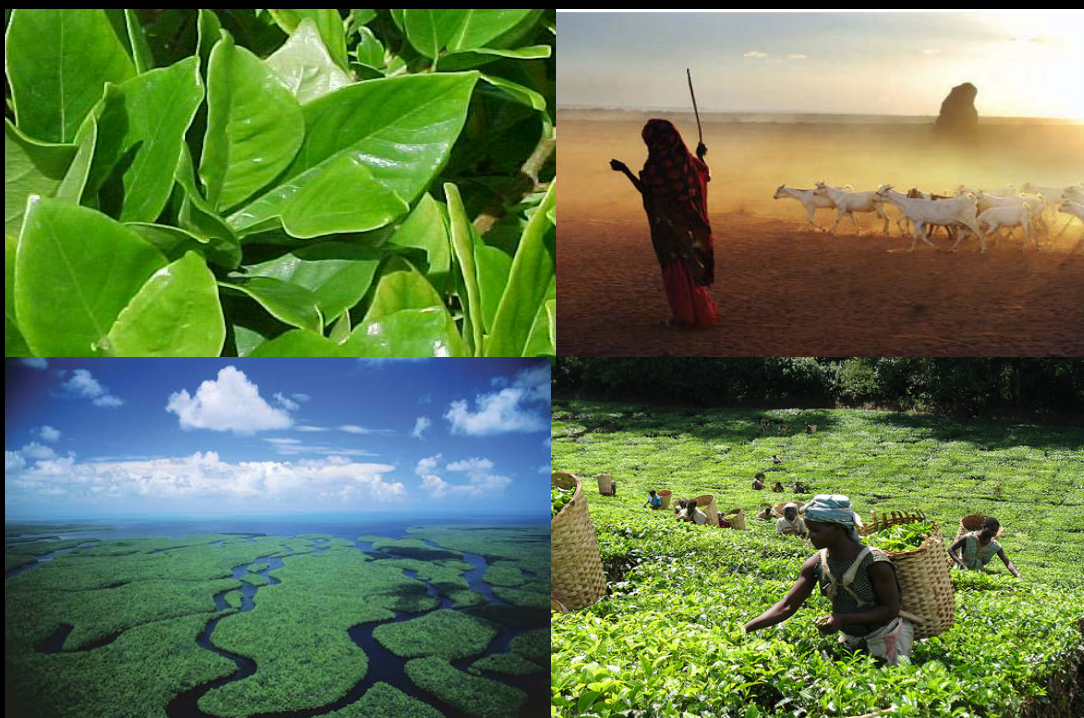




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### **A Message from the Chair of Stakeholder Forum**

In a world of attention seeking politicians and organizations, Stakeholder Forum occupies a special position focusing on impact and change not on headlines. Our work is often in the shadow of major policy decisions and international forums on sustainable development. Although outside of the glare of attention, we are able to make a profound contribution to the quality of decisions made by bodies like the UN.



Our challenge is that the need for our work is becoming more urgent as the threats to our climate, security, water supply and habitats become more acute. International action on a range of crises has faltered; promises of change have gone unfunded or been swallowed up by political machinations. The new US administration presents an opportunity for a new era; one that we aim to help the world grasp. Stakeholder Forum has a critical role to play by improving the transparency of decision-making by engaging the widest possible stakeholders in the debate about the future of our planet.

Stakeholder Forum is well set to meet this challenge. We have the most secure financial platform in our history; the strongest team that we've ever had; and a tightly focused board highly committed to the success of the organization. We've also strengthened our consultation processes with our own stakeholders by splitting the role of Chairman and President. We are immensely pleased to have retained the services of our outgoing Chairman, Derek Osborn, as President. Derek's impeccable credentials in the field of sustainable development will help us to find a more confident voice in international organizations. This will enable the Chairman and Board to oversee the evolving organization.

We look to 2009-10 with some anticipation. Both for the role we aspire to play in shaping the proposed 2012 Earth Summit and for the innovative new projects that we will be launching with the support of our many partners. These will stretch SF into the application of new media to stakeholder engagement; see us reach into new areas with our policy initiatives; and continue with our excellent work on Water. All of this progress is testament to a small but extraordinarily committed team. They may not make headlines but in a thousand small ways their efforts helps to edge the world closer to being a better place.

Andrew Binns



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### A Message from the Executive Director

Stakeholder Forum has continued to show leadership in 2008 to work on the issue of Human Economic and Environmental Insecurity. In September we co-hosted the workshop on the MDG Goals Beyond 2015 with Peace Child and GCAP as partners.

We also hosted the first workshop on what a possible Earth Summit might address if it is held in 2012. It highlighted a number of possible key outcomes such as conventions on Access to Information, Participation and Justice and Corporate Accountability, a possible Global Commission on a Green New Deal feeding into the financial conversation, an Earth Charter and a work program to address the emerging nexus of economic, human and environmental security. Finally a Summit could tackle the international environment and sustainable development architecture.

The failure of the processes around International Environmental Governance is very sad and we can only hope that through the possibility of an Earth Summit in 2012 governments will again engage in trying to improve both the international environmental and sustainable development governance systems so they can cope with the challenges in front of us.

Perhaps one of the most significant developments for Stakeholder Forum in the past year has been the developing work on water and climate. Building on the excellent work that was undertaken by the Global Public Policy Network on Water Management for the review at this year's Commission on Sustainable Development DfID requested that we develop a front on climate and water in the area of adaptation at the UNFCCC meetings. We are busy with our partner the Stockholm International Water Institute developing a meta alliance to work in 2009 on water and climate leading up to the 2009 UNFCCC meeting in Copenhagen.

Returning to the excellent work that the GPPN did for the 2008 review of water it shows a very good example of how to prepare for a global meeting working with stakeholders, governments and the UN to enable better preparation for these kinds of reviews.

This year also saw Stakeholder Forum move into radio on the web. This exciting development supported by UN Radio enabled Stakeholder Forum to produce eight twenty minute radio programs on the web linked by the BBC web site these eight round tables one on each of the Millennium Development Goals were an opportunity for stakeholders, governments and UN officials to discuss success and failure around the MDGs and what might be attempted in the future to address problems. We hope in the future to develop this work around other UN fora.

The major stakeholder input to the 2008 EcoSoc Annual Ministerial Review on MDG7 and the Millennium Development Special Event Heads of State Round Table on Environmental Sustainability were undertaken by Stakeholder Forum at the request of the UN and supported financially by DfID. These enabled a wide range of stakeholders many of who could not attend these events to have their views expressed. We hope to offer this role for other UN events in 2009.

Finally the work undertaken on the Stakeholder Empowerment project will offer the UN a set of case studies on how to better engage stakeholders in a number of ways such as dialogues, hearings and round tables. It builds on the excellent work we undertook for the book Multi-stakeholder Processes on Governance and Sustainability.

All in all a very active and successful year for Stakeholder Forum which we will build on in 2009.

Felix Dodds  
Executive Director







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### Stakeholder Forum's Key Achievements in 2008

Stakeholder Forum's mission is to inform, influence, promote and advance sustainable development. In 2008, Stakeholder Forum furthered this mission by:

#### Fostering Sustainable Development Thought

**Human, Economic and Environmental Security:** This work has been built on the ideas outlined in the Stakeholder Forum book Human and Environmental Security. Elements of this can be found in its work on Beyond 2015, Earth Summit 2012 and its work on Climate and Water.

**Beyond 2015:** Stakeholder Forum working in partnership with the Global Coalition against Poverty and Peacechild International it initiated a global debate among stakeholders on what should be the Goals post 2015. This included hosting a workshop during the MDG Special Event. The partnership was given a mandate to continue to initiate discussion on the Goals up to a conference in 2010.

**Earth Summit 2012:** Stakeholder Forum organized the first workshop on 2012 in November 2008 a week after G77 and China tabled the call for the Summit in the UN General Assembly. The workshop produced the Donostia Declaration.

**The missing 5th Building Block:** Stakeholder Forum continued to work with the CSD Education Caucus to promote the need for a fifth working group in the UNFCCC meeting in Poznan on education for sustainability – otherwise known as the human dimension.

#### Building political momentum to strengthen institutions for sustainable development governance through:

##### **Ensuring civil society input to the debate on UN reform for Environment and Sustainable Development.**

Inputting to the second meeting organized by Brazil on IEG, Stakeholder Forum with ANPED published a radical new way to look at the reform of UNEP more around a UNDP model.

#### Strengthening the implementation of sustainable development commitments on water through:

**Launching at World Water Week a new Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) to engage major stakeholders in preparing a review of the implementation of water and sanitation commitments made at CSD13.** The GPPN is managed by Stakeholder Forum and Stockholm International Water Institute, its Steering Committee includes five governments, UN Water and key stakeholder groups. The work of the Network will contribute to looking at the reason behind why commitments have not been implemented and making suggestions on the way forward.

**Engaging stakeholders in the follow up to the Second Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities.** At UNEP's request we have in 2008 re-launched GP Outreach as a mechanism to keep stakeholders informed on developments on the GPA.

**Engaging stakeholders in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) on Sustainable Development, July 2008.** Stakeholder Forum was invited by the UN Department on Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) to consult global stakeholders in preparation for the ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review on Sustainable Development in July 2008. The final report was presented at the AMR. To support the work Stakeholder Forum set up a web site: <http://amr.stakeholderforum.org>



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### **Engaging stakeholders in the UN General Assembly High Level Event on the Millennium Development Goals, September 2008:**

Stakeholder Forum was invited by UNEP and UN DESA to consult global stakeholders on the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium Development Goal in preparation for the High Level the final report was presented at the Heads of State Round Table. To support this work Stakeholder Forum set up a web site: <http://mdg.stakeholderforum.org>

### **Building the capacity of stakeholders to engage in environmental decision-making processes through:**

**Workshop utilizing the “Negotiating and Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements A Manual for NGOs”** At the UNEP Global Ministers Environment Forum Stakeholder Forum hosted a number of workshops for stakeholders attending. Over half those at the the UNEP GMEF attended at least one of the workshops.

**Stakeholder Empowerment Project (SEP):** Building on the work undertaken by Stakeholder Forum since 1996 in developing and promoting stakeholder engagement across the United Nations, the SEP undertook , at the advice of a UN Advisory Group, a review of four good practice case studies. A fifth case study was added at the request of UNAIDS. <http://sep.stakeholderforum.org/>

### **Enhancing the role of Major Groups and Stakeholders in the implementation of UNEP’s Programme of Work 2010-11:**

Stakeholder Forum was invited by the Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch (MGSB) of the United Nations Environment Programme to undertake qualitative research with UNEP staff and Major Groups on how to enhance the role of civil society in the implementation of UNEP’s Programme of Work. The research involved extensive interviews with UNEP staff and consultation with representatives from Major Groups. It resulted in a series of strategic recommendations for enhancing the coherence and impact of UNEP partnerships with civil society. The outcomes of the research will be presented to the UNEP Global Civil Society Forum, Governing Council and Global Ministerial Environment Forum in 2009.

### **Communicating Sustainable Development:**

**Newsletters:** Stakeholder Forum continued to produce with SDIN **Outreach Issues** as a daily newsletter at the UN CSD. It was also produced two special editions for the UN Annual Ministerial Review (AMR). **Network 2012** was re-launched as a quarterly web based newsletter aiming to keep sustainable development groupings aware of intergovernmental activities.

At UNEP’s request Stakeholder Forum has again begun to produce **GPA Outreach**, again on a quarterly basis, to keep the community involved in land based forms of pollution to the marine environment up to date with developments.

**Media:** In 2008 the BBC continued to approach Stakeholder Forum for articles for the Green Room their web based discussion space. Felix Dodds with Michael Strauss wrote for the BBC Green Room an article on the Millennium Development Goals.

**Radio:** As a new initiative working with UN-Radio Stakeholder Forum produced and hosted a series of eight radio programmes on the status of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that were recorded live at the CSD



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### Fostering Sustainable Development Thinking

Over the past twenty years Stakeholder Forum has tried to initiate sustainable development thinking early or address a missing gap in present work internationally. This last year it has focused on four areas it believes are vital in developing sustainable development thinking.

**Human, Economic and Environmental Security:** This work has been built on the ideas outlined in the Stakeholder Forum book Human and Environmental Security. Elements of this can be found in its work on Beyond 2015, Earth Summit 2012 and its work on Climate and Water. In 2008 it worked on a book on Climate and Energy Insecurity with contributions from a number of leading UN heads present and past, government Ministers and leading stakeholders. This book will be published for the Copenhagen Conferences of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention. It, with, the work that is being undertaken through the Global Public Policy Network on Water Management on climate and water in the area of adaptation reflects a developing area of work for Stakeholder Forum.

**Beyond 2015:** At the Millennium Development Special Event in September 2008 Stakeholder Forum working in partnership with the Global Coalition against Poverty and Peacechild International initiated a global debate among stakeholders on what should be the Goals post 2015. This included hosting a workshop during the MDG Special Event. For this Special Event a number of key thinkers were asked to prepare short papers on what the Goals post 2015 should be. The workshop discussed these papers and how the discussion might be broadened over the next two years before the Summit in 2010.

The partnership was given a mandate to continue to initiate discussion on the Goals up to a conference in 2010.

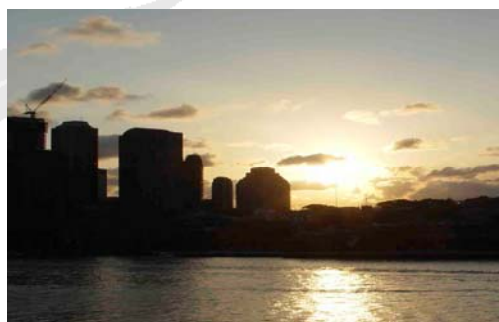
**Earth Summit 2012:** At the meeting of Stakeholder Forum's International Advisory Board (IAB) in May the IAB asked Stakeholder Forum to take a lead in building momentum for another Earth Summit in 2012. They asked Stakeholder Forum to host a high level

workshop later in the year.

On the last day of the Millennium Development Special Event G77 and China Ministers issued a statement backing the idea of an Earth Summit in 2012 and Brazil hosting such a Summit. On November the 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 G77 and China tabled a resolution in the United Nations General Assembly to enable a Summit to be held in 2012 and that Summit should be in Brazil.

Stakeholder Forum organized the first workshop on 2012 in November 2008 a week after G77 and China tabled the call for the Summit in the UN General Assembly. They invited governments, intergovernmental bodies and stakeholders to San Sebastian to discuss if a Summit was a good idea and if so what should it address and what could the logistics be for the Summit.

The workshop was addressed by the Secretary General of the 002 Summit Nitin Desai, one of the leading NGO leaders the former Greenpeace Strategic Director Remi Parmentier, Richard Sherman former Deputy Director of ENB and Special Advisor to the Executive Director of UNEP John Scanlon. The workshop produced the Donostia Declaration a summary of ideas put forward during the workshop. After the workshop Stakeholder Forum put up a web site to enable people to keep track of developments [www.earthsummit2012.org](http://www.earthsummit2012.org).



### The missing 5th Building Block:

Stakeholder Forum continued to work with the CSD Education Caucus to promote the need for a fifth working group in the UNFCCC meeting in Poznan on education for sustainability. . At the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting in





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Poznan Stakeholder Forum with the CSD Education Caucus held a side event. This was on the missing 5th Building Block: the need for a fifth working group on education for sustainability – otherwise known as the human dimension. The side event was chaired by Pam Puntenney one of the co-chairs of the Caucus speakers included Bremley Lyngdoh Co-chair of the Education Caucus, Felix Dodds from Stakeholder Forum and Falk Schmidt from United Nations University. The outcome was well published through a review of the workshop in 'ENB On the Side.'



### **Building political momentum to strengthen institutions for sustainable development governance through:**

**Ensuring civil society input to the debate on UN reform for Environment and Sustainable Development.** Stakeholder Forum and its partner ANPED produced an input to the Brazilian informal meeting on IEG. This put forward the idea of reforming UNEP in a similar manner to UNDP. At present the four processes that have dominated the landscape on IEG and SDG have ground to a halt. These are the follow up work to the World Summit 2005 para 169 discussion in the UN GA, the follow up to the High Level Panel on System wide coherence, the French initiative on UNEO and the Brazilian informal process. The possibility of a Summit in 2012 may get the momentum for a possible breakthrough in this very difficult area.

**Building capacity to engage in debate on UN reform for environment and sustainable development,** through *ieg dossier*, an online

clearing house dedicated to providing information on intergovernmental negotiations and processes related to the strengthening of the United Nation's environment and development architecture.

**Working with the University of New South Wales:** Stakeholder Forum helped with a conference on IEG for the South East Asia and Pacific region this included co-authoring a paper and speaking at a two day conference in Sydney Australia looking at global and regional IEG issues.

### **Strengthening the implementation of sustainable development commitments:**

#### **Global Public Policy Network on Water Management (GPPN)**

The GPPN is a joint project of Stakeholder Forum and Stockholm International Water Institute. It was conceived at World Water Week in 2006 to help global stakeholders prepare for the review of international water and sanitation commitments that took place at the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission of Sustainable Development in 2008 (CSD-16). The objective of the review was to assess how far commitments made at the 13<sup>th</sup> Commission on Sustainable Development in 2005 had been met.

In the run-up to CSD-16 the GPPN consulted global stakeholders on progress, obstacles and constraints, and the 'way forward' on the following areas:

- Water and Sanitation in Africa
- Meeting CSD-13 Commitments on Water and Sanitation
- Water and Sanitation partnerships in Africa

#### **Emerging Issues for the Water and Sanitation Agenda**

The GPPN enjoyed a high-profile at CSD-16, bringing together stakeholders across sectors and Major Groups to identify the priorities for the water and sanitation agenda. It co-ordinated four side events to share its findings,





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with speakers from NGOs, UN agencies, government, business and farmers groups.

Based on the success of GPPN activities in 2007, Stakeholder Forum received a further and larger grant for activities in 2008 and 2009. The focus of its activities since CSD-16 has been more heavily on water resources and management issues, as opposed to water and



sanitation supply and delivery. A significant strand of its work focuses on water and climate change adaptation. The target its activities for 2009 will be the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Sustainable development (CSD-17) and the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-15) in Copenhagen. Since October 2008, it has been consulting global stakeholders on the following issues:

- Water as a Cross-Cutting Issue for the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Rural Development, Agriculture, Land, Drought and Desertification)
- Water and Climate Change Adaptation (for COP-15)
- Water Security in a Fragile Environment (ongoing work)

Over the past few months the GPPN is also exploring the possibility of setting up a global multi-stakeholder platform focusing exclusively on water resources and climate change issues. It will seek feedback from global stakeholders at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul, and at the Stockholm World Water Week in 2009.

The GPPN is overseen by a Steering Committee that includes five governments from the North and South, UN Water, WWF and the World Business Council on Sustainable Development. More information

about the GPPN is available at <http://gppn.stakeholderforum.org>

### **Engaging stakeholders in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) on Sustainable Development, July 2008**

Stakeholder Forum was invited by the UN Department on Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) to consult global stakeholders in preparation for the ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review on Sustainable Development in July 2008. Stakeholder Forum successfully co-ordinated global stakeholder inputs to the review, setting up an online home for the consultation and presenting the outcomes at side events and bilaterals. The consultation successfully opened up the AMR to a far greater range of global stakeholders and helped to demystify the process significantly.

More information regarding the consultation is available at: <http://amr.stakeholderforum.org>

### **Engaging stakeholders in the UN General Assembly High Level Event on the Millennium Development Goals, September 2008**

Stakeholder Forum was invited by UNEP and UN DESA to consult global stakeholders on the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium Development Goal in preparation for the High Level Event on the MDGs, called by UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon to assess progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Stakeholder Forum prepared a background paper and designed a questionnaire to seek feedback from global stakeholder, and put





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together a synthesis paper of stakeholder views for the Head of State Round Table on Environmental Sustainability. Stakeholder Forum shared the outcomes from the consultation at side events and bilaterals.

More information regarding the consultation can be found at <http://mdg.stakeholderforum.org>

### **Building the capacity of stakeholders to engage in environmental decision-making processes through:**

**Organizing a training workshop at UNEP Global Environmental Ministers Forum in Monaco:** Utilizing the: 'Negotiating and Implementing MEAs', a Stakeholder Forum publication, in partnership with ANPED, Stakeholder Forum hosted a number of workshops on how to lobby during the UNEP GEMF. The workshop was attended by over half the stakeholders present at the UNEP meeting.

**Stakeholder Empowerment Project (SEP):** The project builds on the work carried out by Stakeholder Forum in developing and promoting stakeholder engagement across the United Nations. The SEP is an eighteen month research project funded by the Ford Foundation, with the aim of developing a toolkit of good practices for engaging stakeholders in UN decision making.

The project has benefited from a UN Advisory Group; Secretary to the Aarhus Convention (UNECE), NGO Liaison Officer to the UN Office of Geneva (UNOG), Chief of New York Office (UN-NGLS), the Manager of Environmental Governance Democracy Programme (UNITAR) and the Major Groups Coordinator (UNDESA).

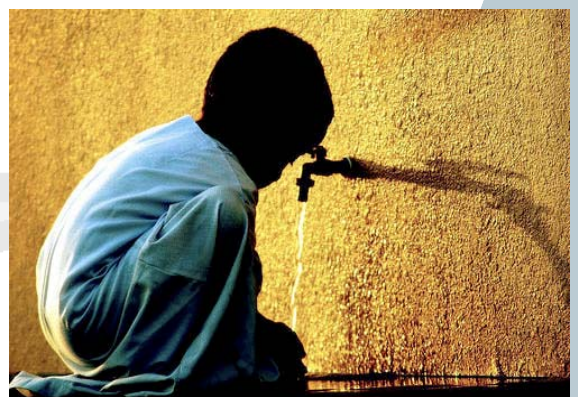
The project has held three workshops in Geneva, New York and Paris for the focal points of UN agencies, programmes and funds. The first two workshops gathered inputs from the focal points on the objectives and scope of the research. A wide range of

agencies, programmes and funds participated including UNEP, UNAIDS, WTO, WIPO, UNOG, UNFF, UNIFEM, UNDP, UNDESA, and UN NGLS. On the back of the feedback from the focal points, the project focused on four case studies, the Aarhus Convention, UNCTAD civil society Hearings, CSD multi-stakeholder dialogues, and the UNEP Ministerial Roundtables.

The initial project findings were then presented at the UN Focal Points meeting in Paris in September hosted by UN-NGLS which generated a good deal of feedback and high participation on the part of the UN Focal Points. On the back of this input the project added a final case study, the High Level Meeting on AIDS.

The final findings will be presented to UN focal points and stakeholders in 2009 in Geneva and in New York.

For all information and updates relating to the Stakeholder Empowerment Project go to: <http://sep.stakeholderforum.org>







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### Communicating Sustainable Development

**Newsletters:** Stakeholder Forum with SDIN continued to produce **Outreach Issues** at the UN CSD. It also produced two special issues for the UN Annual Ministerial Review (AMR). In addition it has produced a quarterly **GPA Outreach** to keep the marine community abreast of developments in the follow up to the UNEP GPA IGR2 Conference.

Stakeholder Forum reintroduced **Network 2012** as a quarterly newsletter to keep people informed of developments on sustainable development. All editions can be downloaded on the Stakeholder Forum website ([www.stakeholderforum.org](http://www.stakeholderforum.org)).

**Media:** Stakeholder Forum had their third article published on the BBC Web site. The issue covered was **Sacrificing Millennium Goals would be a real crisis this was for** the MDG Special Event. The article was written by Felix Dodds and Michael Strauss and can be found at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7621507.stm>

**Radio:** As a new initiative working with UN-Radio Stakeholder Forum produced and hosted a series of eight radio programmes on the status of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Each roundtable discussion brought together a range of stakeholders to debate the challenges, progress and status of each of the MDGs. The final productions were

released in the lead up to the UN High Level Event in September. For more information please go to <http://www.stakeholderforum.org/index.php?id=mdgradio>

**Race for Tomorrow:** Working as part of a multimedia platform to promote the Millennium Development Goals Stakeholder Forum supported a concert at the Cutting Rooms in New York with the 1960s singer Donovan. This was followed with Joseph Arthur's (from the Peter Gabriel stable) participation in the Opening of 'Breaking the Silence - Lest We Forget' Exhibition in the UN HQ. Joseph Arthur sang two songs including A River Blue which he sings with former child soldiers from Uganda.

**Stakeholder Forum books:** The Climate and Energy book was postponed until 2009. By the end of this year Stakeholder Forum will have published 11 book in 12 years:

**Stakeholder Forum Papers and Briefings:** In 2008 the following reports and papers were produced:

- Water and Sanitation in Africa
- Meeting CSD-13 Commitments on Water and Sanitation
- Water and Sanitation partnerships in Africa
- Emerging Issues for the Water and Sanitation Agenda
- UN High Level Event on the Millennium Development Goals 2008 A synthesis document of global stakeholder inputs
- UN Eco Soc Annual Ministerial Review 2008: a synthesis document of global stakeholder inputs
- UNEP Partnerships with Major Groups and Stakeholders to implement the Programme of Work 2010-2011 Initial Findings and Key Points





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### Strengthening the implementation of sustainable development commitments on water

#### Reviewing the Implementation of Commitments on Water

At the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission for Sustainable Development in 2005 (CSD-13), five water management themes were agreed upon in the CSD-13 decision:

- Access to basic water services
- Integrated water resources management (IWRM)
- Access to basic sanitation
- Sanitation and hygiene education
- Wastewater collection, treatment and reuse

It was decided at CSD-13 that at the CSD-16 in 2008 there would be a review of progress towards the commitments on water management outlined in the CSD-13 decision. In preparation for this review at CSD-16, the CSD Secretariat has called for national governments to report across all five of the above themes. This has incorporated a specific questionnaire regarding planning and implementation of IWRM, and a request for governments to voluntarily provide updated information on national sustainable development strategies (NSDS) and national programmes on indicators for sustainable development.

To supplement this, **Stakeholder Forum** and **Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)** have set up a **Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)** to gather inputs from governments and other stakeholders (including civil society and Major Groups) on progress since CSD-13 on water management. The GPPN has a Steering Committee made up of five governments (Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, UK and the USA), UN Water and a number of key stakeholders (Global Water Partnership, WWF-US, World Business Council on Sustainable Development, World Water Forum, and Freshwater Action Network).

The GPPN will attempt to identify consensus on the obstacles facing the implementation of the CSD13 commitments, as well as highlighting examples of progress and best practice.

The GPPN will collect, rationalise and disseminate the data relating to water management from relevant stakeholders, with the aim of identifying key areas where action is required to deliver CSD-13 decisions. This process will enable a constructive and positive discussion on water management at the CSD in 2008. The GPPN secretariat will use its findings to brief and inform those taking part in the water management review at CSD-16, which we hope will run for two full days in the first week.

**Stakeholder Forum (SF)** and **Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)** have designed comprehensive guidelines to encourage broader stakeholder input into the review of water management. We have identified and referenced below the key CSD-13 commitments across the water management themes, focusing specifically on **the means of implementation** under the following three categories:

#### **Governance and Capacity Building**

- Monitoring
- Technology Transfer
- Education, Training, Information and Knowledge
- Research

#### **Stakeholder and Major Groups Engagement**

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Indigenous Knowledge
- Gender

#### **Finance**

- Development assistance
- Commercial Incentives
- Cost-recovery and Subsidies

We are asking for input based on:

- Concrete actions taken and specific progress made in implementation
- Major constraints and challenges
- Lessons learned

Recent trends and emerging issues

The GPPN will help to ensure a successful review of water and sanitation at the CSD, facilitate greater understanding of the linkages between water and other sustainable development issues among policy-makers, and increase cooperation among stakeholders working in the fields of water and sanitation—all of which are essential to speeding up the implementation of water and sanitation commitments to ensure the Millennium Development Goals can be met.





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- Women's Institute—Farah Nazeer
- Derek Osborn BofD
- Andrew Binns BofD

### **Stakeholder Forum has worked in partnership to deliver its projects with the following organizations:**

- Capacity Building and Training: UNEP
- The Annual Ministerial Review: Dfid
- MDG + 8: Dfid
- The Global Public Policy Network (GPPN): Dfid, Siwi, the government of Germany

Stockholm International Water Institute  
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Government of Netherlands  
United Nations Development Programme  
United Nations Environment Programme  
United Nations Foundation  
Commonwealth Foundation

- Cyprus Environmental Stakeholder Project: UNDP- ACT
- Outreach Issues, 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development: El Faro Zaragoza  
GPA Outreach: UNEP, the government of Austria

### **Stakeholder Forum projects in 2008 have been funded by:**

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- United Nations Environment Programme
- The Ford Foundation
- The Basque Government
- El Faro Zaragoza
- UNDP- ACT
- The government of Austria  
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### Stakeholder Forum Staff & Governance

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##### Core staff

- Felix Dodds, Executive Director: (British, based in San Sebastian)
- Rosie Bilton, Finance (British, based in UK)
- Hannah Stoddart, Policy Coordinator: (British, based in UK)
- Emily Benson, Policy Coordinator (British, based in UK)

##### Consultants

- Richard Sherman, Governance Consultant (South African, based in South Africa))
- Maria Figueroa Kupcu, Stakeholder and Strategic Consultant (American, based in USA)
- Virginia Prieto, Donostia Workshop Coordinator (Spanish, based in Spain)
- Ida Bergstrom, Editor of Network (Scandinavian, based in UK)
- Alice Bisiaux, Editor of GPA Outreach (Spanish, based in Spain)
- Chris Church, Editor of the MDG Report (British, based in the UK)

##### Interns

Kit England (British, UK based)  
Kelvin Cheung (Canadian, UK based)  
Kathleen Collett (South African, UK based)  
Kristina Novak (Slovakian, UK based)  
Matt Boms (American, US based)  
Angus Macdonald (British, UK based)  
Amanda Sheehan (Australian, UK based)  
Emiliano Da Amato (Italian, UK based)  
Sonya Misquitta (Indian, UK based)  
Elisa Peduto (Italian, UK based)

**Stakeholder Forum Board of Directors:** Stakeholder Forum is governed by a Board of Directors. The current members of the Board of Directors are:

- ✦ Andy Binns - Chair
- ✦ Emmanuel Lebaut
- ✦ Paul Jackson
- ✦ Mehjabeen Price

**Stakeholder Forum Advisory Bodies:** In order to assist the Board and staff to keep in touch with stakeholder views and to ensure that SF's work remains relevant to their needs and priorities, the Board and staff are assisted by an International Advisory Board (IAB), which advises particularly on SF's work at the international level. In addition, in 2006 Stakeholder Forum established a UK Policy Advisory Panel (UK PAP), which assists stakeholder engagement with UK stakeholders by which advising particularly on SF's work at the UK level.

The IAB consists of representatives of leading international stakeholder groups drawn from the major groups recognised by the UN, together with a number of individuals eminent and active in the field of international sustainable development. Membership of the UK PAP similarly consists of representatives of leading UK stakeholder groups and eminent individuals concerned with the promotion of sustainable development at international level.



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