Hill, activist and author; Rev. Sally Bingham, interfaith power & light; Redwood Mary & Melinda Kramer, activists & founders of WGGAN; Fredericka Bryant, Youth Environmental Ambassadors of Health; Sharon Abreu, Pat Humphries and Sandy O., musicians; and other special guests.

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### **San Francisco**

To celebrate WED, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) organized a visit to Pulgas Water Temple, the historic terminus of Hetch Hetchy water system. The purpose of the visit was to show participants the watershed protection and habitat preservation unique to the Bay Area. In addition, participants could learn about the challenges and responsibilities that San Francisco faces to deliver high quality, reliable drinking water to a growing, urban population, while protecting the environment for the future.

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### **San Francisco**

In collaboration with several Swiss and American organizations, Swissnex organized a series of events around World Environment Day. Activities included a conference entitled **The Path to Sustainable Mobility: Cars and Fuels of the Future**. In the course of the conference, leading academic and industry experts presented current technologies in concept vehicles and sustainable fuels, and the timeline for availability for an audience of city planners, engineers, academics, and professionals involved in sustainable mobility. Moderator Larry Magid (CityCarShare) was joined by: Dr. Christopher Onder, Center for Energy Conversion, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ); Dr. Philipp Dietrich of Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI), Head Technology Transfer; Professor Dan Sperling, Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis; Professor Jeffrey Tester, HP Meissner Professor of Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Mr. Arthur Lee, ChevronTexaco, Director of Global Sustainability Policy.

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights organized a panel discussion with national and international guests designed to bring the initiatives from the Urban Accords into the community. They suggested practical solutions and urban strategies to empower citizens and community leaders.

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, EDAW experts presented a panel discussion on "Parks as Urban Regenerators" to address the challenges and benefits of sustainable development of planned green space in urban environments. This panel was of direct benefit and interest to the WED participants, because it was tied to both the environmental well being and the socio-economic viability of cities.

The panel presented a variety of perspectives on the prevalent trend of redeveloping post-industrial sites into quality spaces for the public. EDAW also produced a monograph that examines how successful parks and public realm improvements in cities throughout the world have stimulated community well being and economic growth. This booklet was distributed to the mayors participating in World Environment Day, as well as to other national and international dignitaries. Panel participants ranged from planners and designers, to economists and city officials, concerned with how sustainable green space and planned open space could increase land values, taxes, and revenue.

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### **San Francisco**

To coincide with WED, the organization Redefining Progress organized a panel event, in which the new essay "The Soul of Environmentalism" was released and discussed. As the debate on environmentalism rages across the nation, seven prominent environmental justice leaders have joined together to move the conversation in a new direction. Panelists included the essay co-authors: Michel Gelobter, Redefining Progress Executive Director; Michael Dorsey, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Dartmouth University; Tom Goldtooth, Executive Director of Indigenous Environmental Network; Richard Moore, Director of the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice; and Peggy Shepard, Executive Director of West Harlem Environmental Action. The discussion was followed by an audience-led question-and-answer session. The event was free to the public. It took place on Thursday, 26 May at Delancey Street Screening Room, 600 Embarcadero, San Francisco.

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### **San Francisco**

To celebrate WED, Restore Hetch Hetchy organized an event entitled **Finding the Way Back to Hetch Hetchy**. Activities included a panel discussion and a workshop, explaining the proposal that the O'Shaughnessy Dam on the Tuolumne River be removed, and that Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park be restored. There was a detailed explanation of how San Francisco's water and power needs could be met if this was done. There was also time for questions from attendees.

The speakers included: a State Assembly member, Lois Wolk; the former Executive Director of the Planning & Conservation League, Gerald Meral, Ph.D; the Executive Director of Restore Hetch Hetchy, Ron Good; and Mark Cederborg, a river restoration ecologist and member of the Board of Directors of Restore Hetch Hetchy. This event took place on Saturday 4 June at 1:30pm, at the Fort Mason Center, Building C, Room C-362 (entrance at the intersection of Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street).

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### **San Francisco**

To commemorate World Environment Day, the National AIDS Memorial Grove organized a guided tour of the National AIDS Memorial. The tour focused on various issues, including: the reasons for the creation of the Grove; its designation as a national memorial; its status as a role model for public-private partnerships; its landscape; the plants and trees found in the Grove; and the ongoing community outreach programmes. After the tour, the Grove volunteers facilitated a ceremonial tree planting.

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### **San Francisco**

To mark WED 2005, people were invited to cruise the Bay along the San Francisco waterfront, around Alcatraz Island, and under the Golden Gate Bridge while aboard the "Golden Bear," a "Near Zero Emissions Ferry" equipped with the latest in clean diesel technology. A tour guide was available to provide information on air emissions technologies available for retrofitting diesel engines. During WED, Blue & Gold Fleet provided educational materials on their ferries about their clean technology and their commitment through its Green Waves programme to the principles and practices of environmental stewardship. Blue & Gold Fleet, celebrating 25 years of service, works to protect and renew the environmental resources of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the San Francisco Bay, Delta, and beyond.

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, the Nature in the City Committee presented the "Nature in the City Symposium". The event focused specifically on the importance of nature in urban centers. It highlighted also the tools needed for implementing successful urban nature protection and restoration initiatives, for the benefit of the ecosystem, wildlife, and people. The Symposium aimed also at informing and inspiring leaders of city governments throughout the world to implement the Urban Nature portion of the Urban Environmental Accords for World Environment Day.

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On the occasion of WED, WELL Network hosted a panel session on 1st June at 2:30 pm at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco. WELL Network's speakers discussed their work

in implementing successful "green plans" to protect environmental health. They highlighted their efforts to promote long-term environmental solutions in their respective states and cities, and offered their perspectives, practical advice, and experience in developing and implementing these policies.

As a specific example of a long-term policy planning activity currently taking place, the European Union's work to develop REACH (Registration, Evaluation & Authorization of Chemicals) and the effects it may have on the U.S., was also be discussed. The WELL Network also released a commissioned white paper on the REACH model and its implications for green planning in California, New York and beyond. A cocktail reception followed the panel discussion.

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### **San Francisco**

To celebrate WED, the Red Vic Peace Center Bed & Breakfast organized a breakfast conversation on the theme "Visions for a healthy environment". Admission was free for bed & breakfast guests and for the public (with a small fee for breakfast). The conversation took place on 5 June at 9:30 am, at the Red Vic Peace Center, 1665 Haight St., near Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, the Global Community Monitor and the West County Toxics Coalition organized a tour in Richmond neighborhood, to raise awareness of the damages created by high pollution industries.

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### **San Francisco**

To commemorate WED, the Greenbelt Alliance organized two visits (one by bus and one on foot) to two very different neighborhoods in San Francisco. The aim of the tours was to show how cities can use urban planning to accommodate growth, enhance quality of life, and preserve open spaces.

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### **San Francisco**

The Presidio of San Francisco organized a tour around the World Environment Day theme. The Presidio was a former military base that underwent a transformation into a world-class national park site. With over 700 contributing features, the Presidio has been a National Historic Landmark since 1962, and is one of the largest historic preservation projects in the U.S.

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, Our World Café brought together 120 people from around California and the world to share information and experiences around the issue of green purchasing. Today, green purchasing includes a wide variety of design and manufacturing criteria, such as recycled content, toxicity, durability, and energy efficiency. The participants included representatives from the government, industry, eco-labeling groups, non-profit organizations, and the scientific community. The aim of the

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### **San Francisco**

To commemorate WED, Greenland organized a tour, which highlighted both problems and solutions related to environmental inequity in San Francisco's Bayview - Hunters Point neighborhood. Participants visited sites that are considered sources of contamination, as well as a wetland restoration project, and an air monitoring station. The tour included the visit of: PG&E Hunters Point Power Plant; Heron's Head Park, Bayview Hunters Point Community Air Monitoring Project (BayCAMP), Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site and San Francisco Southeast Water Treatment Facility

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, the City of Zurich, Novatlantis, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, Swiss Re and Swissnex organized a workshop entitled "Plugging Into The Future: Public & Private Partnership For Equitable Sustainability". Leaders from the public and private sector presented cutting-edge green buildings and technologies that have improved comfort for tenants and increased income for owners and developers. The workshop intended to serve as a toolbox for implementing sustainability initiatives in other regions from economical, technological and social perspectives.

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### **San Francisco**

To commemorate WED, the Neighborhood Parks Council organized a tour around the Eastern waterfront of San Francisco, along the Bay Trail, a developing multi-use recreational trail. The tour begins at Crissy Field, San Francisco's newest waterfront treasure. It continued south along the Embarcadero, viewing post-1989-earthquake public access developments.

The tour then ventured through the Southern waterfront, to arrive to the site of the Blue Greenway, San Francisco's Southeastern portion of the Bay Trail. Participants then visited the historical Port lands, India Basin, the Hunters Point Shipyard, and California's only urban state park, Candlestick Point. The tour was led by knowledgeable and experienced guides, focusing on relevant educational, environmental, and historical issues about the area. After the tour, a half-day conference, focusing on successful waterfront models, was held.

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, The Vote Solar Initiative showed to visitors the Moscone Convention Center's 675 KW solar electric rooftop - one of the largest solar electric rooftops in the United States. After the tour, a presentation and reception took place at the Marriott Hotel View Lounge. The presentation focused on solar success stories and on innovations in solar energy from around the world, as well as on the leadership role of cities in promoting clean energy. Speakers included David Hochschild (The Vote Solar Initiative), and Denis Hayes (Founder of Earth Day).

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, the South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project organized a tour to introduce visitors to the largest tidal wetland restoration project in the Western United States. The tour showed historic tidal wetlands in South San Francisco Bay and former commercial salt ponds that were restored to a mixture of aquatic wildlife habitats. Visitors could learn the technical opportunities and challenges associated with developing a wetland restoration project in an urban environment. The tour also highlighted the importance of restoring tidal wetlands in San Francisco Bay, while continuing to manage some ponds for migratory birds.

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Deep-Solutions.com launched Leaf Power! and encouraged everyone in the world to mark WED by pinning a leaf to their clothes. The aim of the initiative was that individuals unaware of WED would be puzzled, inquire about the leaf and thereby become aware of the events and the occasion. The celebration of WED in San Francisco was a unique moment for the participants to pin a leaf to their clothes, to symbolize their personal commitment to energy conservation and quest for sustainable solutions.

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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Spiral Muse hosted an event entitled **Latin American Indigenous Women's Perspectives from Community to International Organizing**. In response to the political and economic forces of spreading globalization, Native peoples throughout the Americas have been refining their activism, creating

networks and alliances, and affecting far-reaching international policies while still answering to their home communities.

The event began with an opening Ceremonial Prayer led by: Omeakaeht Erick Gonzales (Kaqchikel, Maya from Guatemala). The speakers included:

- Margarita Gutierrez, Hñañhu from Itzmiquilpan, Mexico. She is a specialist in communication, now working with the congress of Chiapas. She is also a permanent member of the Enlace Continental de Mujeres.
- Gloria Ushigua, Zápara from the Pastaza region of Ecuador. She is worked on women's issues. Her community faces problems of oil drilling in ancestral territory and language revitalization.
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### **San Francisco**

On the occasion of WED, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) organized a tour of the nationally recognized EPA award winning Oceanside Wastewater Treatment Plant. The visit took the participants through the treatment processes and the ocean outfall. It also gave an overview of San Francisco's combined stormwater and wastewater sewer system. It illustrated then SFPUC's upcoming Wastewater Master Plan for the City. The tour concluded with a visit to Lake Merced, where SFPUC has a stormwater diversion pilot to filter stormwater runoff through wetlands, for the treatment and the recharging of Lake Merced.

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### **San Francisco**

Pacific Coast Builders Conference 2005 (PCBC), named one of the fastest growing tradeshows in North America occurred concurrently with WED. It hosted over 600 of the

industry's most innovative providers of homebuilding products and services, including many of the new green products. A strategic tour of the PCBC exhibit floor introduced participants to several green building products, several of which were incorporated into the PCBC Pacific Heights Green Showhouse. Sarah Susanka, author of *The Not So Big House*, transformed the house to create aesthetically pleasing and highly functional living areas.

A prerecorded audio tour guided participants through the home with an introduction by San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom. Sarah Susanka discussed the design considerations that informed her remodeling decisions. Christi Graham of Healthy Home Plans highlighted the green and healthy aspects of the home. Finally, Laura Ingall and Mark Palmer, from the San Francisco Department of the Environment, provided information about the green building resources available locally.

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Earth Day Network and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) joined forces in San Francisco in June to strengthen the impact of World Environment Day – the annual UN event that supports the United Nations’ goal of increasing environmental awareness around the world.

As UNEP’s civil society partner, Earth Day Network played a critical role in the proceedings, by coordinating and sponsoring the participation of leading non-governmental organizations from around the world. With the support of UNEP, Earth Day Network brought 15 NGO leaders to San Francisco where they were fully integrated into the proceedings, serving as experts in the issues that affect their regions and fields of expertise. The NGOs functioned as official delegates and came from Argentina, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine and Venezuela.

This was the first time that NGOs have participated so fully in World Environment Day. Their participation provided a unique, grassroots perspective on how environmental issues affect the most vulnerable populations in their cities.

Following World Environment Day, the Mayors and NGO leaders will continue to build upon the relationships established in San Francisco and work together with municipal leaders to put those concepts and promises into action.

Over the next few years, Earth Day Network will continue to work with the NGOs and the Mayors to implement an active and aggressive program for sustainable urban growth. Furthermore, Earth Day Network will promote the results of the conference to the extensive global Earth Day network -- to share approaches, points of view and methodologies, and spread the spirit of the urban accords to other cities.

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### **San Leandro**

To celebrate WED, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority organized a workshop to promote the first universal standard and rating system for sustainable businesses, which is under development. A panel of experts on sustainable business began the session by succinctly identifying trends in industry and public policy that presented opportunities for companies to show leadership, vision and expertise in their pursuit of excellence and efficiency.

The workshop continued with an overview of the process and of the assumptions used in developing the SBRS stakeholder engagement project. Topics that were introduced amalgamate criteria derived from the leading standards, including the Global Reporting Initiative, the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, and the Financial Times "FTSE for Good" Index. The experts explained how this is organized to reflect concerns relating to Corporate Governance, Community, Workplace, Marketplace, and Environment, thereby capturing complexity and synergy that permeates best practices for sustainability.

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### **Sausalito**

In support of the United Nations' World Environment Day 2005, people were invited to eCycling Day by the Bay on Saturday, 4 June from 8am to 5pm. Parking Lot A behind Giants' Ballpark.

At no cost to businesses and the general public everyone could drop off unwanted or unused electronic items, such as computers, mainframes, monitors, printers, cables, telephones, printed circuit boards, and consumer electronics at Lot A behind the Giants' Ballpark between 3rd Street and Mission Rock Street.

This day was an opportunity for residents and businesses of the nine Bay Area counties to work with the city of San Francisco, the International community and all globally concerned citizens to prevent adding to the already over-extended landfills. People were invited to support Zero Environmental Impact Recycling, literally less impact on our landfills and, in turn, our environment. For further information, please visit <http://www.WED2005.org>.

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### **Sausalito**

To celebrate WED 2005, the Headlands Institute organized an educational hands-on hike. During this hike, participants were led on an educational adventure through the wind-swept cliffs, flower-covered hills, and sandy beaches of the Marin Headlands by a Headlands Institute Field Science Educator. Participants could learn about the natural science and cultural history that makes the Marin Headlands a unique park.

Since 1977, Headlands Institute has been connecting people to the natural world through its multi-day field education programs. Headlands Institute is a park partner of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which is one of the largest urban national parks in the world. Established in 1972, in an effort to make parks more accessible to urban populations, GGNRA's 75,398 acres of land and water extend north of the Golden Gate Bridge to Tomales Bay in Marin County and south to San Mateo County.

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### **Sierra Club Sacramento Group**

To commemorate World Environment Day 2005, the Sierra Club Sacramento Group planning council organized a run / walk in Sacramento, California. The event, which started and finished in Old Sacramento, took place on 5 June 2005. The River to River Run to Celebrate the Earth featured both a 5 K and 10 K course.

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## WEST ASIA

### BAHRAIN

#### Manama

EURO University, Kingdom of Bahrain, the first University in the Middle East specialized in Environmental Sciences, organized a special event on 5 June, to mark World Environment Day. In addition, a three-day environmental symposium, entitled "Water Management: European and Regional Experience", was held from 6 to 8 June, to facilitate interaction between concerned partners, and to discuss and offer solutions to the problem of water management.

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#### Manama



A NEW 500-kilogram steel monument was erected at the King Faisal Corniche in Manama, Bahrain on Thursday, 3 June. The 18-foot symbolic structure was installed to mark World Environment Day, and depicts eight individuals carrying the globe. The sculpture is made almost entirely of scrap steel except for the continents, which are made out of recycled aluminum cans.

The Hussaini Drawing Society for Islamic Arts was behind the project and received approval from the Manama Municipal Council and the Manama Municipality. The Atlas Construction and Transportation Company made the sculpture for free on behalf of the society, according to project co-ordinator Adel Abbasi. The project was completed in a record three weeks time.

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#### Bahrain

The Bahrain Women Society (BWS) under its Environment Citizenship Program celebrated World Environment Day with a series of activities starting from mid-May for one month, including:

- Two workshops about Earth Charter; one for societies interested in environment issues and the other for high school students. Both workshops aimed to ensure that this document is brought to the attention of the public in a simplified way.
- World Environment day festivity took place in those kindergartens that use the Environment Education Unit.
- Focus the daily running ten-minute family radio series performed by BWS to promote and understand the UN theme for this year Green Cities.
- Conducting two training workshops representing "RAED" (The Arab Network for Environment and Development) as the National Coordinator implementing the network activities in line with the green cities theme:  
Preparation of Natural Pest Control Fertilizers  
Preparation of In-door plants composite
- Approach decision-makers to enhance and activate the recommendations related to the Green Cities.
- Launch Wanees first story series, which utilize an environment mascot Tiny Tail Lizard to address and deliver simple environment concepts to kids.

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## **JORDAN**

Jordan Environment Society held a play entitled "Recycling" at King Hussein Cultural Centre. The humorous play featured Jordanian comedians Mr. Hussein Tubeishat (Ghafel) and Mr. Mahmoud Saymeh (Hamdi). The play looked at the prevailing culture related to solid waste management, its importance as a source of income and its social impacts at an individual and national level.

## **KUWAIT**

### **Ahmadi**

Wood Group ESP Inc. celebrated World Environment Day 2005 through the following activities:

- 1) A meeting, conducted to create awareness among all employees.
- 2) Distribution of leaflets on environmental issues.

- 3) Tree planting.
- 4) Clean-up of the group facilities and of the surrounding area.
- 5) All employees wore a badge with the 2005 theme and logo.

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### **Kuwait City**

ASSE-Environment & OH Forum commemorated World Environment Day on 5 June 2005. Activities included essay, painting and photography competitions for school children and general public, focusing on the theme Green Cities. The winners were given prizes.

The commemoration took place at Hotel Radisson SAS, Ball Room. Capt. Awadh Saeed, Manager Environment of M/s KPC was the Chief Guest. There was a presentation by Dr. Majda Khalil, Associate Research Scientist, KISR (Agriculture and Greenery Department) on the significance of greening the cities. The ongoing Kuwait National Greenery Project and its benefits to the State of Kuwait were also illustrated.

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### **LEBANON**

#### **Beirut**

On the occasion of WED, 4D Club organized the following activities:

- Exhibition related to different environmental topics.
- Presentations regarding protected areas in Lebanon.
- Seminar entitled: "Understanding Biodiversity: Towards a Better Future"
- DVD presentation.
- Opening Ceremony of the "Green Balcony"

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### **Beirut**

To commemorate WED 2005, Environment & Development magazine organized a School Artistic Festival at the UNESCO palace in Beirut on 6 June. Schools from all over Lebanon presented artistic shows that reflect several environmental issues in the form of a song or a play. The Festival was accompanied by a free-style art show of drawings and figures exhibition portraying the "Greener City" theme of WED 05.

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### **Beirut**

To mark World Environment Day, the American Community School Student Council organized an event that took place from 30 May to 3 June. Activities included: an exhibition, an environmental awareness campaign, a presentation of the Water Project by GLOBE students and a clean-up of the beach.

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## **Beirut**

Round Table hosted by Al-Bia Wal-Tanmia (Environment & Development) magazine on the subject: Environment between National Priorities & International Programmes.

The panelists included:

Tarek Mitri, Minister of Environment, Lebanon Khaled Irani, Minister of Environment, Jordan Habib El-Habr, Acting Director and Regional representative, UNEP/Regional Office for West Asia. The moderator was Najib Saab, Editor-in-Chief, Environment & Development. The round table took place at West Hall, American University of Beirut, on 6 June 2005.



In addition to the above, the WED Week on Future TV (the leading pan-Arab network) was jointly organized with Al-Bia Wal-Tanmia (Environment & Development) magazine. A 25-minute programme was aired at 7:30 GMT every morning between 6-10 June on the theme of Green Cities.

Distinguished guests were hosted every day.

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## **PALESTINE**

### **Gaza Strip**

As they have done for a number of years, the General Union of Non-Governmental Environmental Organizations (GUN-GEO) in Palestine implemented various activities in the Gaza Strip on World Environment Day, including: workshops on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and the Stockholm Convention; a clean-up campaign on Gaza beach; and a tree-planting campaign in the Middle Area of Gaza Strip schools. These activities were extensively publicized in the Palestinian Media in order to let the people of Palestine know the importance of WED and encourage them to participate.

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## **QATAR**

### **Doha**

On the occasion of World Environment Day (WED), Pravasi Doothan International Magazine organized a workshop on environment. Individuals and communities were invited to play their role in the environment protection drive, to ensure human dignity and social progress joining hands together to build and to sustain a healthy planet. The workshop was inaugurated by K.V.Abdulla Kutty, an official from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture.

He pointed out that if everybody cares for the environment, pollution and other environmental problems could be minimized. He lauded the efforts made by the State of Qatar in ensuring environmental safety while executing developmental plans and projects and stated that development, if materialized properly, will never raise any challenge to the environment. Presenting a paper on the message WED, P.A.M.Sheriff, the acting general manager of World Trade Center Doha, explained that the purpose of WED is to focus worldwide attention onto the importance of the environment and stimulate political attention and action. Banna Chennamangalloor, president of the Confederation of Alumni Associations of Kerala (CAAK) proposed the “Each Hand Each Plant” idea to promote a better and green environment.

Molly Abraham highlighted the role of families in preserving the environment. Ahmed Tuneri was of the opinion that we have to take the message of the day to the public and to seek the support and participation of the mass in order to make the drive a success. Shahida Abdul Jaleel asked every one to set practical examples for environmental protection and motivate others by our deeds and actions. Shukkur Kinaloor, managing director of the magazine, welcomed the gathering and Valsa Babu, the coordinator, proposed a vote of thanks.

In addition, the first environment Award instituted by the Pravasi Doothan International Malayalam magazine for outstanding environmental activist was conferred to Doha resident K.V.Abdulla Kutty, during a glittering function He was nominated for the award by a group of socio cultural activists appointed by the Magazine and the jury was unanimous in its decision. The jury evaluated that Abdulla Kutty, who was the community coordinator of the Qatar Cleaning campaign, was fundamental in spreading its message up to the grass root level and was successful in ensuring participation of all groups of society.

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### **Doha**

Kainat Foundation, Friends of Environment Centre and MES Indian School jointly celebrated World Environment Day on June 5. The school hosted the main activities. The green ambassadors of the school worked with Youth in Action Environmental Group (YIA), with the Friends of the Nations Centre and with Kainat Foundation to make the event a success. The aim of the celebration was to give a human face to environmental issues, to stimulate actions for of sustainable and equitable development, and to promote the idea that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes.

Dr Saif al-Hajari, chairman of Friends of Environment Centre, handed the flag of World Environment Day 2005 to Shabeeb Rehman of MES at a function held at the centre. In June, the flag was raised on the school's main building, where 7,000 students and others people took an oath to protect the environment. The students also drew up a list of recommendations that were handed over, along with the flag, to the Supreme Council for Environment and Natural Reserves (SCENR) by the school principal F M Basheer.

The activities organized included posters, painting and drawing preparation, photography, web designing, writing of essays, poems and slogans, concerts in schools, tree planting, as well as recycling and clean-up campaigns. After the function, around 150 MES students joined pupils from the Omar Ibn Khatab primary school and officials of the Friends of Environment Centre in a programme related to the 'A Flower Each Spring' campaign. They planted some 500 saplings of al-Ghaf, the plant selected for this year.

In addition to this, the Gulf Helicopters participated, to carry the messages scroll of young children from MES Indian School.

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## SAUDI ARABIA

### Jeddah

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Arab NGO Network for Environment and Development (RAED) -Saudi Arabia, carried out a number of initiatives which emphasized the Green Cities Concept and Principles. The programme action plan focused on educational and awareness events. Community participation was ensured by involving educational organizations, the private sector and NGOs. There were various scientific lectures and workshops and youth and school organizations were involved in activities such as beach cleanings and painting contests.

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## SYRIA

### Homs

The Syrian Red Crescent Organization, Homs Branch, invited photographers from around the world, amateur or professional, to participate in its 2005 World Environment Day Photo Gallery which was exhibited in the Museum of Azzehrawi Palace, Homs from 5 to 9 June 2005. Further information is available at <http://wed.4eco.com>

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## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### Dubai

To celebrate WED, UNEP YouthXchange Project has organized a series of activities, including:

- Clean-up of dive sites and release of two more mooring buoys.



- Organization of a UNEP YouthXchange training day in Arabic, with Dubai Electricity and Water Authority.
- Traditional boat racing in Ras Al Khaima –UAE, with environmental exhibition.
- A half day pearl dive trip for Emirates Diving Association sponsors, with special guests - Japanese TV crew.



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### **Dubai**

To commemorate WED, the Environmental Department of Dubai Municipality and the Emirates Marine Environmental Group (EMEG) awarded hundreds of Marine Environmental and Conservation prizes. Scouts, guides and local schools students received prizes for their personal involvement in marine conservation activities, for planting and cleaning mangroves, for learning about beach and wildlife conservation, and for understanding the importance of Arabian flora, marine life, wildlife protection and water conservation. Environmental issues are among the main concerns of a modern international and multicultural city such as Dubai.

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