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# UNED-UK Annual Report

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*Building Partnerships for Sustainable Development*



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**1998/1999**

UNED-UK's mission is to promote global environmental protection and sustainable development, particularly through supporting the UN Environment Programme, the UN Development Programme, the UN Commission on Sustainable Development and all the other relevant UN and inter-governmental institutions.

Such commitments have been most fully expressed in Agenda 21 and the Rio Declaration, both agreed at the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, otherwise known as the Earth Summit

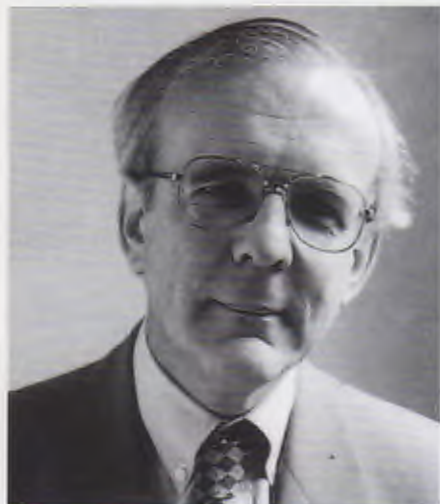
We are now preparing for Earth Summit 2002.



**UNED-UK**



## Introduction by the Chair



*Derek Osborn - Chair United Nations  
Environment & Development UK*

1999 has been a year of rapid growth and intense activity for UNED. Felix Dodds and the whole team have achieved great results, but have been under great pressure, and we are glad that new funding resources are enabling us to strengthen the team for the further expansion of effort that will be needed as we move towards Rio+10 in 2002.

Looking back 1999 seems to have been dominated for UNED by three main events - the seventh meeting of the CSD; the pan-European Health and Environment Conference; and the WTO meeting in Seattle.

By common consent the 1999 CSD was the most successful yet, and UNED's role working with Simon Upton (this year's New Zealand chair) to enable a true dialogue between different stakeholder groups to identify agendas and feed into the main conference was crucial to the success. We played a particularly important part in helping to develop the debate on gender issues and tourism and the environment.

It was a tribute to the reputation of UNED to be invited by the WHO to act as organisers and co-ordinators for all NGO input into the pan-European Ministerial Conference of Health and the Environment in London. Again the special achievement of UNED was to facilitate the input of a wide range of organisations from across Europe into the main ministerial event, and also to organise the NGO Forum.

Seattle was something else. This was new territory for UNED. We did no more than a preliminary foray into this arena with a preliminary conference in London and observer status at Seattle.

At the same time as handling these immediate requirements of 1999 we have continued to plan ahead and build awareness for Rio+10. During the year we have established the framework for a route map and shared it with many other organisations around the world. We have held a series of consultative meetings, and put an extended issues and process paper into wider circulation throughout the world. We are helping to build an effective network on all these issues with civil society in many countries North and South. But 2000 must be the year in which preparations step up a gear and serious negotiations commence.

UNED is reshaping itself, during 1999 we have established a new international committee and some additional staff posts to be ready for the tasks ahead. We will be entering 2000 in good shape for the 2002 challenge, and invite all our friends and partners to join with us in the quest for a really successful outcome from that occasion.



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## About UNED-UK

United Nations Environment and Development (UNED-UK) is a stakeholder forum which operates in the UK and around the world. We are now investigating the idea of setting up an international advisory board to supplement its executive committee. This will allow us to increase our work internationally at the same time as developing our deep roots among the UK stakeholders which set up the organisation in 1993 and have joined since.

In 1998, UNED-UK agreed that all our work over the coming years would be built around preparing for Earth Summit 2002. Within that remit, we work in the following areas:

- ◆ Building partnerships and networks.
- ◆ Researching and influencing policy.
- ◆ Providing and spreading information.
- ◆ Training and building capacity.



*"I want to pay tribute to UNED-UK for their contribution to the preparations for the 1997 UN Special Session."*

*Rt Hon John Prescott MP  
Deputy Prime Minister*





## Building partnerships

UNED-UK works with a range of UN and other organisations to promote sustainable development.

## UN Commission on Sustainable Development

Most people attending the 1999 Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) agree that it was the most successful one to date. It was attended by over 600 NGOs and representatives of other major groups. But perhaps the most significant development for UNED-UK was the CSD's promise in 2000 to plan ahead for the best possible result at Earth Summit 2002. This was due in part to the work that UNED had done over the past two years and also the leadership of CSD chair Simon Upton in allowing time for the ministers to discuss 2002.

The main issues dealt with at the 1999 CSD were:

- ◆ SIDS PrepCom (Barbados Plan of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States).
- ◆ Sustainable consumption and production.
- ◆ Tourism.
- ◆ Consumer guidelines.
- ◆ Oceans.
- ◆ Energy.
- ◆ Report back from UNESCO on their implementation of the 1996 CSD work programme on education.
- ◆ A progress report on voluntary initiatives.

There was also a two-day dialogue session between industry, NGOs, trade unions, local authorities and governments on tourism.

CSD 7 took place from 19 to 30 April 1999. The Dialogue Sessions were held from the afternoon of April 19 through to lunchtime of April 21, followed by the high level segment which lasted until April 23.

The 1999 CSD was probably the most successful CSD to date, because it:

- ◆ Was attended by the largest number of government environment and development ministers.
- ◆ Was attended by the largest number of NGOs.
- ◆ Had the largest Southern NGO participation at a CSD so far.
- ◆ Developed the dialogue sessions to a new level, using the incorporation chairs' text from the dialogues and the high level segment with the Intersessional document.
- ◆ Was successful in the development of policy.



*Towards Earth Summit - 2002*



- ◆ Agreed to ask the UN secretariat to prepare a paper on Earth Summit III 'modalities' - plans and possibilities - for next year's CSD.
- ◆ Agreed to set up a multi-stakeholder working group on tourism.

## Dialogues

The dialogue process grew out of the Habitat II conference and was brought to the CSD in 1997 by the CSD NGO steering committee as a result of its effectiveness there. The dialogues started as just a half-day presentation by each of the major groups on what they had been doing and what they think is important (1997). Dialogues are now an integral part of informing governments and others about stakeholders' policy options. The method is now being given similar weight to initial government presentations at the CSD Intersessional.

The preparation for the dialogues was co-ordinated for the NGOs by the CSD NGO co-chairs Esmeralda Brown and Felix Dodds; for trade unions by Lucien Royer of ICFTU; for local government by Jeb Brugman; and by Geoffrey Lipman and Elizabeth Simon for WTTC and IHRA.

The CSD secretariat co-ordinated a series of telephone conferences in preparation for the dialogues. CSD chair Simon Upton also brought in David Taylor, a key civil servant from New Zealand. He flew to the UK in March to meet the co-ordinators from the different stakeholder groups individually, and hosted a meeting at the New Zealand mission in March between the different stakeholder groups involved in the dialogues on tourism. This proved to be very important.

By using the papers submitted for the dialogue sessions by the different stakeholder groups, he tried to map out some possible agreements that could come out of the dialogue sessions. These suggested outcomes were put to the NGOs before the CSD and that helped make sure there was a constructive outcome.

The two days of dialogue sessions were an enormous success, partly thanks to excellent chairing by Simon Upton. Having a chair that challenges stakeholders about their positions means that their views have to be rigorously thought through. The agreements that came out of the two days were then used with the CSD Intersessional document, and the outcomes of tourism from the high level ministerial meeting, to develop the final text. This was an enormous leap in major group involvement in the United Nations. Instead of the work and expertise of the major groups being part of a sideshow, or having to work exclusively in the corridors, we are now seeing their work incorporated into the negotiations.



# Earth Summit 2002

The CSD is one of the very few forums where industry has been persuaded to come to the table openly. That provides a real chance for them to be involved in decisions and to be accountable for them. We hope that this approach can be transferred into other UN processes. This is a significant breakthrough!

Tourism offers a great chance for north and south NGOs to work together, because both have been experiencing serious impacts from tourism. The work of the CSD is, after all, complementary to a great deal of other local and national activity around sustainable tourism.

One of the key recommendations from the dialogues that came from the NGOs was to set up a multi-stakeholder group under the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) to look at financial leakages in the tourism industry. The plan was that this should make recommendations in the finance session next year for a joint initiative to make information more available and build capacity to take part in discussions about tourism for 2001. A third suggested area of work by the NGOs was to plan to make sure the land, water and other resource rights of indigenous people and other local communities do get through to the final text. The actual work will be decided at a meeting later in the year.

The multi-stakeholder work will be co-ordinated in the WTO by Eugenio Yunis, chief of Sustainable Development of Tourism. NGOs interested should work through the co-facilitators of the Tourism Caucus. The high-level ministerial meeting was moved from the end of the second week to immediately after the dialogue sessions. There were 89 ministers and heads of delegation who made statements over the three days. The UK had three ministers there including the Deputy Prime Minister. The chair said that he would only allow an hour and a half for prepared statements and then expected the ministers to take part in the dialogue. This was very successful.



## UNED-UK activities



*Rt Hon Chris Smith MP  
Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport*

We accredited over 60 people to the CSD this year, including organisations such as the Marine Stewardship Council, Tearfund, Tourism Concern, Novartis and Hampshire County Council.

### **UNED-UK conference**

UNED-UK hosted a new kind of conference - Towards the UN Millennium Assembly. This took place 18 January 1999 at Westminster Central Hall, London. It was an opportunity to hear Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, talk about his 'Challenges of the Millennium'. It was his first opportunity to talk about the subject with this new responsibility.

The morning panel session was on 'Sustainability in the 21st Century'. The speakers for this session were: Peter Scupholme (British Petroleum) on the 'Challenges for Business', Jeremy Smith (Local Government International Bureau) on the 'Challenges for Local Government', Margaret Brusasco Mackenzie (DGXI) on the 'Challenges for Global Environment'; and Andrew Simms (Jubilee 2000) on 'Challenges for Development'. There were lunchtime briefing sessions on: health, the Human Development Report, and the Commission on Sustainable Development. The afternoon session was on 'International opportunities for advancing the sustainable development agenda' - the keynote speaker for this was Alan Doss, director of the UN Development Group on 'Delivering the UN Agenda'.

### **Earth Summit 2002**

UNED-UK and the Norwegian Forum on Environment and Development have been organising a series of dinners for government officials, UN staff and NGOs over the past two years, concentrating on what might be achieved for Earth Summit 2002. A paper was developed out of these dinners at the CSD Intersessional and the CSD, and circulated widely among governments, NGOs and other stakeholders. This is available on UNED-UK's website. At the CSD, UNED-UK with the CSD NGO Steering Committee also organised a side event with speakers including Adnam Amin (UNEP North American Director), and Chip Lindner (former Secretary to the Brundtland Commission). The main themes the paper addresses are:

- ◆ Strategies for the run-up to and beyond 2002.
- ◆ What the main cross-sectoral issues might be.
- ◆ What the main sectoral issues might be.
- ◆ The role of the UN agencies and the future of the CSD.

UNED tabled a 'non paper' on 2002 strategies for ministers to look at during their meeting on Thursday morning. Ideas from this paper were then reflected in the paper presented to the CSD by the Danish Minister of Environment, Sven Auckland.



## Tourism

UNED-UK launched three reports on tourism at the CSD:

- ◆ Gender & Tourism. Women's Employment and Participation (funded by the UK Department for International Development and the German Government) edited by Minu Hemmati (see page 28)
- ◆ Codes of Conduct in Tourism, by Rosalie Gardiner.
- ◆ Poverty and Tourism (a development of a DFID and DETR seminar report) by Felix Dodds and Rosalie Gardiner.

UNED-UK also organised a side event on gender and tourism, launching that report, on the first day of CSD. Speakers were Thea Sinclair (Nottingham University), Richard Dewdney (DfID), Geoffrey Lioman (WTTC), I.A. Agung Mas (Sua Bali, Indonesia), Sarojinie Ellawela (Woodlands Network, Sri Lanka), and Lara Marsh (UNED-UK). The event was chaired by Margret Brusasco-McKenzie and attracted an audience of about 100 delegates.

## Sustainable consumption

UNED-UK launched a report on Gender and Sustainable Consumption - Bridging the Policy Gaps (funded by the Swedish and UK governments) by Shalini Grover, Clare Flenley and Minu Hemmati. UNED-UK also organised a side event chaired by Sheila McCabe (DETR): panellists included Catherine Rubbins (UN Division on Sustainable Development), Selim Jahan (HDR Office/UNDP), Shalini Grover (UNED-UK), and Minu Hemmati (UNED-UK).

UNED-UK also acted as advisor to Hampshire County Council who were organising a major international conference called Down to Earth - Sustainable Consumption In the 21st Century. The conference aimed to:

- ◆ Examine and identify the causes of over consumption - not just the symptoms.
- ◆ Create ownership of solutions at a local and a national level.
- ◆ Encourage research for the mutual benefit of all.
- ◆ Involve local and central government around the world to motivate and contribute to a better use of resources, products and a reduction in waste.
- ◆ Encourage manufacturing to modify the design of products and packaging to reduce waste material while still satisfying consumer and economic demands.
- ◆ Create a better understanding of production and consumption as an inter linked system.
- ◆ Contribute to the preparations for Earth Summit 2002.



## UNED-UK

United Nations Environment and  
Development - UK



UNED-UK helped by accrediting Hampshire Council to the CSD and by introducing them to key people at the UN. We also helped to run a side event at the CSD and set up an International Advisory Board.

### Oceans

UNED-UK's Round table on Oceans had a set of key recommendations that were fed into the relevant negotiations. Some of these dealt with the need to have a look at the over 40 global or regional fisheries agreements. We are now waiting for the findings of a research project in this area which will be available for the first meeting of the new UN General Assembly body on oceans.

UNED-UK also co-facilitated the Oceans Caucus throughout the past year. Felix Dodds and Tom Bigg took leading facilitating roles at the CSDI and CSD respectively.

UNED-UK worked with the Marine Stewardship Council who were organising a two day conference to coincide with the CSD. We helped in advising on how their work might interface with the CSD, set up meetings with key UN people and helped them find a venue for their conference.

### Bio-prospecting and benefit sharing

UNED-UK collaborated with Novartis Germany and Novartis International to organise a workshop on bio-prospecting and benefit sharing at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York during the CSD. Several case studies of benefit sharing strategies were presented there, among them Novartis' BioLead project, put forward by representatives from Novartis as well as one of the partner communities from Mexico. Other presenters included R.V. Anuradha (Kalpavrisksh, India) and Katy Moran (The Healing Forest Conservancy, USA). The workshop was chaired by Derek Osborn and generated lively discussions among the 30 participants from governments, CSD secretariat, industry, NGOs, academia and the Rockefeller Foundation. With the help of Rosalie Gardiner (UNED-UK) as reporter, a joint report has been produced to reflect the presentations and discussions and summarising the questions which participants felt need to be addressed further. This will be followed up by a side event at CSD-8 in 2000, discussing how to build equitable partnerships between local communities and international corporations to use natural resources sustainably.

### Stakeholder Toolkit for Women

The Toolkit was presented at the Sustainable Development Learning Centre at CSD-7, using the internet facilities of the Learning Centre to demonstrate the structure and workings of the project. Katja Schoenborn, the project assistant, helped to set up the event.



# UNED-UK activities

## Roadmap to 2002

The Roadmap to 2002 project is UNED-UK's strategic tool for addressing the ever-evolving sustainable development agenda. Its purpose is to help all groups to prepare and co-ordinate their efforts into the overall debate. The process works by tracking the agenda issue by issue, from the first Earth Summit in Rio up to Earth Summit 2002.

## TopCom consultancy

UNED-UK advised the German public relations company TopCom about setting up a virtual conference on climate change. We helped them understand ongoing international and regional institutions and processes, relevant issues, important stakeholders, potential advisors and participants - as well as the structure and process of such a conference. The concept is being followed up by TopCom, who are also advising German laender governments and the Green Party on PR issues.

## Executive Committee

|                             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Derek Osborn                | Chair                                 |
| Malcolm Harper              | Vice Chair - UNA Director             |
| Margaret Brusasco-Mackenzie | Vice Chair - EC DGXI                  |
| Nick Wilson                 | Treasurer - GEMS                      |
| Linda Benn                  | Community Health UK                   |
| Graeme Bell                 | Town & Country Planning Association   |
| Christine Blackmore         | ESF from Open University              |
| Monica Brett                | World Conservation Monitoring Centre  |
| Dr Norma Bubier             | Individual                            |
| Pamela Castle               | Individual                            |
| Tony Colman MP              | GLOBE UK                              |
| Herbert Girardet            | Individual                            |
| Tony Hams                   | Individual                            |
| Caroline Le Quesne          | Oxfam                                 |
| Robert Lamb                 | Television Trust for the Environment  |
| David Lea                   | Trade Union Congress                  |
| Barney Leith                | Baha'i Community                      |
| Janice Langley              | NFWI                                  |
| Jane Morris                 | LGMB                                  |
| Mary Painter                | RSPB                                  |
| Philippe Sands              | FIELD                                 |
| Peter Scupholme             | International Chamber of Commerce     |
| Andrew Simms                | Christian Aid                         |
| David Woollcombe            | Director of Peace Child International |

## Observers

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bertrand Coppins | UN Development Programme           |
| Ahmad Fawzi      | UN London Information Centre       |
| Caroline Jobson  | ICC UK                             |
| Sheila McCabe    | DETR                               |
| Anders Renlund   | UN Environment Programme           |
| Chris Revie      | Scottish Environment Forum         |
| Peter Sanders    | UNA                                |
| David Turner     | Dept for International Development |
| Jon Wonham       | University of Wales                |



## CSD NGO Steering Committee

Felix Dodds has been the Northern chair of the NGO Steering Committee this year. This year we set up an effective office for the steering committee. After having to move three times during the year Under Secretary General Nitin Desai gave us an office to use within the UN. The steering committee operated very effectively throughout the year and at the CSD, producing a pack of materials which included the following publications:

- ◆ A booklet with all the rules of the steering committee - this should enable a greater transparency (issue 1).
- ◆ An annual report (1st one).
- ◆ A diary for all the events at the CSD - over 150 side events (issue 1).
- ◆ A booklet of all the issue-based caucuses and the NGOs which are members of them.
- ◆ A briefing document on how to work at the CSD.



*Felix Dodds  
(UNED-UK) Co-ordinator  
Co-chair CSD NGO Steering Committee*

Outreach, set up by UNED-UK in 1996 and now produced by the Norwegian Forum with help from UNED-UK, was produced daily. Toby Middleton of UNED working as part of the Outreach team at the CSD then edited Outreach for the WHO Health and Environment conference later in the year. The Northern Clearing House is in the process of producing a book with the transcripts and political commentary from the dialogues in 1998 and 1999. The book is edited by Michael Strauss, who represents UNED-UK in New York at regular UN meetings.

The steering committee also organised training for new NGOs coming in and had training sessions on the first Saturday and the middle Sunday. It also organised the morning strategy sessions, oversaw the dialogues and had three steering committee meetings. It brought in computers and a photocopier to enable people to do their work effectively. The final steering committee meeting recognised the new committee and said goodbye to the director of the Northern Clearing House, Megan Howell and welcomed the new director Mita Sen (Ex WEDO).

It also managed to organise a party - we can lobby hard and party too! Felix Dodds was re-elected as Northern Chair of the CSD NGO Steering Committee unopposed. Minu Hemmati was elected as the Northern Co-Facilitator of the Women's Caucus. Trevor Harvey of the UNED-UK Task Group on Education was re-elected as the Northern co-facilitator of the Education Caucus. Michael Strauss was elected as the media co-ordinator for the steering committee.



# As UNEP's National Committee

## Financial Institutions Initiative

UNED-UK were asked by UNEP to help organise the outreach to the UK press for the Fourth International Round table Meeting on Finance and the Environment which happened at Queens' College, Cambridge on the 17-18 September. The meeting was called 'Profitability and Responsibility in the 21st Century'. Speakers included Klaus Töpfer, executive director of UNEP; environment minister Michael Meacher MP; and Derek Wanless, chief executive of the Nat West Group.

UNED-UK also produced an eight-page pull out of Connections on the main issues discussed at the Cambridge meeting.

## UNEP National Committee meeting

November 1998 saw the first global meeting between UNEP and its national committees. Hosted by UNEP's regional office for Europe, the meeting attracted 16 national committees from around the world. The meeting provided a unique opportunity for UNEP to build its relationship with its national committees, and to co-ordinate global efforts around its work programmes. The national committees were also invited to give overviews of their current and future activities - not only to enhance their effectiveness with UNEP, but also to build stronger partnerships between each other.

The meeting discussed resource mobilisation and fund-raising for both UNEP and the committees. UNEP invited its national committees to think about their input to the forthcoming 20th Governing Council Meeting (see later in this report). This represented another new level of participation between the two groups and set a procedural path for the formal adoption of the progress made. The meeting closed by looking forward to schedule future meetings between UNEP and its national committees, likely to be held annually, to develop these closer and more productive relations even further.

## UNEP Governing Council - UNEP's 20th Governing Council

UNEP's GC 20 convened in at its headquarters in Nairobi in the first week of February this year. As well as addressing emerging policy issues and links between environmental conventions, the GC also focussed on UNEP's budgetary reforms and its future work programmes under the new executive director Klaus Töpfer.

The week-long conference was packed with side-events, a number of which were hosted by UNED-UK in partnership with other NGOs - as well as various UNEP departments with whom we maintained close relations.



*United Nations Environment Programme*



## As UNEP's National Committee

The first of these meetings was a multi-stakeholder panel session in support of UNEP's Financial Services Initiative (FSI), entitled 'Financial Tools for Sustainable Development'. Chaired by UNEP's deputy executive director Shafqat Kakakhel, the meeting provided a timely opportunity to assess the progress made in follow up to the fourth meeting of the FSI which took place in September 1998.

As part of UNED-UK's preparations for Earth Summit 2002, we held a panel discussion to take the debate further. The GC 20 provided a new forum to continue this discussion who we had not previously had the opportunity to engage in this debate. This included input from UNEP's Jacqueline Aloisi de Larderel, Fritz Schlingemann, regional director for Europe and Mona Brother of the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Together with the Norwegian Forum and the Environment Liaison Centre International, we also invited ministers to join NGO representatives away from the centre stage, to talk about their governments' policies on the international environment agenda.

This frank exchange of views allowed both sides to get a clearer perspective on future partnership on UNEP Environment Agenda, to hear about everybody's various priorities and to foster stronger links between government and civil society.

## UNDP Focal Point

We organised an event at the Healthy Planet Forum for UNDP to look at their new look at aid - 'Global Public Goods'. The event was organised with the European Sustainable Development Network (German Forum on Environment and Development), NCDO from the Netherlands, the Danish '92 Committee and the Norwegian Forum on Environment and Development), ANPED and ODI. ODI director Simon Maxwell chaired the meeting.



# Healthy Planet Forum

The Healthy Planet Forum was a great success. Over 1,000 people came during the four day event. There were also 40 side events covering topics such as transport, food and freshwater. UNED-UK collaborated to organise:

- ◆ A panel on environment and health with guest speakers Klaus Töpfer and Gro Harlem Brundtland.
- ◆ Global Public Goods side event.
- ◆ Women, Health & Environment - half day seminar organised by Gender 21 and Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), and the Women's Environment Network (WEN).
- ◆ One-day freshwater conference.
- ◆ Environmental Justice conference.
- ◆ Healthy Communities conference.
- ◆ Education 21 side event.
- ◆ Food Summit.

We launched the European database on environment and health at the Healthy Planet Forum. And we facilitated the Healthy Planet Forum Declaration and the NGOs participating in the ministerial conference. It has been suggested that this should come out as a Millennium Paper.

The UK host organising committee met on the afternoon of June 18 after the conference had finished and agreed to meet again in July. At that meeting, the government indicated they were very happy with the work we had done and the host committee agreed to again become a UNED-UK Health and Environment Round table. A paper was tabled which suggested a work programme for the Round table. This was supported and we will be going to the government to request funds to support this. We had a grant from Glaxo Wellcome for the newsletter which has run out, but we have contacted them to ask if they would consider carry on funding it.

## Environment and health publications

European Directory of Environment and Health Organisations (June 1999, 100pp). Although June 1999 was the Third Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, it was the first time that a parallel NGO forum had been held. So this directory marks the beginning of a process of contacting, networking with and involving environment and health organisations from the whole of the WHO European Region of 51 countries. We distributed questionnaires using a variety of channels in four languages (Russian, Spanish, French, English) and a great deal of time was spent making sure we found at least some contacts in each member state. The result is a balanced representation by country - if not a fair representation according to the number of active organisations in some, mostly western, countries. But the directory was intended as a first attempt: something to build on in the coming years, according to whatever resources can be mustered.



*Gro Harlem Brundtland (Director-General, WHO), Derek Osborn (UNED-UK) & Klaus Töpfer (Executive Director, UNEP) at the Healthy Planet Forum*



# Healthy Planet Forum

It can be accessed on:

<http://www.oneworld.org/uneduk/>

A Quality and Health - A Guide (June 1999, 73pp). This guide arose out of the activity of the Health Round table and began as an exercise in compiling information from the different members of the Round table into one easy to follow comprehensive text. It was intended to include everything a concerned mother needed to know, for example, about the possible health effects of air pollution on her asthmatic child - and what possible courses of action she could take. The finished product was in fact a collaboration between the Chartered Institute of Environment and Health and UNED-UK. There are sections on:

- ◆ Current research on the major air pollutants and their effects on health.
- ◆ The legislative framework (UK and Europe).
- ◆ A summary of the major relevant reports on the subject.
- ◆ Where to find out about ongoing research.
- ◆ Examples of successful initiatives, campaigns and events.
- ◆ A directory of relevant UK organisations.

It was intended that the guide should be widely available.

Health and Environment News. We produced five copies of this newsletter this year. It provided information on the preparatory work for the Healthy Planet Forum and the ministerial conference.



*Healthy Planet Forum*



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Third Ministerial Conference on  
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The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council. Its aim is to prepare recommendations and reports to the council on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields. Its aim is to help put into practice the principle that men and women have equal rights.

After the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, the council mandated the commission to organise a follow-up process, in which the commission should review the 12 critical areas of concern in the Platform for Action (PFA). The commission meets annually.

The 43rd Session of the CSW met over three weeks from the 1-19 March 1999 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Priority themes were:

### **Women and health**

Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women

The start of the comprehensive review and an appraisal of the implementation of the PFA.

The purpose of the three weeks were to discuss the last two issues from the 12 critical areas of action identified in the PFA. Work was also continuing to finish an optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination (CEDAW), which would provide a process for individual complaints about violations by nations which are parties to CEDAW.







Amy Cruse  
(UNED-UK) Gender 21 Assistant

UNED-UK's Gender 21 Initiative has successfully secured its second year of funding from the DETR Environmental Action Fund, continuing with the priorities set following the World Environment Day launch conference - 'Gender and Humanity: Into the 21st Century'. Priorities are:

- ◆ Networking: Identifying and connecting groups of women actively engaged in working towards sustainable communities.
- ◆ Local, national, international participation: Local Agenda 21 participation at every level ready for Beijing+5.
- ◆ Education and raising awareness: Empowerment of individuals, to make sure that a gender perspective is addressed in all environmental policy decisions.
- ◆ Providing information: Helping groups and individuals understand the key role that they can play to actively advance sustainable development.
- ◆ Project co-ordination: Highlighting the contribution of women towards achieving sustainable development - through research, providing information, lobbying and networking.

## Advisory group

A Gender 21 advisory group has been set up to give strategic guidance and advise on the work programme. The group is guided by the principle of multi-sectoralism. A core group of approximately 15 women - including staff members of UNED-UK working on gender issues - named representatives of organisations and individuals with a track record of involvement in international, national and local gender issues. The group draws on a wide spectrum of women's organisations and interests.

A wider network of organisations and individuals - including observers from government departments amongst others - receive a regular quarterly report on Gender 21 and related UNED-UK activities and may be called on to support specific events or issues. Former UNED-UK vice-chair Fiona McConnell has been acting as chair of the group for the past year but will be stepping down in the near future.



## Seminars

We held two half-day seminars at the end of November 1998. The first - called 'Gender and Equity' - was co-sponsored by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where the event was held. Objectives were to:

- ♦ Examine how gender stereotypical images affect women's consumption.
- ♦ Look at ways in which women are exploited through advertising and ways of overcoming this.
- ♦ Discuss positive examples and create new, practical guidelines.

The second seminar was held a week later, called 'Local Agenda 21 and Gender' and co-sponsored by the Local Government Management Board. Principal speakers included Fiona Reynolds in her first public speech since her appointment as policy director to the Women's Unit. Objectives were to:

- ♦ Draw out the main problems faced by women who want to get involved in the Local Agenda 21 process.
- ♦ Find ways in which these obstacles can be overcome so that guidelines for participation can be drawn up.
- ♦ Examine why Local Agenda 21 indicators are not gender sensitive.
- ♦ Find ways to make sure that indicators become gender sensitive in the future.
- ♦ Discuss positive examples.

## CSW briefing session

The UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meets every year to discuss and review the issues raised by the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995 and documented in the Platform for Action. Each year they deal with three of the 12 sections identified in this. The Gender 21 Initiative arranged a briefing session for NGOs wanting to attend the CSW in February this year. The briefing was given by Jane Esuantsiwa Goldsmith; Valerie Evans, chair of the Women's National Commission; and Jeremy Astill-Brown of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## Healthy Planet Forum

Gender 21 organised a half-day seminar to take place during the Healthy Planet Forum in June. 'Women, Environment and Health' was organised in collaboration with Women in Europe for a Common Future and the Women's Environmental Network and had speakers from across Europe talking about the environmental issues which have specific detrimental effect to the health of women. A report will be published soon.



Jane Esuantsiwa Goldsmith



## **Beijing +5**

The five-year review of the UN Fourth World Conference on Women takes place in June 2000 at the UN headquarters in New York. To prepare for this, we have worked closely with the Women's National Commission (WNC) who were responsible for compiling the NGO alternative report for the UK. The NGO report is alternative to the government's response to a UN questionnaire assessing the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (PfA) since 1995.

Gender 21 received the official mandate to carry out our own consultation process for Section K of the PfA: Women and the Environment. This was carried out in three phases including our own questionnaire and a round table event. The resulting document was submitted to the WNC and will be sent to the UN in the overall UK NGO Alternative Report. We plan to take this work forward with a series of round tables to form a comprehensive report on UK activities on Women and the Environment in the UK and recommendations for further action.

## **Local Agenda 21**

A funding proposal is being developed to assess the active involvement of women's organisations in Local Agenda 21 process. We hope to start the survey this year.

## **New administrative arrangements**

It has been necessary to take on Clare Flenely and Minu Hemmati as senior advisors to the Gender 21 project. They will each work for four days per month and their tasks will be to help develop the project and to seek and secure match funding.

## **Database**

An extensive database of over 550 interested people, organisations and networks involved in the field of women and sustainable development has been compiled and used in the Section K consultation process.



# Capacity building and training

Ukraine: As part of our partnership in the Ukraine, UNED-UK has assisted the NGO MAMA 86 in organising their first ever national public consultation process in that country on a government programme. Chapters of the draft National Environmental Health Action Plan were distributed to hundreds of NGOs, experts and members of the country. Participants were then invited to attend five seminars in different towns and cities to give input to the plan. UNED-UK helped develop the information sheets on the NEHAPS and the London Health and Environment process as well as questionnaires designed to help participants formulate their critique of the draft documents. The process, funded by the UK Know How Fund, has had a significant impact in the Ukraine, and local action plans have developed as a result of the consultation seminars in several regions. The Ukraine Parliamentary Committee, whose job it is to adopt the NEHAPS, have warmly supported the process. The Ukrainian NEHAPS was presented at the London Health and Environment conference.

## Research and policy

### UNED-UK Round Tables

#### Sustainable agriculture and rural development

UNED-UK originally organised a round table on these topics in 1994/95. At its 2000 session, the UN CSD will consider sustainable agriculture and rural development, as well as trade issues as these relate to sustainable development. The first three days of the session will include a dialogue between the key sectors involved in delivering sustainable agriculture - farmers' organisations, the private sector, trade unions and NGOs. Countries will then discuss issues where the CSD could reach useful conclusions to make sure the international system works more effectively to deliver the objectives agreed at the Rio Summit, the World Food Summit, and in other relevant inter-governmental agreements.

UNED-UK has reconvened the round table to encourage UK participants to see how the CSD is relevant to their own activities, and to promote discussion and common positions among a wide range of organisations which could then be fed into the preparatory process for CSD 2000.

The round table's activities have included:

- ◆ Organise seminars on key issues.
- ◆ Promote awareness of international preparations for the CSD, including the work of the CSD NGO Steering Committee's Sustainable Agriculture Caucus and the September 1999 FAO conference in Maastricht.



*Claire Nugent  
(UNED-UK) Administrator*



- ◆ Produce a report for the CSD building on the report prepared for the CSD by the 1994-5 agriculture round table.
- ◆ Produce a set of case studies bringing together examples of good practice and instances where the CSD can help unblock effective action.

Meeting with government departments: We held a meeting with representatives from government departments - Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions; Ministry for Agriculture Fisheries and Food; Department of Trade and Industry; and Department for International Development, to discuss what issues they want to address at next year's CSD and what log-jams they anticipate. This meeting provided an opportunity for our round table participants to discuss their international and domestic priorities. Issues raised by the round table included:

- ◆ Food security - including the use of genetically modified organisms in food.
- ◆ Law and sustainable agriculture.
- ◆ Trade liberalisation closing down options at the local level, including trade-related intellectual property rights.
- ◆ How can the CSD process put pressure on the World Trade Organisation?
- ◆ Adopting a rights-based approach to sustainable agriculture.
- ◆ Health and environment, including pesticides.
- ◆ Jobs and sustainable agriculture.

### Education

UNED-UK's Education Task Group has been active since 1995 and participated in the CSD meetings since 1996. It met throughout the last year working on a conference and on preparations for the CSD. In March, it carried out a critical analysis of the UN report by Unesco on the implementation of the 1996 CSD agreement, shared with many countries before the CSD. The Task Group was represented in New York by Jenny Young and David Woollcombe. It met Unesco and lobbied successfully for the CSD to instruct them to re-write their report for 2000 in consultation with NGOs and other stakeholders. The European Union played a key role in supporting the NGO suggestions.

The Task Group organised a side event at the Healthy Planet Forum called 'Top Tips for Learning for Sustainable Communities', chaired by Sara Parkin of Forum for the Future. Speakers were David Woollcombe (Peace Child International), Trevor Harvey (co-facilitator of CSD NGO Caucus) and Mary Young (Oxfam Education).



## Research and policy

### Freshwater

UNED-UK's round table on freshwater continued after the 1998 CSD. It focused on three areas:

- ◆ Developing a proposal to look at water management in comparable cities and towns in developing countries - focusing on services for the urban poor and including a gender perspective. We hope to have this funded and the report to be available for the CSD in 2000.
- ◆ The round table has also worked on a conference at the Healthy Planet Forum called 'Setting the Freshwater Agenda for the 21st Century'. The conference had sponsorship from Vivendi, The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, Dundee University and Water UK. It offered an opportunity to increase the profile for freshwater in the health and environment debate and to link together the CSD process, the WHO process and the Dutch Ministerial Meeting in March 2000.
- ◆ Material produced from the conference included papers on the roles of local authorities, women, industry and trade unions. These can all be found on our website. Conference organiser Elaine Emling has been supporting the work of the round table over the past year.

### Media

UNED-UK has launched its newest round table, this time on the media. Organised by UNED-UK executive board member Monica Brett and help and advice from John Snow and Geoffrey Lean and facilitated within UNED staff by Claire Nugent. The objectives of the round table are to create a forum between the media and other stakeholders in preparation for Earth Summit 2002. On 15 March, UNED hosted a conference on the media's role in reporting environment and development issues - 'Breaking Down the Barriers'. London Zoo director Jo Gripps opened the conference and the keynote speaker was environment minister Michael Meacher MP.

There was a presentation of research on media and sustainable development by Chris Church from UNED and Heather Voisey from University of East Anglia's CSERGE. It makes a set of recommendations on how national and local government should work together to improve the image and profile of sustainability.

A media panel addressed the question: Why should we report on the environment and sustainable development? The session was chaired by Anne Koch, BBC news executive editor, and a variety of media representatives included Geoffrey Lean (Independent on Sunday environment correspondent), Rosie Boycott (editor of the Daily Express), Robert Lamb (director of TVE) and Margaret Gilmore (BBC environment correspondent). Geoffrey Lean talked about the importance of engaging and informing the media decision-makers who have the power to choose which stories make news.



*"I applaud UNED-UK for their initiative in contributing to that debate with this conference today."*

*Rt Hon Michael Meacher MP  
Minister of State for Environment*



## Research and policy

A panel of NGO representatives asked why the media should believe NGOs. Participants included Charles Secrett (director of Friends of the Earth), Barbara Young (director of English Nature), Richard Sandbrook (director of IIED) and Shelagh Young (Oxfam media officer). There was also a series of workshops on subjects such as terminology and how to report on complex environmental issues.

## Research projects

### Gender and Tourism/Women's Employment and Participation

The project was funded by the UK government (DfID Environment Policy Division), and ran from September 1998 until April 1999 when the report, edited by project co-ordinator Minu Hemmati, was being launched at the CSD. It highlights the importance of the tourism sector for women, the significant gender segregation of the labour market in tourism and examples of women's community-based initiatives carving out their share of local markets. With the help of a team of seven volunteers (Lara Marsh, Harriet Berhane, Rosalie Gardiner, Carmen Michael, Martin Prowse, Sarah Valinsky) and under the guidance of a multi-stakeholder advisory board, we gathered the latest available data on women's employment in tourism and 13 case studies on women's community-based tourism initiatives from around the globe. The report provides information about:

- ◆ Percentages of women in the tourism workforce.
- ◆ Their working hours and wages.
- ◆ Typical occupations and positions.
- ◆ Case studies based on a common framework.
- ◆ Chapters highlighting particular countries and other issues such as women's rights issues.
- ◆ Gender stereotyping.
- ◆ Sexual objectification.
- ◆ Images of women in travel brochures, etc.

The report includes a final chapter summarising conclusions and recommendations for various stakeholders. A brief summary was produced (available at [www.uned-uk.org/toolkits/women/current/gendertourismrep.htm](http://www.uned-uk.org/toolkits/women/current/gendertourismrep.htm)) which was sent out to CSD member states and other stakeholders before the CSD, where a side event on the first day provided space to present key findings and views from government, industry and NGO representatives. Additional financial support from the German government (Federal Ministry for Technical Co-operation and Development) enabled two case study authors from Sri Lanka and Indonesia to attend the CSD and make presentations. The report will be published as a book with Earthscan in London.



*Dr Minu Hemmati  
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Gender & Tourism, Gender & Sustainable  
Consumption, Bio-prospecting.)*



## Research projects

### **Gender and Consumption - Bridging the Policy Gaps**

The project began in October 1998 and produced a report which was launched at CSD-7. Shalini Grover, the project researcher, worked with Clare Flenley and Minu Hemmati (project co-ordinators) and reviewed existing literature on gender issues in the area of sustainable consumption.

The report looks into consumption and the need for differentiating between different social groups. Presents latest relevant research and case studies of women's grassroots activism on sustainable consumption. Identifies considerable research gaps and recommendations for appropriate policy and action at the international and national levels.

The project has also gathered a considerable database of experts on the issue and generated interest from other bodies, such as UNEP and IPCC. The report was launched at a side event at CSD-7, when Sheila McCabe (UK government, DETR) chaired a panel with speakers from UNDP (HDR Office), UN DSD and UNED-UK. It is available on the internet at [www.uned-uk.org/consumption/consumption.htm](http://www.uned-uk.org/consumption/consumption.htm).

### **Human Development Report for the UK**

The UN Development Programme produces a Human Development Report (HDR) every year. The report examines global trends in key areas of human activity, and includes a Human Development Index which allows comparison between the performance of countries on a range of measures of human well-being. Each annual HDR focuses in some detail on a particular theme - the 1997 report looked at poverty; the 1998 report considered consumption and production; and the 1999 report focused on globalisation.

The UNED-UK Human Development Report is intended to apply some of the thinking behind UNDP's work to the UK, with a particular focus on issues of poverty and inequality. Funding for research in this area over a two-year period has been secured from the National Lotteries Charities Board (1998-2000). UNDP has actively supported UNED-UK's work in this initiative, and sees particular value in the production of a national Human Development Report by a non-governmental organisation. If the project is considered successful, there will be interest in starting similar research in other countries.

Contributions will be made by a number of organisations and individuals who have been involved in the project so far and by authorities in the relevant fields. They will provide material on areas of particular expertise (including boxes exploring particular issues), data and research which they have carried out, and appraisals of the report as it is being prepared. Organisations involved include the Community Development Foundation, the International Institute for Environment



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Researcher*



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and Development (IIED), the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Lower Ormeau Road Action Group (Belfast), National Food Alliance, New Economics Foundation, Oxfam, Single Parents Action Network, the Poverty Alliance (Strathclyde), Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research (University of Bristol), UK Coalition Against Poverty and the Welsh Anti Poverty Network. The UK Human Development Report will:

- ◆ Provide data on human development in the UK.
- ◆ Compare the UK to other countries
- ◆ Look at the cross-overs between work on sustainable development and anti poverty programmes - exploring both areas where constructive exchange is possible and areas where tensions and conflict may exist.
- ◆ Provide policy proposals to government and other decision-makers
- ◆ Make sure there is input from people living in poverty.
- ◆ Take into account experience of other organisations.
- ◆ Make sure there is a strong regional focus.

Earthscan have agreed to publish the report, which will be available in mid-2000. Jane Seymour is working as editor and principal writer of the report. Tom Bigg is overseeing the project.



Tom Bigg  
(UNED-UK) Policy Co-ordinator



# Information and resources

## Web Projects - Roadmap to 2002

The Roadmap to 2002 project acts as UNED-UK's strategic tool for addressing the ever-evolving sustainable development agenda. Its purpose is to help all groups prepare and co-ordinate their efforts for the overall debate. The process works by tracking the agenda, issue by issue, from the first Earth Summit in Rio up to Earth Summit 2002.

We do this by providing chronological listings for each chosen issue, of the key meetings, conferences and events that have taken place at the international and regional level. Links are provided to the outcome texts from those meetings, as well as to the agencies and organisations that hosted them. This allows visitors to the website to track the development of each issue, whilst highlighting the lead global organisations heading the agenda.

Phase I of the Roadmap Project began in September 1998, with the website structure. The pilot issue chosen was freshwater, drawing on the input and expertise of UNED's freshwater round table. Phase II, designed to run throughout 1999, is where the Roadmap really begins to fulfil its potential. This has been the ongoing development phase of the project.

Phase II has not only extended the number of issues listed on the Roadmap, but has also integrated the inter-active perspective of the project. New issues posted online early in the year focused on those being addressed at the 1999 session of the CSD. After that, we have been working to bring online the issues for the 2000 CSD session.

The expert advisory groups are made up of representatives of the various major groups involved in the sustainable development process, each issue having its own group of experts. Each expert provides analysis, relevant to the group they are representing, of the current state of their issue. This analysis looks at the significant advances that have taken place at previous negotiations, the current critical issues needing to be prioritised and finally identifies the future process steps where the agenda can be carried forward.

It is through these advisory groups that we will be advancing the Roadmap project from a passive information resource into an interactive tool. The advisory groups will continue to be developed and updated as the agenda progresses. We hope that the Roadmap website will play a significant role in helping our members, partners and colleagues work together in the run up to Earth Summit 2002. Web site: [www.uned-uk.org](http://www.uned-uk.org)



*Toby Middleton*  
(UNED-UK) Roadmap Project Co-ordinator



# Information and resources

## Launching the Roadmap to 2002

The seventh session of the UN CSD provided the stage for the official launch of the Roadmap to 2002 website. Representatives from government, industry, trade unions and NGOs were invited to the launch to see how the project could help their work. The one and a half hour briefing gave an online presentation of how the Roadmap process works. Participants at the meeting were invited to provide feedback on what they needed to do to prepare and take part in the UN system on the various issues listed on the website.

This two-way input has been central in the design of the Roadmap to make sure that the project matches and serves the needs of those involved in the debate. We will be working to maintain this level of input throughout the course of the project, via our sponsors, members, partners and international colleagues.

## Stakeholder Toolkit for Women

UNED-UK has continued the work on the Stakeholder Toolkit for Women, adding the necessary UN and NGO documents, information for networking and other useful references and material to the website ([www.uned-uk.org/toolkits/women/](http://www.uned-uk.org/toolkits/women/)). Software development has been started on the search engine and indexing. The toolkit was discussed in several meetings around the CSW so that we could hear what people thought about the structure and content of the planned booklet and CD-rom. The project has also been presented at the Sustainable Development Learning Centre at CSD-7. Both events were organised with the help of Katja Schoenborn who also contributed to the initial toolkit development. A regional workshop with participants from Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique and Zimbabwe is planned for December 1999. The toolkit website will be launched in the beginning of 2000. Work on the booklet, which is going to be disseminated free of charge, is planned to be finished by spring/summer 2000.

As part of the preparatory work for the Stakeholder Toolkit for Women, we reviewed research literature on user-friendly interface design. The report, which was done by consultant Gabriele Mouty, is available at [www.uned-uk.org/interfacedesign.interfacedesign.htm](http://www.uned-uk.org/interfacedesign.interfacedesign.htm) Other preparatory work included research on global connectivity, how NGOs could use the internet, gender gaps regarding access and use, as well as a survey of existing NGO and women's organisation websites and their content and services.



# UNED-UK publications available in '98

## Millennium Papers

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Issue 4: The Healthy Planet Forum Declaration<br>(December 1999)   | £3.50 |
| Issue 3: Women and Sustainable Development<br>- from Local to International Issues.<br>By Fiona Reynolds & Jane Esuantsiwa Goldsmith (July 1999) | £3.50 |
| Issue 2: Local Agenda 21 into the New Millennium<br>By Gary Lawrence (September 1998)  | £3.50 |
| Issue 1: Towards Earth Summit II in 2002<br>By Derek Osborn (April 1998)   | £3.50 |

## UNED-UK Books

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|---|--------|
| Earth Summit II - Outcomes and Analysis<br>By Tom Bigg and Derek Osborn<br>Earthscan/UNED-UK (April 1998)     | £17.55 |
| The Way Forward - Beyond Agenda 21<br>Edited by Felix Dodds (April 1997)<br>Earthscan/UNED-UK, (January 1997) | £17.55 |

## Reports for the UN Commission on Sustainable Development

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| A Review of Codes of Practice for Sustainable Tourism<br>By Rosalie Gardner (April 1999)  | £5.00  |
| Gender and Tourism - Women's Employment and<br>Participation in Tourism<br>Editor Minu Hemmati with the help of the Gender<br>and Tourism Team (April 1999)               | £15.00 |
| Sustainable Tourism and Poverty and Poverty Elimination<br>Edited by Rosalie Gardiner and Felix Dodds: from an<br>original paper by Harold Goodwin (April 1999)           | £2.50  |
| Gender and Sustainable Consumption - Bridging the<br>Policy Gaps.<br>Shalini Grover (Project Researcher with Dr Minu Hemmati<br>and Clare Flenley (Project Co-ordinators) | £10.00 |
| Report of UNED-UK Poverty Round Table<br>Edited by Tom Bigg (February 1997)   | £3.00  |
| Education 21-Promoting Education in Support of<br>Sustainable Development.<br>Report by the Education Task Group (1997)   | £2.50  |

## UNED-UK Health Publications

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|---|-------|
| European Directory of Environment & Health Organisations<br>By Rowshan Hannan (June 1999) | £5.00 |
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## Joint UNED-UK/MAMA 86 publications

Drinking Water in Ukraine: Communication & Empowerment for Local & International Action £2.50

By Anna Onisimora - MAMA'86, Olena Panina - MAMA'86 and Clare Flenley - UNED-UK (June 1999)

Public Participation in writing the Ukrainian NEHAP as the agents of change. By Anna Onisimora - MAMA 86 and Clare Flenley - UNED-UK (June 1999) £2.50

## Gender 21

Gender 21- Women and Sustainable Development £3.00  
Prepared by the Gender 21 Round table (June 1997)

Gender and Humanity - Into the 21st Century £5.00  
Edited by Amy Cruse

## Other UNED-UK reports

Opportunities for Change - Response by UNED-UK to the UK Government's Consultation on a revised UK Strategy for Sustainable Development (June 1998) £2.50

Building Our Future - Sustainable Regeneration in North and East London £3.00  
By Chris Church with additional work by David Boyle (October 1997)

Green and Ethical Pensions £5.00  
By Danyal Sattar with Alex Gozzi and Chris Church (1997)

The UN World Summit for Social Development - A New Vision £7.50  
By Gilbert West (1996)

Economic Social and Environmental Issues & the UN System £3.00  
By Michael McCoy & Tom Bigg (1996)

Project Earth Summit III - 2002 The count down starts now Free  
By UNED-UK Committee (November 1998)



## Connections

An important role of UNED-UK is to disseminate information. One of the principal means is UNED-UK's newsletter Connections. The newsletter comes out four times a year and is the only British publication which addresses domestic and international follow-up to the Rio conference and other relevant UN processes.

Connections is particularly designed to keep its readers up to date with relevant developments within the UN CSD and other UN conferences and conventions, as well as developments within UNDP and UNEP. We have included more detailed supplements on investment, biodiversity, health and sustainable consumption.

The magazine goes to over 3,000 organisations and key individuals from local government, business and industry, women's groups, youth groups, NGOs, academics and educationalists, trade unions, civil servants and politicians in this country and abroad as well as key people in the UN.

Caroline Jobson from the International Chamber of Commerce has continued to produce the industry pages of Connections and the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA - formerly part of the Local Government Management Board) has provided material on local government. We have been fortunate in having some key volunteers who have helped put together Connections over the last year. We have also been very fortunate to have sponsorship from Vivendi which has enabled us to produce and distribute the newsletter. Connections is available on the web at web site: [www.oneworld.org/uned-uk](http://www.oneworld.org/uned-uk).



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# Report of the Auditors

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Auditors' Report to the Members of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

We have audited the financial statement on pages 3 to 7 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

### Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described above the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

### Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30th June 1999 and of its deficit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Kingston Smith  
Chartered Accountants  
and Registered Auditors  
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|   | Grants Received £ |
|---|-------------------|
| Department of Health                                | 51,000            |
| Department of Environment Transport and the Regions | 69,100            |
| Glaxo Wellcome                                      | 48,500            |
| World Health Organisation                           | 9,474             |
| Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation                | 6,000             |
| Civic Trust   | 19,103            |
| European Community - TACIS                          | 4,291             |
| European Community                                  | 223,900           |
| Department for International Development            | 68,266            |
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| Norwegian Government                                | 22,037            |
| British Petroleum                                   | 5,000             |
| Chadwick House                                      | 33,011            |
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| ANPED   | 1,250             |
| TIDES   | 10,365            |
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# The accounts

United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
(A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

## Summary Account

For the year ended 30th June 1999

### UNED-UK Income & Expenditure

|                                  | 1999<br>£      | 1998<br>£      |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                    |                |                |
| Grants                           | 720,436        | 246,515        |
| Membership                       | 13,705         | 15,975         |
| Publication                      | 19,280         | 15,530         |
| Conference                       | 30,629         | 26,225         |
| Other                            | 19,065         | 4,473          |
|                                  | <u>803,115</u> | <u>308,718</u> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>               |                |                |
| Direct project costs             | 509,184        | 3,990          |
| Staff costs                      | 125,335        | 67,904         |
| Publications                     | 18,912         | 17,013         |
| Printing, postage and stationery | 7,166          | 10,698         |
| Telephone and fax                | 17,638         | 4,404          |
| Travel                           | 10,405         | 6,199          |
| Conference                       | 31,859         | 9,636          |
| Other                            | 85,368         | 172,698        |
|                                  | <u>805,867</u> | <u>292,542</u> |
| (Deficit)/Surplus for the Year   | (2,752)        | 16,176         |





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