Mission Statement

Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future exists to shape a strategic, global, multi-stakeholder movement to influence and implement sustainable development agreements and the Millennium Development Goals.
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It has been a year of change for Stakeholder Forum and for sustainable development. Perhaps the most difficult year we have faced. Many colleagues moved on and sustainable development has not been at the forefront of people’s minds. Perhaps after a Summit it is to be expected that interest would wane but there has been a real feeling that multilateralism is under threat in so many fields. Stakeholder Forum have tried to contribute to helping governments, the UN and stakeholders refocus around a Human and Environmental Security Agenda and by the second half of the year this seems to have had a significant impact. Utilising 2005 and the many events and agendas coming to a head then the question is what role can Stakeholder Forum play in this?

Our UNED UK work has focused around a WTO Post Cancun Conference, sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry, and Manchester Council and around the 12th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the 8th Special Session of the联合国环境规划署 governing Council. The Population and Sustainability group coordinated by Catherine Budget-Meakin with the support of the Margaret Pike Foundation was, elevated to a Partnership Initiative at CSD-12, and launched a web site as well as holding a number of events during CSD 12.

The team led by Trevor Rees and our Co-Chair Facilitating the event David Hales did excellent work.

Working under our WHAT Governance Programme our Policy and Research Head Georgina Ayre led our work on sustainable development governance. The programme is now in it’s second year support by the Rufford Laing Foundation. Principal activities included the conference ‘Crisis in Global Governance – Challenges in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals, the project the completion of the publication ‘Plain Language Guide to the World Summit on Sustainable Development’, a series of events at the 12th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development as well as at the 8th Special Session of the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council. Under this programme, Georgina has led our input to the reform of environmental institutional
architecture which President Chirac launched at the UN General Assembly in 2003. This has resulted in a number of papers and workshops throughout the year and will be a major part of our work in the next year leading up to the General Assembly debate in 2005.

Our work for UNEP’s Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities centred around helping create a larger outreach for UNEP. Karen Dickenson and Toby Middleton helped ensure we produced a new newsletter and a new database driver web site for UNEP. We took a large part in the GPA Conference Hilltops to Oceans sitting on the Steering Committee for the Conference.

Although we had hoped to take forward the Implementation Conference for Africa funding for such a partnership based conference was not forthcoming. We helped facilitate an excellent workshop for the five African Governments in Nairobi in January 2004 which produced a work programme to take the project forward. Robert Whitfield and Musa Salah led our work in this area. We still hope to take it further should funding become available.

Stakeholder Forum finished this year as the Secretariat to the SEED Award – Supporting Entrepreneurs for Environment and Development. This role has now been taken on by one of the other Founding Partners IUCN. The project was managed originally by Minu Hemmati and then Peter Ritchie and the launch of the call for submissions for the award was made at the CSD with speeches by Minister Jürgen Trittin, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Dr Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of UNEP, Shoji Nishimoto, UNDP Assistant Administrator, Achim Steiner, IUCN Director General, Lord Holme, Chairman of Partnerships Central and Felix Dodds of Stakeholder Forum.

This year saw the publication of our fifth book - How to Lobby at Intergovernmental Meetings – or Mine is a Café Latte. The book was developed from the successful booklet ‘Briefing for Participation in the Earth Summit 2002’ the authors were Felix Dodds and Michael Strauss and it is an attempt to decant over ten years of lobbying for future generations to use.

As an organization Stakeholder Forum is committed to service and to helping others make their contribution more effective. We have grown considerably in the ten years we have been in existence from a UK-based organization to an international multi-stakeholder forum. During that time we have had two UK chairs in Jonathon Porritt and Derek Osborn who have contributed to our overall direction and vision and since 2000 have had our international direction overseen first by Derek Osborn and Hesphina Rukato and now by David Hales and Gwen Mahlangu.

This year we have had a number of staff that has left us and we want to say our thanks for their contributions to the development of Stakeholder Forum and wish them well in their new positions. This has included Minu Hemmati consultant on the SEED Award, Michael Burke consultant on the SEED Award, Irene Gerlach Project Coordinator SEED Award, Musa Salah IC Africa, Peter Ritchie Chief of Staff, Aretha Moore PA to Director, Hamid Houishidar Finance Officer, Mohamed Sajjad Deputy Finance Officer, Madeline Cobb, Bonn Project Assistant and Karen Dickenson GPA Coordinator.

We have been joined by James Young Bonn Assistant and Mehjaben Price Deputy Director.

Stakeholder Forum owes a great debt to UNA for its financial support over the last ten years and the advice and help of Malcolm Harper, Harold Stern and Peter Dyson who it would like to thank. Also the work of the SF subs committee on separation from UNA Paul Jefferies, Jonathan Hodrien, Peter Warren and David Fitzpatrick.
Stakeholder Forum now enters its second decade, it is looking forward to becoming an independent international stakeholder organization after ten years with UNA it will be operating as its own organization and all the challenges and opportunities that brings. As we prepare for 2005 which looks like it will be the most important year for multilateralism we hope to draw on the experiences and networks we have built up. If as we think the new challenge for the world is Human and Environmental Security and as a component of this Stakeholder Democracy then we have a lot to contribute.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMENT

I joined Stakeholder Forum in August 2003. Coming from the corporate sector this was a unique opportunity and a challenge for me. I had previously worked on development issues when I was at Women’s Bank in Pakistan, including working with UNDP on micro credit schemes for women.

It was a very exciting time for me, joining an organization that was working for furthering the UN goals on sustainable development, the work of NGOs in delivering many of the global agreements.

In 2003-2004 Stakeholder Forum saw a contraction of the funding available for the work it has been doing for all the reasons that Felix Dodds and others have elaborated upon previously. As a result we had to take some very hard decisions on decisions on staffing. The changing market situation also meant that the organization now need to re focus and review its future direction and strategy. We under went a hard but inevitable restructuring of the organization in the last quarter of this year. My role has been to help oversee these changes and develop a more robust business model for the organization. Stakeholder forum owes many thanks to UNA for the support they showed to SF. UNA has financially over seen the organization for last 10 years but with at times with 3 times larger turn over there was a need to de-link the SF from the its host organization was evident. My main focus during last few months and for the first half of next financial year will be to ensure that the move to de-link from UNA is done in the most effective way. I hope in the next annual report to be able to report on the success of this. On the UK front we organized a very successful conference – A Crisis in Global Governance. We hope the conference has helped set the scene for next year particularly in the area of the Millennium Development Summit + 5 and UNEP Reform. For the next year these will be two of the main focus points for the organization’s work programme. As I move over to take a role on UNED-UK side of SF I look forward to building on the enormous work done for the 2002 Summit. Bringing UK stakeholders into the national debate on all the elements of the 2005 agenda will be a great challenge.

We have had some very good volunteers backing up our work this year and I would like to thank George Middleton for his excellent work around the Conference. He played the key role in making the conference a success. I would also like to thank Mohammed and Hamid or their work in managing the work of the finance department. I look forward to continuing my creative relationship with our treasurer Jonathan Hodrien and I promise to get a better diary for next year!!
Involving Stakeholders and 2005

We all thought after the World Summit on Sustainable Development that the international agenda would become simpler. It is true that 2003 and 2004 have been quieter but 2005 already looks likely to be even more significant than 2002.

By utilise the window of opportunity afforded by the review of the Millennium Development Goals – and the coming together of a series of international reporting and decision making processes of relevance to sustainable development in 2005 -Stakeholder Forum proposes to undertake an 18 month work programme to strengthen the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. We hope to do this though the meaningful participation of stakeholders in the development of and as well as in the review processes. Environment did not play enough of a significant role at the Millennium Summit in 2000 we saw one of the weakest of the Goals agreed which was that of the MDG 7 otherwise know as the Environmental MDG. The review in 2005 offers a chance to integrate the outcomes of WSSD into the Millennium Development process. In Johannesburg we agreed a new target for sanitation and it is hoped that will MDG7. Perhaps under different international leadership we might have seen a similar target adopted in Johannesburg for energy which is as we all know a significant aspect of poverty.

We believe that better decisions are made and more practical solutions developed when stakeholders are meaningfully engaged throughout the full course of the review and decision making process. Whilst the UN will facilitate formal civil society dialogue around the review of the Millennium Development Goals a programme is required to enable stakeholders to contribute and inform the structure of the review process and the mechanisms of stakeholder engagement that are developed within it. The Chair of the CSD in 1998 the Philippines Minister of the Environment Cielito Habito said it very well when he said:

"Multistakeholder is the wave of the future. It is the way to achieve truly sustainable development. And in a world being swept by globalisation in the economic sphere and sphere and democratisation on the social and political spheres, multi-stakeholder is a necessary condition for sustainability; I firmly believe that there is no other way."

The over-riding objective of the Millennium Development Goals is poverty eradication. At the World Summit on Sustainable Development governments, stakeholders, UN agencies and other international organisations committed to a number of key environmental targets and activities. Conflicts often exist between the development and the environmental agendas. This needs to be addressed in September next year. To achieve sustainable development, the environmental commitments of the WSSD must be injected into implementation of the Millennium Development Goals.

Involving stakeholders is never easy as governments and the UN knows and so I leave you with a thought from Kadar Asmal (2000) Chair of the World Commission on Dams a multi-stakeholder approach to building a new consensus on Dams warned us when he said:

"A parting warning: doing so (conducting an MSP) is never neat, organized, tidy concerto. More often, the process becomes a messy, loose-knit, exasperating, sprawling cacophony. Like pluralist democracy, it is the absolute worst form of consensus building except for all the others."
1993-1994: UNED-UK officially launched in October 1993. Conference speakers included the new Executive Director of UNEP, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, who said:

"The changing nature of UNED-UK reflects no less than the changing nature of the agenda in front of us." The programme for the first full year focused on the CSD and World Environment Day, which was to be in the UK. For the second meeting of the CSD UNED produced the only multi-stakeholder report on Health. The Secretary General's Report said of this:

"Overall the groups from the UK constitute a model major groups response to Agenda 21. Their approach is clearly anchored in Agenda 21 as well as in local priorities."

At the CSD UNED were one of the key organizations to facilitate setting up the CSD NGO Steering Committee and was elected as the European representative to the Committee a position it held until 1997.

For World Environment Day UNED: □ A Conference on Implementing the Climate Change Convention with FIELD & the Royal Geographical Society □ A Captain Planet Marathon with the Cartoon Network □ A WED Pack; □ A Conference on Values for a Sustainable Future with the Royal Society and WWF; □ Mapping the Future: with WWF & Proctor and Gamble. □ Schools invited too imagine their community in 2012

STAKEHOLDER FORUM FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE

STRA TEGIC DIRECTION

Stakeholder Forum’s Strategic Direction – An Overview

‘Beyond Earth Summit 2002,

Stakeholder Forum began its work on preparing for post Earth Summit 2002 in 1999, when it developed a Business Plan for 2003 and beyond. This Business Plan was enacted from February 2002 but didn’t come into full effect until January 2003.

The Forum developed a new Mission statement: Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future exists to shape a strategic, global, multi-stakeholder movement to influence and implement the outcomes from the sustainable development agreements and the Millennium Development Goals.

One of the products of the last four years has been a considerable growth in the size of Stakeholder Forum. The diversity of projects was streamlined into a number of Departments:

Multi-stakeholder Process and Capacity Building
Policy and Research
Communications
UNED-UK

And to support this: a Finance and Administration Department.

Each of the departments set objectives to help clarify why projects were being taken on.

□ Multi-stakeholder Processes & Capacity Building:
   □ To empower stakeholders to fulfil their role in sustainable development policy making and implementation;
   □ To contribute to implementing the Sustainable Development Agreements and achieving the Millennium Development Goals with the aid of effective stakeholder participation and collaborative stakeholder action.

□ Policy and Research:
   □ To provide policy support for stakeholders who are concerned with the progress of sustainable development at local to international levels.
   □ To encourage more integrated thinking about sustainable development in international political arenas.
   □ To inform and engage implementation practitioners in policy developments that is relevant to their work.

□ Information and Communication:
   □ To provide a strategic integrated information hub on sustainable development to support, monitor and report on the implementation of the sustainable development agreements and the delivery of the Millennium Development Goals

Increasingly, Stakeholder Forum will focus on creating the space for stakeholders to participate in the implementation of the Johannesburg Programme of Implementation and the MDG’s. Over the next year it will be changing its relationship with UNA and will become financially separate.
Incorporating the WHAT Governance Programme

"Governance is the framework of social and economic systems and legal and political structures through which humanity manages itself."

What Humanity Action Trust (WHAT)

Introduction

Aim of Department is to give:

“External policy support for stakeholders who have a concern in the progress of sustainable development at local to international levels, in order to encourage more integrated thinking about sustainable development in international political arenas as well as to inform and engage implementation practitioners in policy developments of particular relevance to their work.”

WHAT Governance Programme

The WHAT Governance Programme was set up to monitor and assess the existing Global Governance architecture as well as on-going progress towards achieving sustainable development governance. The Programme aims to identify governance gaps, crossover, strengths and weaknesses regarding the implementation of sustainable development commitments, including Agenda 21, Millennium Development Goals and Johannesburg Summit outcomes. This will be achieved through the following activities;

- The production of a series of Books, including:
  - A Plain Language Guide to the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
  - Governance for Sustainable Development Post-Johannesburg.
- Development of Advisory Commissions;
- Hosting of events/conference to promote and inform the development of the governance programme;
- Providing Information and Outreach;
  - Briefing papers on key issues and processes;
  - Facilitation of List-serve;
  - Publication of a quarterly newsletter;
  - Reports from relevant meetings and processes;
- Research on institutional and international governance structure and systems and;
- Facilitation of multi-stakeholder consultations.

Crisis in Global Governance

The first of a number events planned by Stakeholder Forum to prepare for 2005 in the UK was held just after World Environment Day. Key note addresses were provided by Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Masood Ahmed Direct General of DFID representing Secretary of State Hilary Benn who was called away to Sudan. Both Derek Osborn UK Chair and David Hales one of our International Advisory Board Co-Chairs participated in the day.

In addition, the Conference was also fortunate to have as speakers Mr Olivier Delueze (Head of the Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch, UNEP), Mr William Day (Special Advisor UNDP) and Kurt Hoffman Shell Foundation. Worships were held on:
UNED-UK produced multi-stakeholder reports for the CSD on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development and another on Poverty. UNED-UK also started to raise funds for developing country NGOs to participate at the CSD; this was the first year it was successful. ODA provided £20,000; this was something they continued to do for the next five years. UNED-UK started providing training for stakeholders going to the CSD. It has continued to do up to now.

In preparation for the Habitat II conference due in June 1996, UNED-UK organized a conference to engage UK stakeholders. The UK Government contracted UNED-UK to organize the stakeholder involvement in the World Summits on Sustainable Development. This included:

- WSSD Newsletter
- WSSD Web site
- WSSD Training to lobby
- Input to the Prep Comms as a facilitator for stakeholders on key issues.

The conference was attended by around 200 stakeholders from a broad range of predominantly UK Civil Society. The outcomes of the conference will be directly channeled into informing the development of the Governance Audit briefings, and into Stakeholder Forums work around the 2005 agenda.

**Governance**

As part of the WHAT Governance Programme the Department produced a number of key papers have been produced with help from the members of its International Advisory Board and members of WHAT. These included:

9.b. Report on "The Future of the CSD" side event held during the 57th UN General Assembly. Thursday 14th November 2002
7. Comments on the WSSD Prep Com 4 text on “Institutional framework for Sustainable Development”
6. A Contribution to the WSSD Working Group III Text on "Sustainable Development Governance"
5. A contribution to the to the WSSD Working Group III Text on “Local Governance”
4. The Future of the Commission on Sustainable Development 4. Governance for Sustainable Development
3. Inter-linkages Among Multilateral Environmental UNED Report to International Eminent persons meeting, Japan, Tokyo September 2001
1. International Environmental Governance: The Role of UNEP Stakeholder Forum workshop, May 2001

**Briefing paper series**

We have been updating our briefings on:

**Economic Series**

- Sustainable Finance: Seeking Global Financial Security
- Sustaining Our Global Public Goods
- Sustainable Tourism - turning the tide
- Foreign Direct Investment - A lead driver for sustainable development
Environment Series

- Climate Change and Energy: Can We Weather the Switch to Sustainable Energy?
- Oceans and Seas: Harnessing the Marine Environment for Sustainable Development
- The Rio Conventions: Committing to Sustainability
- Freshwater

Social Series

- Gender Equity and Sustainable Development
- Health and Environment: Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods
- Towards Global Food Security - fighting against hunger

Issue Specific Reporting Templates
To help stakeholders to be able to monitor the implementation of Agenda 21 the Department has produced a number of resources this include:

- National Reporting Template: The time-bound commitments in Agenda 21 -
  - Developing Countries - Agenda 21, Ch. 2 and CSD commitments
  - Combating Poverty - Agenda 21, Chapter 3
  - Changing Consumption Patterns - Agenda 21, Chapter 4
  - Demographic Dynamics - Agenda 21, Ch. 5 and CSD commitments
  - Promoting Health - Agenda 21, Ch. 6 and CSD commitments
  - Human Settlements - Agenda 21, Ch. 7 and CSD commitments
  - Integrated Decision-making - Agenda 21 Ch. 8 and CSD commitments
  - Atmosphere - Agenda 21 Ch. 9 and CSD commitments
  - Land - Agenda 21, Ch. 10 and CSD commitments
  - Forests - Agenda 21, Ch. 11 and CSD commitments
  - Desertification - Agenda 21, Chapter 12 and CSD commitments
  - Mountains - Agenda 21 Ch. 13 and CSD Commitments
  - Agriculture - Agenda 21, Chapter 14 and CSD commitments
  - Biological Diversity - Agenda 21 Ch. 15 and CSD commitments
  - Biotechnology - Agenda 21 Ch 16 and CSD commitments
  - Oceans - Agenda 21, Ch. 17 and CSD commitments
  - Freshwater - Agenda 21, Ch. 18 and CSD and commitments
  - Toxic Chemicals - Agenda 21, Ch. 19 and CSD commitments
  - Solid Wastes - Agenda 21, Ch. 21 and CSD Commitments
  - Radioactive wastes - Agenda 21, Ch. 22 and CSD commitments
  - Children and youth - Agenda 21, Ch. 25 and CSD commitments
  - Education - Agenda 21, Ch. 36 and CSD commitments
Environment Governance

Korea – Workshop
Within the context of the Governance Audit – Stakeholder Forum is currently facilitating a contact group of NGO’s with the European Commission and the European Troika on the reform of UNEP – with particular regards to trade and environment.

With kind support from the Canadian Government a multi-stakeholder workshop was hosted on the reform of UNEP in Jeju at the UNEP-GMEF. As a direct result of this, Stakeholder Forum has been working with the French Government on facilitating dialogue with civil society on the reform of UNEP – with particular focus on the French UNEO proposal.

An informal meeting was organised by Stakeholder Forum between the French Government and civil society on Tuesday 27 April. The purpose of the meeting was to enable the French to get a sounding of civil society views on their proposal.

Stakeholder Forum co-chaired a dinner with the French Environment Minister and Ambassador and seven other NGOs on the UNEO. The event allowed for the French Minister to get up to speed on what NGOs thought and continued to build a closer relationship with the French Government.

Building on the contract undertaken by the Canadian Government in Jeju on the reform of UNEP – we have continued to work with the Canadian to secure a long-term contract to undertake a full stakeholder consultation on the reform of UNEP. This is complementary to the Governance Audit.

As part of the UK delegation at the UNECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for CSD-12, at the UNEP- GMEF and at CSD-12 Georgina worked closely with the UK Government to understand and influence their thinking on the reform of UNEP – with particular regards to UNEP’s role in the review of the MDGs. Georgie represented the UK and Stakeholder Forum at a Ministerial Meeting on ‘Good Governance for Sustainable Development’ hosted by the Finnish Government. The Finnish welcomed our work on governance and are interested in developing a closer relationship with SF around this work programme.

In the context of the Governance Audit, Georgie met with an independent advisor to Dr Topfer on UNEPs relationship with the WTO.

In June Georgina was taken on as a resource person by UNEP to assist with the consultation and document development on the ‘intergovernmental strategic plan for technology support and capacity building’. Within this role, Georgina attended a series of meetings, concluding with a presentation to the first session of the open-ended intergovernmental-discussions on this plan. Stakeholder Forum will remain engaged in the development of the plan as an integral part of the governance audit.

CSD 2004
The Stakeholder Forum team for CSD 12 was Felix Dodds, Georgina Ayre, Toby Middleton, Catherine Budget Meakins, Derek Osborn, David Hales, Andy Wales (Severn Trent), Amy Stewart, Chris Littlecott ,Pam Puntenney and Toby Aykroyd.

Stakeholder Forum in addition to a number of events it helped organise also spoke at a side event organised by the Irish Presidency on national sustainable development networks.
CSD side event on the 2005 Agenda

SF held a side-event on “the Crisis in Global Governance: Challenges in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals”. The purpose of the event was to have an open and informal dialogue between stakeholders, governments and UN agencies on the governance related challenges and opportunities for achieving the Millennium Development Goals – and in particular to get a sounding on current thinking and activities around the 2005 agenda. The event was chaired by Georgina Ayre with speakers Felix Dodds (SF), Jan Gustav (ANPED), and Cyril Ritchie (ELCI). Around 40 representatives of government (developed and developing), stakeholders and UN agencies attended the meeting.

CSD Side Event on the Water Industry and CSR

SF used the CSD to relaunch for comment Severn Trent's Code of Conduct on Corruption with Andy Wales speaking presenting for Severn Trent. Denise O'Brien of the Global Compact spoke about their new 10th Principle on Corruption, Peter Van de Gaar (ANPED) on the use of Codes of Conducts and Craig Bennet (FoE) on the same and Demetrio Loperena on the use of the Court of Environmental Arbitration.

Populations and Sustainability

The Network launched at the CSD with a number of events these were:

- A partnership event in tandem with UNFPA; The Network is now a Type 2 Partnership at the UN (commitment to partnerships was one output from WSSD 2002).
- A side event with speakers Francois Farah (Chief of the Population and Development Branch of UNFPA); Marta Benavides (International Institute for Co-operation between peoples); Daisy Owomungasho (African Women’s Economic Policy Network); Toby Aykroyd (Steering Group for the Population and Sustainability Network) and Chaired by Catherine Budgett Meakins (coordinator of the Network)
- Launch of the web site www.populationandsustainability.org
- A stall to promote the newsletter, the network and the side event.

Events on Education

The Education Caucus and Stakeholder Forum co-sponsored a reception with the Ba’hai International Community for people and organizations interested in the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. It was well attended resulting in networking opportunities and giving visibility to the role of education in the work of the CSD.

The Education Caucus again with Stakeholder Forums support also convened an informal strategy meeting with governments and stakeholders after the side event on Tuesday to explore:

1) How best education can be integrated into the CSD Plan of Work 2004-2017; and,
2) How the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development can support: the MDGs, the CSD agenda, the CSD education agenda/the work of the CSD Education Caucus.

The meeting was hosted by the Japanese and Canadian governments.

The combination of all of these factors created a very positive environment to move forward on the CSD agenda with education playing a more central role as a cross-cutting issue. The task before us is to create stronger CSD documents that reflect the level of commitment to education and the policy mechanisms to implement the plans of action. Education is so familiar to everyone that it is missed and overlooked in real terms.
Network Regional Government 4 Sustainable Development
Stakeholder Forum finished being the Secretariat for the Network for Regional Government for Sustainable Development in April 2003. During this past year it has acted as an advisor to the Network producing background briefing documents on:

- UNEP
- UNDP
- Habitat

It has also attended the Fourth Conference in Wales.

Stakeholders and the WTO
Stakeholder Forum has traditionally worked within ‘soft’ negotiating forum such as the Commission on Sustainable Development. As the expertise and reputation of the organisations grows it seems a natural progression for it to move into other negotiating forum such as the WTO. Stakeholder Forum team for the 5th Ministerial of the WTO, Cancun, September 2003 was Georgina Ayre and Peter Ritchie. Since the WTO meeting Stakeholder Forum have engaged in the trade debate in the:

Europe: Georgina as part of the Governance Audit has been facilitating a group of European NGOs around the governance related aspects of the trade and environment debate. In addition to this, Georgina has been attending and contributing to the Commissions Regular Civil Society Meetings on the Doha Development Round, and on the Sustainability Impact Assessment Programme.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PROCESSES & CAPACITY BUILDING

Introduction
The aims of the Department are:

- To empower stakeholders to fulfil their role in sustainable development policy making and implementation;
- To contribute to implementing the Sustainable Development Agreements and achieving the Millennium Development Goals with the aid of effective stakeholder participation and collaborative stakeholder action.

Renewables 2004 Multi Stakeholder Dialogue

Introduction
At the time of writing the final report for the Bonn Renewable Energy Multi Stakeholder Dialogues is being prepared and will be made available on the Stakeholder Forum website upon completion.
The conference took place June 1 – 4 2004 with the majority of the first day taken up by the Multi Stakeholder Dialogues facilitated by Mr David Hales SFs International Co-Chair. Stakeholder Forum was awarded the contract for delivery of the MSD in November 2003 leaving a relatively short time to make all necessary preparations.

Trevor Rees was employed as the Bonn Project Manager with Maddy Cobb as Project Officer. James Young also joined the project team to provide additional support for the last three months of the project.

The methodology of the Renewables MSD was based loosely upon the previous experience of the Bonn Freshwater Conference however the project team devised and implemented a number of innovative approaches to inform and engage with stakeholders in preparation for the conference.

Stakeholder groups

In identifying stakeholder groups to participate in the MSD the project team moved away from the traditional recognised major groups in order to engage with and secure the voices of organisations and individuals with unique and valuable perspectives on the theme of Renewable Energy. The stakeholder groups involved in the project were as follows.

1. Women
2. Non Governmental Organisations
3. Local and Regional Authorities
4. Trade Unions
5. Consumers (Private and Small Commercial)
6. Business and Industry (Including public consumers and the financial sector)
7. The Scientific and Technological Community
8. Farmers
9. Actors in Development and Poverty Alleviation
10. Renewable Energy Manufacturers and Suppliers

International Advisory Group

This innovative approach enriched the dialogue by providing access to the voices of stakeholders directly concerned with critical issues around the development and use of RE. An International Advisory Group with representatives of all named stakeholders was established. Full details of the International Advisory Group are available online at: http://www.stakeholderforum.org/practice/renewables/iag.php

Interlocutors for each of the stakeholder groups participated in 4 teleconferences and two face-to-face meetings plus detailed discussions that took place in Bonn on the day preceding the Conference.

Stakeholder Outreach

A comprehensive programme of outreach was undertaken that included the following:
The second UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) had two main aims - adequate shelter for all and creating sustainable human settlements. UNED-UK played a critical role in two areas; Internationally we:

- Set up the global NGO Coalition for the Summit
- Facilitated the NGO lobbying teams at the Summit
- Organized an intergovernmental/stakeholder workshop on Implementing Habitat II and the Follow Up
- Organized a series of workshops at the PrepComms and summit
- Ran training for lobbying for NGOs attending the PrepComms and the Summit
- UNED-UK succeeded in getting the NGO amendments to the government text brought out as an official UN Information document. This is the first and only time this has happened at a UN meeting.

In the UK we

- Organized a series of seminars on sustainable cities, transport, health, design and implementation, women, people and livelihoods and physiology and metabolism of cities;
- Facilitated meetings in nine cities with an average of 120 people taking part in each.

The MSD also undertook an online survey of stakeholders to gather qualitative and quantitative information relating to the views of stakeholders. The outcomes of the survey have been analysed and are available at: http://www.stakeholderforum.org/practice/renewables/survey.php

MSD Delivery

The delivery of the MSD was managed in a slightly different way to the Freshwater Conference; key themes and issues were identified in opening remarks from stakeholders leading into the facilitated discussion. During the planning process members of the International Advisory Group, together with David Hales had developed themes for the 5 frameworks of the dialogue, beginning with opportunities, looking at policy, finance and capacity requirements and ending on priorities and recommendations. A video record of the first MSD session is available at. (http://www.bundesregierung.de/en/artikel-,10001.655516/renewables-2004-Video-Archive.htm)

Wrapping Up

A survey of participant views is being undertaken as a final step in the project that, together with a detailed post mortem, will provide valuable information and lessons learned for the organisation. Preliminary feedback gathered in Bonn immediately after the MSD reaction was extremely positive – the conference organisers were very pleased with the level of preparation

Madeleine Cobb, Renewables Dialogue Project Officer

Position Papers and Comparative Analysis

In a similar approach to the Bonn Freshwater Conference each of the stakeholder groups prepared a position paper to an agreed template, this then formed the basis of a comparative analysis that identified the key issues and themes for the dialogue. The process differed from the previous freshwater MSD in that there was no combining of stakeholder position papers, in this case a total of 12 papers were fed into the comparative analysis to allow for the presentation of specific viewpoints; for example the finance stakeholders were allowed a separate paper rather than try to combine this within the general business and industry paper. The full set of position papers is online at. http://www.stakeholderforum.org/practice/renewables/position-papers.php

The resulting comparative analysis was a major piece of work and was widely recognised as an extremely valuable contribution, Maddy Cobb is to be commended for her efforts in this regard. The analysis was translated into German, French and Spanish and formed part of the official conference documentation – all documents are available online at: http://www.stakeholderforum.org/practice/renewables/comparative_analysis.php

Online Survey

The MSD delivered an online survey of stakeholders to gather qualitative and quantitative information relating to the views of stakeholders. The outcomes of the survey have been analysed and are available at: http://www.stakeholderforum.org/practice/renewables/survey.php

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and organisation of stakeholders and there was praise for the way that David Hales skilfully facilitated the discussion. Stakeholder Forum should be well satisfied with the successful delivery of the project and should look to capitalise on opportunities to build upon the outcomes and achievements to date.

**Award Scheme**

Stakeholder Forum entered into a partnership with UNEP DTIE and IUCN, with support from the German Federal Ministry of Environment to develop an international award scheme, aiming to promote multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives involving business and others, with a focus on local actors. This partnership initiative will run an award scheme as well as support activities for partnerships: Awardees will receive tailor-made support for nascent partnership initiatives (governance structure, help in accessing financial sources, facilitation, knowledge management), or support for upscaling and/or replicating successful partnerships.

The partnership was accepted as a Johannesburg Type 2 Partnership in August 2002. Updated reports have been submitted twice since. It is widely perceived as an effective contribution to supporting partnerships for sustainable development.

We continued up to March 2004 to be the Secretariat for the SEED Award In March IUCN took over that role. Since CSD11 when we raised awareness of the SEED Award we have organized a workshop in Berlin and launched a web site for the Award. UNDP joined IUCN and UNEP as Founding Partners this year. Two launch events were held one at the World Economic Forum and the other at the Social Forum in Mumbai this included video linking the two events together.

The SEED web site was launched in November 2003 – www.seedawards.org it has also been handed over to IUCN to manage.

The project was managed originally by Minu Hemmati with Irene Gerlach as Project Coordinator and Michael Burke in charge of the web site. In Novmber Peter Ritchie took over the management of the project with support from Aretha Moore.

At CSD 12 the Founding Partners launched the call for submissions for the award was made at the CSD with speeches by Minister Jürgen Trittin, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Dr Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of UNEP, Shoji Nishimoto, UNDP Assistant Administrator, Achim Steiner, IUCN Director General, Lord Holme, Chairman of Partnerships Central and Felix Dodds of Stakeholder Forum. In addition an event at the Partnership Fair was also supported by the Founding Partners.
Sustainable Agriculture

Since December 2002, Stakeholder Forum has been supporting Bayer CropScience in the co-ordination of stakeholder consultation process to determine how the company can best contribute towards the implementation of Sustainable Agriculture. The consultation process initially engaged key Bayer CropScience representatives from all regions in which the company operates to develop a company strategy paper on Sustainable Agriculture. The process was then broadened through the organisation of an external stakeholder consultation workshop. During this time Stakeholder Forum seconded into Bayer CropScience a staff person Claire Rhodes. During CSD12 there was a presentation of the outcomes from the work done and the publication of a report of the way forward by Bayer CropScience.

Implementation Conference Africa (IC Africa)

IC Africa is a Government of Ghana initiative, with the support of Stakeholder Forum. It is aimed at promoting the implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the Millennium Development Goals and being carried out in collaboration with the Governments of Cameroon, Kenya, Egypt and Zambia. Other collaborators include the AU, AMCEN, UNEP, UNDP and stakeholder representatives. The IC Africa programme is intended to make a significant contribution towards achieving the NEPAD priorities. The process draws heavily upon Stakeholder Forum’s experience of stakeholder action processes such as the Implementation Conference process developed in the run-up to the WSSD in Johannesburg.

In July 2003 there was a Technical Consultation workshop in Ghana with broad stakeholder and Government participation, predominantly Ghanain. This was followed by a meeting in Nairobi in January 2004 of the five Governments together with UNEP and Stakeholder Forum. The outcome from these meetings were a work programme and agreement on a new budget with Stakeholder Forum in the role of technical assistant to the project. As yet funds have not been realised and the project can not go forward without funding.

North South Platform

The concept originated from the UNST Partnership in Shetland in 2000. Since then, the project has developed and become one of the collaborative action plans arising from the Implementation Conference.

The project goal is an Exchange Programme amongst oil-affected communities in Angola, Nigeria, Alaska and Shetland, producing tangible and sustainable benefits from effective engagement with the oil industry and government. The participating community stakeholders will be responsible for designing, implementing and reviewing the programme. The project purpose is to empower communities to enable effective engagement with the oil industry on a more level playing field. This will be achieved through the sharing of experiences in relation to the oil industry, ranging from positive community participation in Shetland, through a lack of community involvement in Angola, to violent confrontation in the Niger Delta.

The US Government funded a successful workshop in Shetlands for the project but it hasn’t yet secured long term funding.
**Strategies for Partnerships**

In association with the RIIA Stakeholder Forum held the first “Strategies for Partnership” workshop in Rome at the International Forum on Partnerships, hosted by the Italian government and UN DESA. The meeting was well attended by high level representatives from governments, business and international organisations and contributed to the beginning of an understanding of the strategic questions regarding partnerships and the delivery of the JP0l and MDGs. A second workshop was scheduled to take place at CSD12 but due to a lack of funds had to be cancelled.

**Carpathian Convention**

*Public Participation Towards Implementation of the Carpathian Convention – Initial Activities*

**Introduction**

The Carpathian Convention was signed at the Kiev Environment for Europe Conference by the Governments of The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, The Slovak Republic, and Ukraine. In signing this convention the parties have committed to “... pursue a comprehensive policy and cooperate for the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians...”

While the signing of the Convention marks a significant step in protecting “a unique natural treasure of great beauty and ecological value” there is clearly some distance to go before the aims expressed in the document can be fulfilled.

Stakeholder Forum was successful in securing £10,000 seed funding to initiate a programme to secure effective participation to support implementation of the Carpathian Convention.

**Personnel**

Pam McCarthy, based in Krakow, has been working with NGOs in the region to establish local networks and involve stakeholders in Poland and Ukraine in workshops and discussions with the aim of enabling continued participation in the ongoing implementation of the Convention. Trevor Rees is the Project Manager, currently contracted until the end of August.

**Activities to Date**

A number of initial activities have been implemented including participation in planning meetings with partners in the region and strategy discussions with Convention Secretariat (UNEP).

**Ukrainian Carpathian Stakeholders Meeting**

A workshop was organised with the help of partner organisations in Ukraine (Nash Dim and Green Dossier). A range of stakeholders from the region were in attendance including representatives of the following organisations:

- Local Government
- The Ministry of Tourism
- Carpathian
- National Park Staff
- Local Media
UNED-UK proposed through the CSD NGO Steering Committee to the UN General Assembly that multi-stakeholder dialogues should be introduced at the CSD;

UNED Director with Susan Tanner Director of FoE Canada and Michael McCoy the coordinator of the US Citizen Network facilitated the production of ‘Towards Earth Summit II’, which was a compilation of NGO issues for the Summit;

UNED facilitated the NGO lobbying teams for the Summit;

Launch a new newsletter Outreach which comes out during the negotiations;

UNED Director was elected Co-Chair of the NGO CSD Steering Committee (1997-2001).

"Your (UNED-UK) work will serve as a model for others throughout the world."

Al Gore US Vice President

The agenda of the workshop included the development of a “Cultural Agenda” for the Carpathian Convention and mechanisms for achieving sustainable tourism in the region. Tamara Malkova of Green Dossier facilitated the workshop and is currently drafting a report that will identify participants’ priorities and recommendations. The workshop was organised on the margins of a “Festival of Culture” in Sheshory in the Ukrainian Carpathian mountains and attracted good interest from the media covering the festival.

Stakeholder Survey

A survey has been carried out of stakeholder views on a number of aspects of the Carpathian Convention including levels of awareness and recommendations for implementation. The survey was carried out by Yuri Wasidlav of Nash Dim – the results are currently being translated and will be made available on the Stakeholder Forum website.

Planned Activities

Stakeholder Forum are continuing to cement relationships with UNEP (who fulfil the role of Interim Secretariat for the Convention) WWF, the World Bank and UNDP who are also active in the implementation of work programmes around the Carpathians. Stakeholder Forum will be contributing to a Global Environment Facility bid with the aim of securing long term funding to pay for ongoing activities to support public participation in the implementation of the Convention.

The Intergovernmental Meeting planned to take place in October this year is a significant milestone as governments and other agencies will agree on projects and activities to be implemented. The aim is to deliver a stakeholder dialogue at the meeting, possibly as a side event subject to funding and support from the organisers.

Planned Activities

Proposed initial activities can be summarised as follows:

§ Preliminary stakeholder groups in 3 target areas
§ Methodology for stakeholder participation
§ Plain language guide(s) to the Carpathian Convention
§ Stakeholder Position Paper
§ Stakeholder Side Event at Conference of Parties

Funding Situation

Initial funding from DEFRA is almost exhausted, a recent bid was made to the British Council, Kiev under the Small Environmental Projects Scheme (SEPS) with a response expected by September. Plans are also in place to complete an application to the Mott foundation.
COMMUNICATIONS

Introduction

The aim of the Department is

“To provide a strategic integrated information hub on sustainable development to support, monitor and report on the implementation of the Johannesburg Goals towards the delivery of the Millennium Development Goals”

For the Summit

Using the Internet to Demystify the UN Summit Processes

Toby Middleton, Head of Communications

The Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development presented the challenge of consolidating 10 years of work since the 1992 Rio ‘Earth Summit’, assessing progress achieved and charting a course for future delivery. Numerous agencies, commitments, work programmes and initiatives emerged from the decade of activity. The work we did for the Summit has now been built on to help stakeholders understand the UN system better.

Our main web site www.stakeholderforum.org has been revamped over the last year and on it you will find:

- Daily news updates
- Regular updates
- Links to Stakeholder Forum’s resources, including:
  - Network 2005 monthly online newsletter
  - Outreach 2005 conference daily journal from all the PrepComms, CSD 11, UNEP Global Ministerial Environment Forum and CSD 12
  - Policy briefing papers and toolkits
  - Projects SF has been involved in such as NRG4SD, SEED Award and the Bonn renewables conference;
  - Governance materials
  - Multi-Stakeholder Process research
- Links to all major international sustainable development events
- Video diaries with key government, UN and Stakeholder representatives from events SF is involved in:
  - Online debates & Polls on key issues when appropriate
  - Links to all the government, UN and Stakeholder groups
  - The Roadmap to 2005,
  - UN Documents archive from the past 10 years

Publications:

To support our outreach work Stakeholder Forum has over the past year brought out four newsletters.

Network 2005, Reflecting the organisation’s strategic focus on the review of implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in 2005, our monthly online newsletter now bears the name Network 2005. Network came out for the first time by Stakeholder Forum in April 2000.
Originally Network had been the publication of the Centre for Our Common Future, which had been set up to promote the outcomes of the Brundtland Report and ceased operations in 1996. Network retains its focus of reporting on the wide range of international processes and meetings concerning sustainable development. In addition, however, Network 2005 will increasingly include reports on stakeholder initiatives and partnerships. By expanding its mandate in this way, Network 2005 will provide a complete reporting service covering policy to practice in follow up to the WSSD and leading towards the Millennium Development Summit in September 2005. Network goes by email to over 25,000 key international stakeholders.

**Outreach 2005:** Founded in September 1996 Outreach is in its 8th year, Outreach 2005 continues to provide finger on the pulse reporting directly from the conference floor. In was brought out at the UNEP Ministerial meeting in Korea and cosponsored by COMAR the Irish Sustainable Development Council. For CSD12 it was sponsored by: the Norwegian Ministry of the Environment, the Irish Presidency of the European Union and UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Published each day of the session, Outreach included articles by Trade Unions, Local Government, Business, NGO’s, Women, UN Agencies and governments. In addition there were reports on all of SF’s activities during the session as well as intellectual think-pieces concerning the 2005 agenda of multi-lateral processes, sustainable development governance and reviews of each week of the session. Outreach also included the satirical humour column, Rio Grinds, which was particularly well received by governments during a 2-week meeting in the UN basement. Outreach is archived online at Stakeholder Forum web site.

**Dialogue Renew:** In preparation for the Bonn Renewable Energy Conference Stakeholder Forum produced a monthly newsletter over the last months to keep stakeholders abreast of preparations for the International Conference on Renewable Energies. The newsletter edited by Maddy Cobb went to over 5000 stakeholders interested or participating in the conference, and included updates on the dialogue process, stakeholder contacts, current renewable energy news and a diary of relevant events and meetings. Dialogue Renew helped a wide stakeholder audience to understand and input to the International Conference on Renewable Energy.

**UNEP GPA**

**GPA Outreach**

UNEP’s Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities (GPA) approached us to develop a programme of stakeholder network building and awareness raising about the GPA. Similar to the work undertaken by Stakeholder Forum during the preparations for the Johannesburg Summit, this 3 year project will include a range of Information Communication resources specifically focussed on the work of the GPA. The purpose of this work is to promote wider stakeholder participation towards the implementation of the GPA both on the ground as well as at intergovernmental meetings.

We have established a global list serve of over 5000 water related traditional and non-traditional practitioners. The following resources have also been delivered

- 4 issues of the GPA Outreach monthly newsletter
- 12 issues of the weekly GPA News Updates
- Online debate on GPA’s contribution to the UNEP Global Ministerial Environment
Forum

Technology bank on Oil

UK Dept. For Environment and Rural Affairs also funded a one-day stakeholder workshop in preparation for the UNEP GPA Hilltops to Oceans partnership meeting. The event provided the UK government with Stakeholder recommendations on a range of freshwater and marine issues as well as on the links between the two within the context of the H20 conference.

For the Hilltops to Oceans Conference Felix Dodds of Stakeholder Forum sat on the International Steering Committee. Both Felix and Toby Middleton were both plenary speakers at the conference as well as members of the daily conference committee.

*Marine Pollution Solutions Online Database*

An important part of the UNEP GPA implementation are the National Programmes of Action (NPA). Governments are encouraged to produce NPAs detailing their domestic implementation strategy for the GPA. As a relatively recent concept there is not currently a portal of information on NPAs. UNEP Stakeholder Forum have been contracted by UNEP GPA to develop an online database questionnaire to fill this gap. The Marine Pollutions Solutions Online Database allows governments and stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of NPA’s to submit information on their experience. Users are also able to browse the content of the database to draw on best practice and download established NPAs. Searchable by region or stakeholder group the database supports more effective NPAs and helps builds networks between those involved in the GPA. The website is available at: [www.mpsdb.org](http://www.mpsdb.org)

*Books*

In conjunction with the publishing house Earthscan Stakeholder Forum has produced a number of books that focus on the international sustainable development process.

**New**

*How to Lobby at Intergovernmental Meetings - Mine is a Café Latte*

by Felix Dodds with Michael Strauss was launched at the CSD in April 2004. It offers ten years of experience on how to lobby and gives newcomers a great opportunity to learn before they get involved what some of the successful tools for lobbying are. Organizations spend considerable resources taking staff to international meetings, often without understanding how these meetings work. This book is a unique guide on how to participate and be heard at intergovernmental meetings, whether as a stakeholder or a government official. It contains a wealth of essential reference material including tips for navigating the intergovernmental hot spots of New York and Geneva, lists of UN commissions, conferences and permanent missions, contact details of key international organizations, NGOs and stakeholder groups and useful web addresses. If you have never lobbied or just want to have a better understanding of how the intergovernmental governance process works, this book is the essential resource to make your work much easier.

"Felix Dodds is the Milo Minderbinder of the stakeholder world"

ALEX KIRBY BBC

"What sounds like simple hints drawn from day to day experiences are, in fact, remarkable
 lessons to be learned that may have been inspired by Niccolo Machiavelli, Emily Post or Carl von Clausewitz."

HENRIQUE CAVALCANTI
FORMER BRAZILIAN MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CSD CHAIR (1995-96)

"A genius for convincing the most sceptical legislator of the eminent reasonableness of the sustainable development case."

JOHN GUMMER MP FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

New Books for 2004/5 by Stakeholder Forum:
Due out by December 2004 will be *Plain Guide to Johannesburg Programme of Implementation* by Georgina Ayre, Jan McHarry, Rosalie Gardiner and Janet Strachen produced jointly by Stakeholder Forum and the Commonwealth Secretariat. The book attempts to make Johannesburg understandable to a wide range of people. In doing so it does a similar thing to the Plain Guide to Rio produced by the Centre for Our Common Future after Rio. The book will carry the original introduction by Chip Lindner who died during the WSSD process. *Governance for Sustainability* edited by Rosalie Gardiner and Georgina Ayre due out in December 2004 it is a collection of key chapters on governance issues relating to the WEHAB agenda issues. Contributors include Ian Christie, Maria Ivanova, Minu Hemmati, Andrew Simms, Alan Hall, Richard Sherman, Yasmin von Schirnding, Robert Paarlberg, Andrew Deutz, Rosalie Gardiner, Georgina Ayre, David Hales and Derek Osborn. Both of the last books are produced under the WHAT Governance Programme.

Handbooks and Tools for stakeholders

*Bonn Dialogue Sessions CD-ROM: Equitable Access and Sustainable Supply of Water for the Poor*, edited by Danielle Morley, is Stakeholder Forum's CD ROM diary of the International Conference on Freshwater hosted by the German Government in Bonn, 3rd - 7th December 2001. This CD the first of its kind by Stakeholder Forum, contains extensive video diaries of the event and the complete text of the two landmark plenary sessions of Multi-stakeholder Dialogues.

"The Bonn Multi-stakeholder dialogue stood out because of how it was put together, the way it was facilitated, and because the instructions given to the participants actually turned it into a dialogue."

Franklin Moore, USAID

UNED-UK

Introduction

The aims of UNED-UK Committee are:

“To promote sustainable development in the UK through the shaping of a strategic multi-stakeholder movement to influence and implement sustainable development agreements and the Millennium Development Goals at all levels.

UNED-UK Committee, the domestic arm of Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future (formerly UNED Forum), is the UK Committee for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UK Focal Point for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). UNED-UK Committee seeks to facilitate multi-stakeholder processes for two purposes:
• Multi-stakeholder participation in decision and policy making at all levels
• Multi-stakeholder facilitation of action programmes for sustainable development

Consumption and Production:

UNED-UK Committee has been sub-contracted to develop and maintain the web-site for the Sustainable Production and Consumption work programme, hosted at Imperial College and facilitated by Andrew Blaza.

The pilot phase of the project is nearing completion with a fully functioning questionnaire focused at Farmers Markets. This will be trailed by a network of farmers’ markets representatives followed by the development of a number of additional questionnaires covering each of the projects 4 issues: Food; Domestic Transport; Domestic Waste; & Water.

UK Conferences and Seminars:

UNED-UK Committee remains a reliable source of information and resources for UK stakeholders on issues pertinent to sustainable development in the UK and internationally. Over the past year, UNED-UK Committee hosted two successful conferences, which have enabled representatives of civil society to become further engaged with issues following the WTO Conference in Cancun and in preparation for 2005.

World Trade Organisation

We were given financial support from Manchester City Council for hosting a Post Cancun Conference on the way forward. DTI hosted the event for us and over 80 stakeholders attended. The event focused on four key issues:

- Trade Preferences;
- Market Access and rules;
- Future of Multi-lateralism;
- Reform of the WTO.

Five break-out groups were facilitated addressing the following issues:

- What should the EC be doing about developing country preferences?;
- Should the EC be continuing to strike a balance between market access and trade rules?’
- Should the EC favor multi-lateralism?;
- What should the EC do about WTO reform?;
- How should stakeholder engagement be improved?

A report was produced and given to both the UK Government and the European Commission.

As UNEP’s National Committee for the United Kingdom

UNEP National Committees Annual Meeting, Geneva, November 2003

As the National Committee for the United Nations Environment Programme in the UK, UNED-UK Committee regularly attends annual meetings of the UNEP European Regional National Committees (NC) in Geneva.

At this years meeting National Committees spent two day preparing a European input to the UNEP Civil Society meeting in Jezu prior to the UNEP Environmental Ministers Meeting. The
Continuing our work in preparation for Earth Summit 2002 we held further meetings of the government contact group which was enlarged and then we worked with the Chair of the CSD Simon Upton to ensure that the CSD in 1999 agreed that it would look at the possibility of a Summit in 2002 at its next session in 2000. UNED started its work on creating a web site for the Summit.

The Healthy Planet Forum around the WHO European Environment and Health Conference had over 1000 people attending the four day event with over 40 side events. The organization continued its work on gender with two reports one on gender and consumption and the other on gender and tourism. Both of these fed into the CSD in 1999, which focused on these topic areas. UNED also facilitated the NGO involvement in the Dialogue sessions as well.

The Media and Sustainable Development with speakers including Rosie Boycott the Editor of the Daily Express. The Rt Hon Michael Meacher MP another of our speakers said: “I applaud UNED-UK for their initiative in contributing to that debate with this conference today.”

As UNDP Focal Point
Each year the United Nations Development Programme publishes a Human Development Report that examines global trends in key areas of human activity. The report includes a Human Development Index, which allows comparison between the performances of countries on a range of measure of human well being. Each HDR focuses in some detail on a particular theme. For example, the 1997 report addressed poverty, and in response to the UNED-UK Committee produced a Human Development Report for the UK, ‘Poverty in Plenty’, published in October 2000.

As the UNDP Human Development Report had a significant impact in the run-up to the Summit, so it does in moving forward on the Summit agreements and Millennium Development Goals. UNED-UK Committee and Stakeholder Forum have continued to inform UK stakeholders of the work of UNDP.

William Day of UNDP spoke at our Conference on the work UNDP is doing in preparation for the 2005 MD Summit.
This year Stakeholder Forum did not convene an International Advisory Board meeting due to funding availability.

In the year a number of Board members left which we would thank them for their support through the 2002 process. This was June Zeitland from WEDO and Sunita Narin from Centre for Science and Environment. For our work on 2005 the IAB will be restructured to reflect the challenges that year gives us.

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UK preparations starts to build hosting a seminar in Kent for key stakeholders and the government it agrees priority issues to set up multi-stakeholder working groups on. UNED starts work with its partner MAMA86 in Ukraine to prepare for Kiev 2003 which will be the next UNECE Environment for Europe Conference. Initially to build up stakeholders in the Ukraine. The Norwegian Government asks UNED to organize the first ever Multi-stakeholder Dialogues with the Ad Hoc Environmental Ministers meeting in Bergen. The issues are water and energy and the stakeholders are NGOs, women, indigenous people, trade unions, local government and industry. UNED launch at the meeting their book Earth Summit 2002 - A New Deal

"I find it particularly encouraging to see the growth of UNED from what was essentially a nationally based entity into a truly international force for environmental development."

Gro Harlem Brundtland
Director General
WHO

The first workshop for the Summit is held in Togo in West Africa with NGOs from eight countries attending. The first global conference is co-chaired by UNED and the Centre for Science and Environment in Denmark. Rio+8 comes out with initial NGO positions on Poverty, Climate Change, Food Security, Freshwater and Forests.

UNED merges with World Humanity Action Trust and develops a work programme on Global Governance.

**Religious Organisations**

Baha’i International Community

Peter Adriance

**Parliamentarians**

GLOBE International

Gwen Mahlangu MP (Co-Chair)

**Scientific & Technological Community**

IUCN – World Conservation Network

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The German Government takes UNED on to organize the Bonn Freshwater Conference Ministerial Dialogues with stakeholders.

Known as the Bonn Dialogues they are viewed by governments and stakeholders alike as the best example so far of how to integrate stakeholders into the government process.

UNED Forum relaunches under a new name Stakeholder Forum for our common Future. By doing so it takes up the legacy of Chip Lindner one of its Board members who died during the preparation for Earth Summit 2002. The IAB gets two new Chairs David Hales former USAID and Gwen Mahlangu MP from South Africa (representing GLOBE International).

Stakeholder Forum organize multi-stakeholder dialogues at the European and African PrepComs. During the global PrepComs Stakeholder Forum bring out Outreach 2002 daily, conduct video interviews, host online discussions and produce input to the negotiations from UNED-UK stakeholders.

"I am most grateful for the valuable contribution of UNA and UNED-UK in advocating support for the UN in the UK."

Kofi Annan
Secretary General of the UN

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