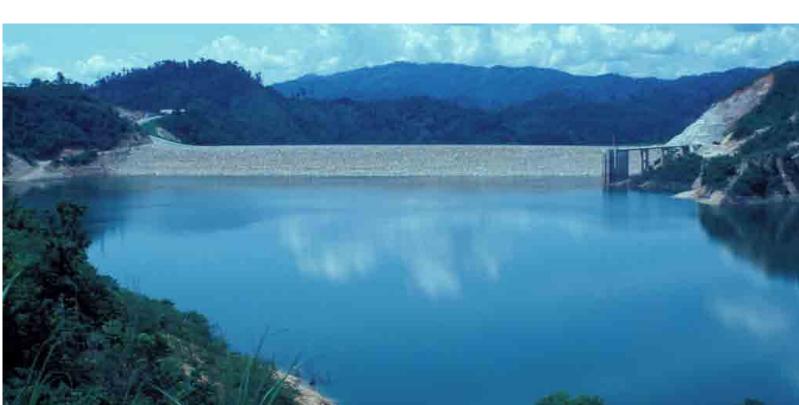
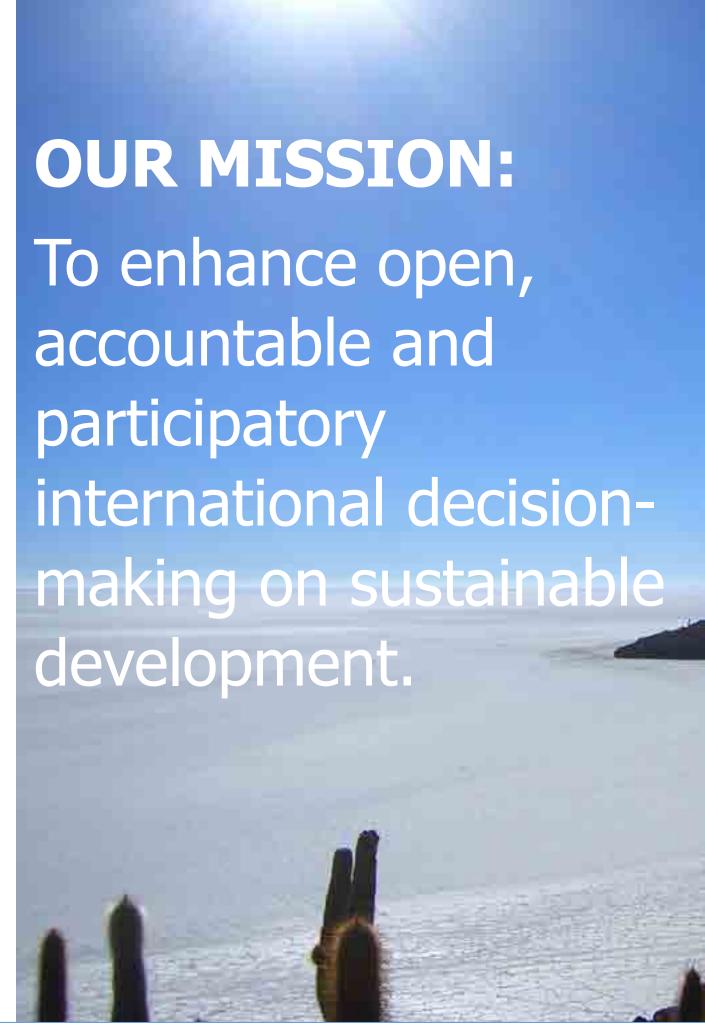


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We seek to provide a bridge between those who have a stake in sustainable development, and the international forums where decisions are made in their name. To this end, we work with a diversity of stakeholders globally on international policy development, media and communications, advocacy, lobbying, consultation and evaluation to promote progressive outcomes on sustainable development through an open and participatory approach.

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A message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

Stakeholder Forum plays a critical role behind the scenes of international policy making processes, working to increase transparency and broaden stakeholder involvement in decisions about our planet's future. In 2010, the impacts of this mission were felt widely and shared globally amongst stakeholders.

After playing an integral role in bringing about the United Nations General Assembly resolution to hold an Earth Summit for 2012, Stakeholder Forum has been working to build momentum towards this conference.

For instance, we have been working to build a policy-based programme of work to stimulate debates on the main thematic areas of the Summit – the Green Economy in the context of poverty eradication and sustainable development, and a global institutional framework for sustainable development – and to mobilize stakeholders worldwide to engage with these maturing discourses.

The number of stakeholders across the field has grown hugely in the years since Rio 1992. New media technologies and the speed at which we can now communicate also mean national, regional and local groups can be engaged on the virtual road to Rio+20.

Again, Stakeholder Forum is at the forefront of building an online space for engagement via its Earth Summit website (www. earthsummit2012), and use of other new media technologies to inform and empower stakeholders worldwide.

Stakeholder Forum occupies a unique space on the international stage, functioning as an

intermediary between global civil society, the United Nations and other multilateral bodies. How to meander through an international policy making process and bear influence, is a role Stakeholder Forum has played throughout various negotiations and are skills we have passed onto stakeholders through a 'how to lobby' training workshop in 2010.

At the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP) 16th Session, Stakeholder Forum, as a co-host of the Water and Climate Coalition, proved their leadership in international lobbying; achievements that will be further outlined in this report.

That a small organisation can yield such results on an international level is testament to the team's hard work in 2010. I look forward to being a part of its continued success in the year to come.

Philip Dobie







A message from the Executive Director

The end of 2009 was marked by the disappointing results of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) conference of parties (COP15) in Copenhagen. COP15 had a negative impact on government and stakeholder trust in multilateralism and brought into question the way in which we tackle the world's environmental issues.

In **2010** we all had to redouble our efforts to progress international agendas on sustainable development and climate change, and that is exactly what Stakeholder Forum did.

Earth Summit 2012

The agreement in December 2009 for a new Earth Summit in 2012 helped to bring a positive new focus for multilateralism. Stakeholder Forum has since focused on mobilising stakeholders around the themes of the Summit; Green Economy in the context of Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development and an Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development.

A large part of our focus on the Summit is the theme a Green Economy and in 2010 we started working on a positive approach towards exploring how we change the present economic model into one that recognises the limits we face of being on this small planet. In the year ahead, with the setting up of the Global Transition project with the New Economics Foundation, we hope to further stimulate a global dialogue on what the key elements of that transition should be.

Working with UN Partners

Stakeholder Forum continued to play a role in publishing papers on both environment and sustainable development governance in 2010 to influence the UNEP process on International Environmental Governance. We have also continued to work with the UNEP Global Programme of Action (GPA) for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities to increase the understanding of the GPA as a multilateral tool and enhance stakeholder engagement. We are looking forward to continuing this relationship.

Also, in 2010 I was privileged to be selected by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), NGOs, and the UN, to chair the 64th UN DPI Conference on Sustainable Societies: Responsible Citizens. The conference will take place from 3-5th of September 2011 and will be a contribution both to the Rio+20 preparatory process and to the 10th anniversary of the International Year Volunteers (IYV+10).

Stakeholder engagement in the UNFCCC process

Stakeholder Forum continued to work with the UN on how best to engage stakeholders in international decision making processes. The UNFCCC engaged us to review stakeholder engagement in the aftermath of Copenhagen COP15, looking into how it could be improved for Cancun in 2010 and beyond.

In June 2010 in Bonn, the Water and Climate Coalition, formerly known as the Global Public Policy Network on Water Management, was launched with Stakeholder Forum and the Stockholm International Water Institute acting as the secretariat. The Coalition had notable success in seeking support for a work programme under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) in the UNFCCC meeting in Cancun. After two years of lobbying, the success in December is a great start to 2011 where we hope to work with parties to develop the elements of that work programme. We would like to acknowledge the support of the German, UK and Danish Governments that have helped underpin our work on water and climate.

As well as pushing the importance of water management within the UNFCCC neogitations in Cancun, Stakeholder Forum also established Outreach as the main stakeholder magazine for the negotiations. Recognised by the UNFCCC

Secretariat as one of the official publications distributed at the negotiations, Outreach acted as a conduit for to multifarious options of stakeholders at the COP. In 2011, Outreach will again act as vehicle for stakeholders to present their views at various intergovernmental conferences.

Acknowledgements

In 2010 Andrew Binns our chair for the last three years moved back to the United States and was replaced by Philip Dobie, formerly with UNDP. We would like to thank Andrew for his enormous support for Stakeholder Forum over the past six years and the last three as chair. We look forward to Philip leading us through the Rio+20 process with our President, Derek Osborn.

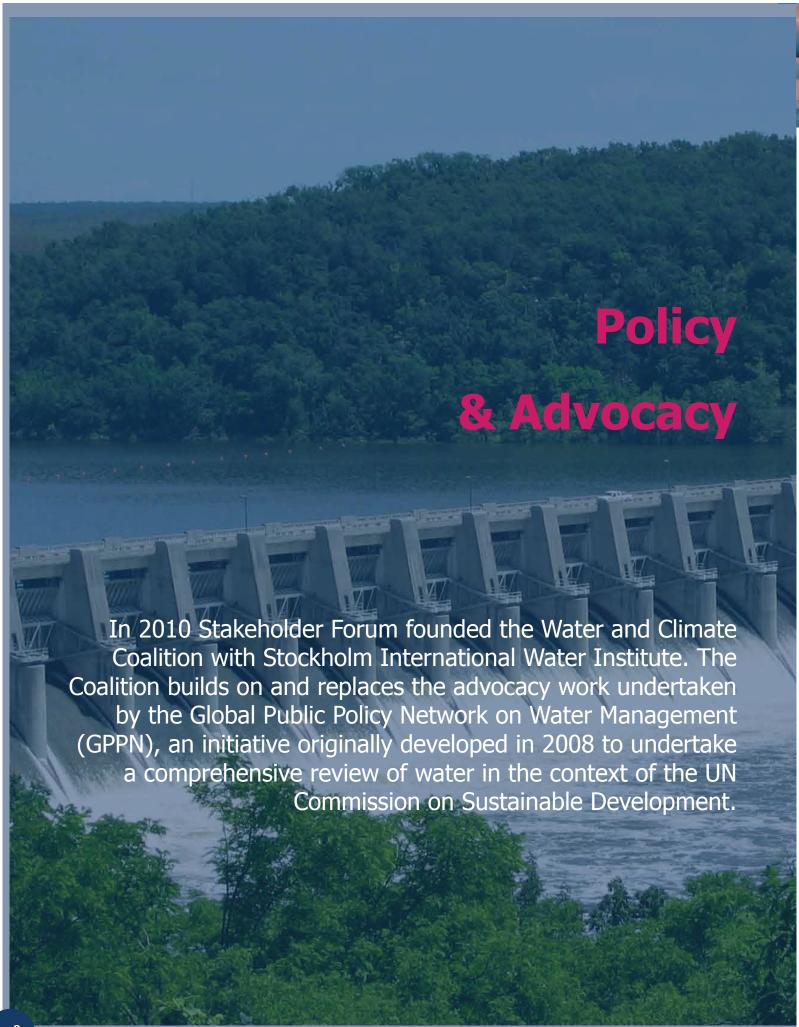
I would like to acknowledge our financial and project partners throughout 2010 that have contributed to the work of Stakeholder Forum and these groups are listed on page ...

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of Stakeholder Forum and those who have been consultants and interns with us in 2010 for contributing to our mission to enhance open, accountable and participatory international decision-making on sustainable development.

Felix Dodds









Policy and Advocacy

Water and Climate Coalition

In 2010 Stakeholder Forum founded the Water and Climate Coalition with Stockholm International Water Institute. The Coalition builds on and replaces the advocacy work undertaken by the Global Public Policy Network on Water Management (GPPN), an initiative originally developed in 2008 to undertake a comprehensive review of water in the context of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

The GPPN shifted its focus to water and climate issues in 2009, and engaged actively with the process leading to the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Its global advocacy work led to a significantly increased profile of water in the context of the climate change negotiations, with specific references to the importance of water resources in the negotiating texts, and a greater awareness of the importance of water for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Building on the success of the GPPN in its water and climate advocacy towards COP15, Stakeholder Forum and SIWI decided in early 2010 to establish a more formal coalition of actors to advocate on water and climate issues at a global level. The Water and Climate Coalition was launched at one of the sessions of the climate change negotiations in Bonn in June 2010. It currently has the following members:

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Throughout 2010 the Water and Climate Coalition engaged in a diversity of policy and advocacy activities towards the 16th Conference of Parties (COP16) of the UNFCCC held in Cancun, Mexico. This included publishing policy reports and statements, co-ordinating events and workshops and conducting lobbying and advocacy activities on the 'corridors'. Some highlights include:

- Hosting a Water Day at the UNFCCC Climate Change Talks in Bonn, June 2010;
- Publishing a 'key messages' statement from the Water and Climate Coalition;
- Publishing a 'Roadmap' for Securing a Work Programme on Water and Climate under the UNFCCC);
- Publishing a commissioned report on the scope and focus of a work prorgamme on water and climate under the UNFCCC;
- Hosting a joint side event at COP16 with Global Water Partnership and Heinrich Boell Foundation: Climate and Development - Linking up Agendas and putting Water Security first;
- Hosting a Water and Climate press conference at COP16;

Achieving a major breakthrough on water at COP16

Working closely with Parties from across North and South, the Water and Climate Coalition helped to secure a major breakthrough at COP16 in the closing plenary of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and SBSTA. Six parties called for water to be tabled as an agenda item for the next session of the SBSTA in June 2011. The call was put forward by Ecuador and Sudan, and seconded by Syria. Sierra Leone, Chile and El Salvador. The SBSTA Chair promised to consider the call in the development of the agenda for the next session, and the Water and Climate Coalition is working closely with sympathetic Parties to try to ensure that water has a space on the agenda towards COP17 in Durban.





Top: Karen Lexin and Hannah Stoddart at the Water and Climate Coalition's COP16 Press Conference

Left: Water, Climate and Development, Side Event Panel, COP16

Earth Summit 2012

Working to ensure a successful Earth Summit in 2012, Stakeholder Forum was involved in several events, coordinating stakeholder engagement to enhance participation in the preparatory process.

At an international level, in February Stakeholder Forum organised a briefing for stakeholders on Rio+20 during the UNEP Governing Council. Subsequently, in May, Stakeholder Forum and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), with support from a number of other NGOS and stakeholders, organized a conference prior to the first preparatory meeting for Rio+20. The conference was attended by over 200 stakeholders, governments and UN Agencies. Speakers included Ashok Khosla, Martin Khor, Andrew Simms, Achim Steiner and Tariq Banuri.



Agenda Setting

Stakeholder Forum's Executive Director, Felix Dodds, was invited to speak at numerous events in 2010 where he aimed to put Earth Summit 2012, or Rio+20, on the agenda, highlighting the unsustainable nature of our current economic model and consumption patterns and the need for reform at a global level.

Felilx's speaking slots included: the 2nd UNITAR-Yale Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy in September; and also notably the UN General Assembly event "Advancing Sustainable Development: What Should Rio+20 Achieve?" in New York, in October, where he urged delegates to use the Rio+20 Conference to pursue a more responsible form of capitalism that could meet the needs of all, in a sustainable and equitable manner.

"The consumer model is not only failing, it is threatening economic stability."

Top: Briefing on Rio+20 with Tariq Banuri and PrepCom Co-Chair Park In-kook, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

Right: PrepCom1 Opening Plenary Session



UK Activities

Throughout 2010 Stakeholder Forum also coordinated a series of UK Stakeholder events on Rio+20:

In May Stakeholder Forum hosted a UK multistakeholder dialogue on Earth Summit 2012 at the NVCO in London. The objective of the half-day meeting was to determine the issues relating to Rio+20 that were of importance to a range of UK stakeholders. Approximately 40 people, representing NGOs, Local Government, Trade Unions, Woman and Youth Groups attended the event. In July Stakeholder Forum co-ordinated a meeting for UK stakeholders to discuss the outcomes from the first preparatory meeting (PrepComm 1). Approximately 40 attended the event.

Top left: Nicola Williams on "Challenges for the Green Economy. **Top right:** UK Stakeholder Meeting, July. **Bottom left:** Hannah Stoddart on "Challenges for the Green Economy. **Bottom Right:** SSDF Event Chair, Lesley Riddock









In September, Stakeholder Forum partnered with the Scottish Forum for Sustainable Development, a branch of the Sustainable Development Commission Scotland, to discuss 'How can Scotland's experience of local green economies can inform global policy discussions on sustainable development?' Stakeholder Forum's facilitated multi-stakeholder dialogues in response to the Secretary General's Questionnaire, aiming to inform his 'Synthesis Report' for the Summit. The outcomes of the discussions were compiled into a document that was shared with the UK government and submitted the UN.

In November Stakeholder Forum teamed up with Bond, the UK membership body for NGOs working in international development, to form the Rio+20 sub-group, as part of Bond's Development and Environment Group (DEG). The first meeting was held at Stakeholder Forum's offices to discuss key issues and strategise prior to meetings of the subgroup with Defra, to be held in 2011.





The CIF 2010 Partnership Forum, 18th and 19th March 2010, sought to provide a space to share lessons learned from the CIF initial design process and from early implementation of the CIF-funded projects. It provided an opportunity for stakeholders to interact with one another and governments, and to inform the decision-making process.

In preparation for the CIF 2010 Partnership Forum, Stakeholder Forum:

- facilitated a self-selection process for NGOs, supporting the development of a criteria for selecting representatives to be funded to attend the meeting;
- generated awareness amongst all stakeholder groups of the CIF 2010 Partnership Forum.

During the CIF 2010 Partnership Forum, Stakeholder Forum also:

- produced a full procedure report from the meeting available for participating and non-participating stakeholders;
- engaged stakeholders in roundtable discussions on the conference program areas with the production of radio programs; and
- produced a series of podcasts live from the CIF 2010 Partnership Forum that were shared amongst stakeholders unable to attend the conference.

In 2011, Stakeholder Forum will again support the preparations of stakeholders for effective engagement at the CIF Partnership Forum, hosted by the African Development Bank in Tunis, Tunisia.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Stakholder Engagement Review

Following the Copenhagen climate change conference (COP-15), the UNFCCC requested Stakeholder Forum to undertake a review of the quality of stakeholder participation in UNFCCC meetings.

COP-15 saw the largest number of participants in the history of climate change meetings and engaged the largest number of high level government officials as active participants. It also hosted the highest number of side events, exhibits, demonstrations and displays of any UNFCCC meeting.

The review conducted by Stakeholder forum assessed some of the key channels by which stakeholders engage in UNFCCC meetings including side events, exhibits, and media stunts. It also reflected on long term strategies for how to improve and maintain the interface between decision makers and civil society organisations in the climate change negotiations.

Earth Summit 2012 Website

Stakeholder Forum has continued to develop its Earth Summit 2012 website, www.earthsummit2012.org, acting as an information hub to provide updates, background information, and analysis towards Rio+20. It is intended that this site will also act as a platform to connect organisations and stakeholders interested in engaging in the preparatory process towards the Summit.

Currently stakeholders can explore policy discourses on summit thematic areas, find ways to get involved with regional and international events, and keep up to date with summit news and updates on the official process. It is intended that the Major Groups, as defined by Agenda 21, will be able to share information and resources via the Earth Summit 2012 website.

Outreach for the Global Programme of Action (GPA) for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities

Throughout 2010 Stakeholder forum has continued to produce the GPA Outreach newsletter 'Blue Diamonds' for the Global Programme of Action (GPA) for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities, an intergovernmental programme that provides governments with technical support to institute ecosystems-orientated marine and watershed management.

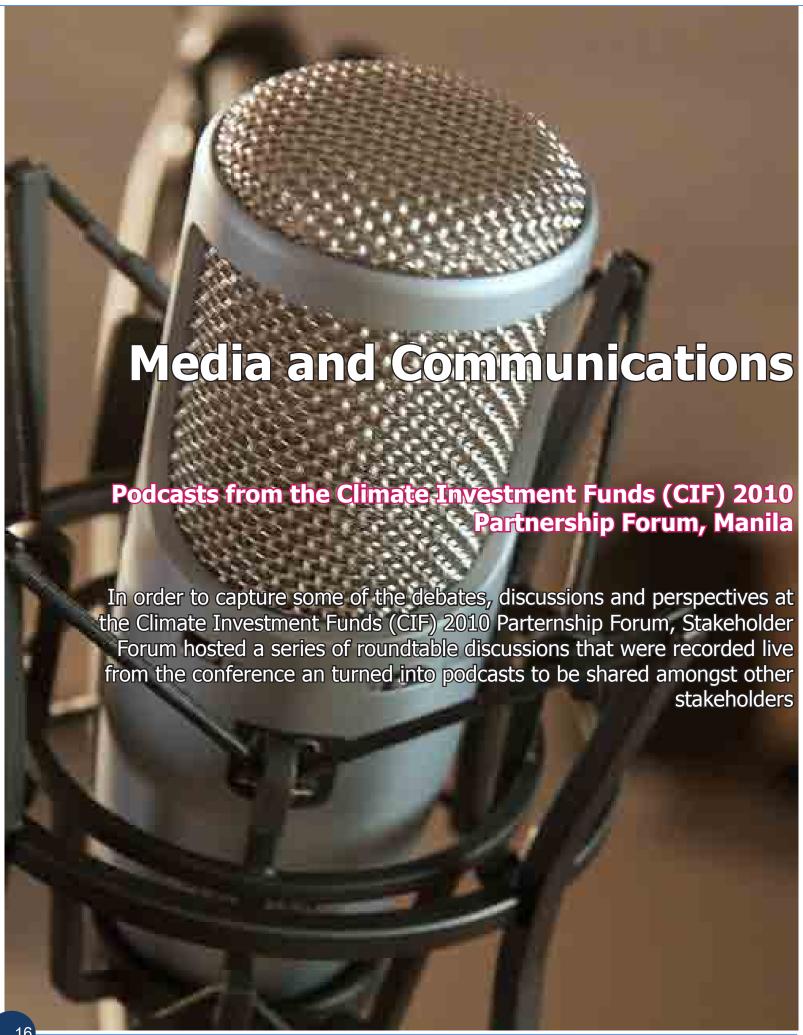
Each edition of Blue Diamonds has offered different constituencies around the world the opportunity to engage with activities and issues relevant to the GPA. In 2010, the newsletter has continued to provide a central space for keeping governmental and non-governmental stakeholders updated, sharing-best practice and widening opportunities for networking.

Additionally, Stakeholder Forum is also assisting with strategic planning to increase the understanding of the GPA as a multilateral tool, enhance stakeholder engagement, and promote actions of the GPA at a national level.

Previous newsletters are available on Stakeholder Forum's website www.stakeholderforum.org continue to be available at

this address.





Media and Communications

Podcasts from the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) 2010 Partnership Forum, Manila

In order to capture some of the **debates**, **discussions** and **perspectives** at the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) 2010 Partnership Forum, Stakeholder Forum hosted a series of **roundtable discussions** that were recorded **live from the conference** and turned into **podcasts** to be shared amongst other stakeholders.

The roundtable discussions brought different civil society and private sector actors together to tackle the big questions surrounding each of the programme areas including:

- 'Forests, freedom and finance', asking the questions: how are the interests of forest communities and Indigenous Peoples protected under plans to invest in forests? How can we ensure private sector investments adhere to rigorous standards?
- 'A climate proof future?' which investigated issues such as; how far is resilience to climate change possible? Is it appropriate to provide loans and not grants to countries whose climate vulnerability has been caused by others?
- 'An energy revolution in the making' considering difficult questions such as; is it feasible to generate renewable energy sectors in markets that are already dominated by powerful fossil fuel providers? How can we ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable sectors do not get forgotten in the energy revolution?

The podcasts were written and produced by Emily Benson and were presented by Hannah Stoddart. They are available on Stakeholder Forum's website www.stakeholderforum.org















Outreach @COP16

In order to capture the many different voices represented at the climate change negotiations, Stakeholder Forum produced Outreach, a multi-stakeholder magazine on environment and sustainable development, from the conference floor of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties-16 (COP16) in Cancún, Mexico.

As one of the four publications officially recognized by the UNFCCC Secretariat, Outreach acted as a conduit for the multifarious opinions of stakeholders, including regional and local governments, women, indigenous peoples, trade unions, industry, youth and Southern NGOs.

Outreach contributors were diverse and represented an array of voices; from youth groups working to improve Chinese and US environmental relations amongst young people, to the President of the Republic of Nauru on climate impacts across the Pacific, and the opinions of activists such as Sunita Narain. As well as harnessing the opinions of stakeholders, Outreach also allowed space for key thinkers and climate experts to unpack issues of relevance to the negotiations.

Throughout COP16, Outreach was distributed daily as a hard copy magazine to delegates and civil society representatives in the corridors of the conference venue and at the civil society side event venue. Online, Outreach was also distributed to a range of list serves to reach those unable to attend the conference. Outreach articles could also be accessed online at http://www.stakeholderforum.org/sf/outreach/ and all articles

"It's (Outreach) definitely some of the most thought-provoking material to come out of the COP process for some time – to the point and (more often than one might expect) quite inspiring."

Right: Outreach E-mail Newsletter Left: Outreach dedicated website Bottom Left: Outreach publication









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Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP

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Stephen Bass, Senior Fellow IIED





Water scarcity is one of the major challenges affecting





Capacity Building

'How to Lobby' Training Day 2010

In June 2010 Stakeholder Forum held its second UK-based 'How to Lobby' Training Day, following the success of the 2009 event. The full day workshop aimed to provide participants with the tools, knowledge and tricks-of-the-trade to help improve their success at lobbying decision-makers at the international level. The event attracted participants from the UK, Italy and Libya and included representatives from several non-government and intergovernmental organisations.

The first half of the workshop consisted of the core essentials of lobbying:

- Felix Dodds, Executive Director of Stakeholder Forum, gave an overview of how to impact at an intergovernmental meeting including how the UN system operates;
- Richard Black, BBC Environment Correspondent, spoke about the role of the media in negotiations and went through the best ways to approach and communicate with journalists to gain media coverage;



- Derek Osborn, President of Stakeholder Forum and Former Head of the UK government Delegation at the Rio Earth Summit, gave a government perspective on influencing decision-makers;
- A Role Play, coordinated by Hannah Stoddart of Stakeholder Forum, gave participants the opportunity to enact scenarios based on what they had learned from the NGO, media and government perspectives.



Executive Director, Felix Dodds and Derek Osborne, Stakeholder Forum President

The second half of the workshop consisted of more specific discussions on upcoming intergovernmental meetings:

- Elvira Kanichay from the advocacy team at Bond, spoke about the MDG+10 review and how to engage with it.
- MJ Mace, environmental law consultant, gave an overview of the UNFCCC and its subsidiary bodies, and how best to get involved with the process.

Participants were also provided with electronic copies of two of Stakeholder Forum's books: 'How to Lobby at Intergovernmental Meetings-Mine's a café Latte' and 'Negotiating and Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements'. Overall the training day received very good feedback, and further similar events are planned for 2011.

Event in Bali

In February 2010 Stakeholder Forum held a workshop entitled "How to lobby, for delegates" at the United Nations Environment Programme, Global Ministerial Environment Forum in Bali.

The workshop was run by Felix Dodds and Jan Gustav Strandanaes of **The Northern Alliance for Sustainability** (ANPED).





Felix Dodds and Jan Gustav Strandaneas in Bali

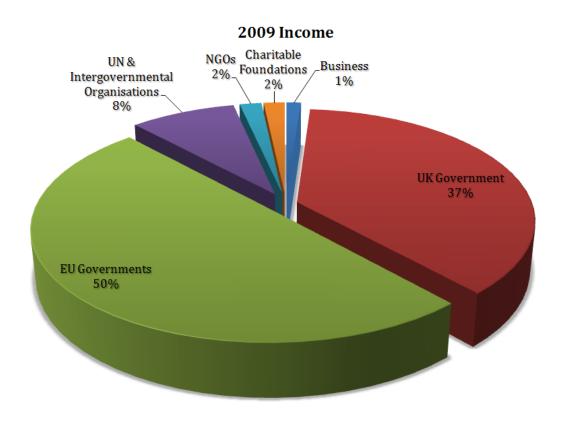
Intergrated Environmental Assessment Training Package

Stakeholder Forum was invited by the United Nations Environment Programme, Division of Early Warning and Assessment to help them launch their training package on Intergrated Environmental Assessment. The package included a range of online tools and workshops, and was launched alongside the second Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the 5th Global Environmental Assessment Report (GEO - 5).

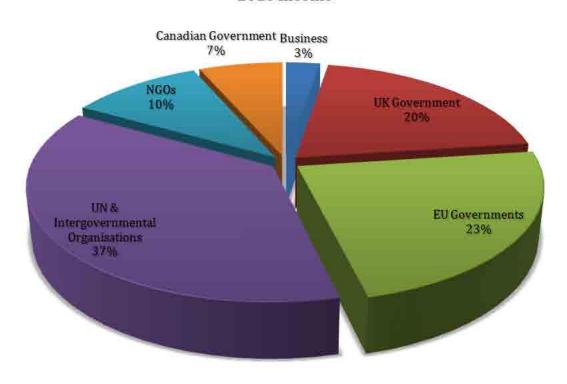
Stakeholder Forum assisted in the selection and briefing of the panel, the development of promotional materials, the press release and outreach to broader networks.



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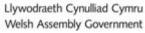








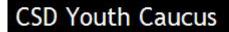








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