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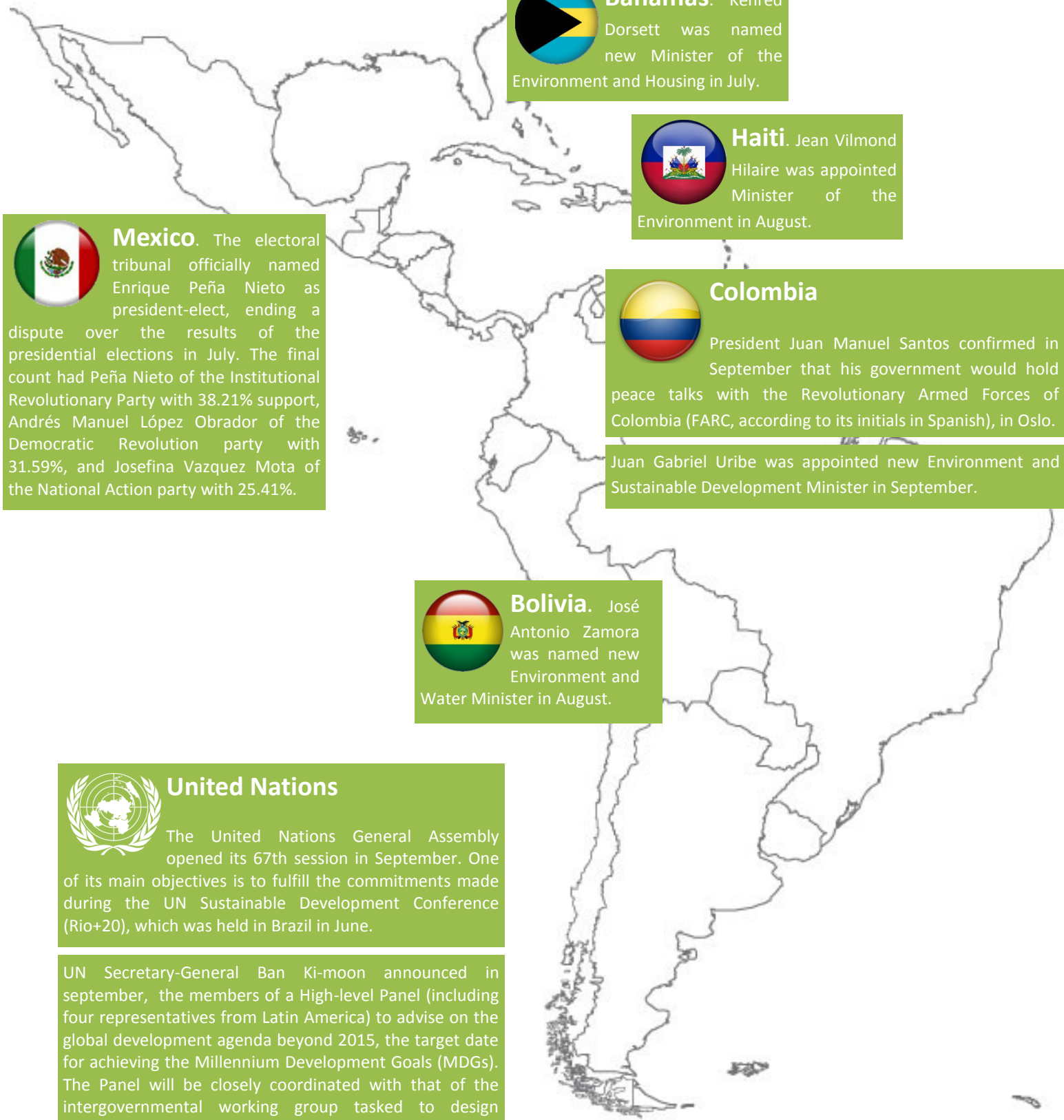


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Mexico. The electoral tribunal officially named Enrique Peña Nieto as president-elect, ending a dispute over the results of the presidential elections in July. The final count had Peña Nieto of the Institutional Revolutionary Party with 38.21% support, Andrés Manuel López Obrador of the Democratic Revolution party with 31.59%, and Josefina Vazquez Mota of the National Action party with 25.41%.

Bahamas. Kenred Dorsett was named new Minister of the Environment and Housing in July.

Haiti. Jean Vilmond Hilaire was appointed Minister of the Environment in August.

Colombia
President Juan Manuel Santos confirmed in September that his government would hold peace talks with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC, according to its initials in Spanish), in Oslo.
Juan Gabriel Uribe was appointed new Environment and Sustainable Development Minister in September.

Bolivia. José Antonio Zamora was named new Environment and Water Minister in August.

United Nations
The United Nations General Assembly opened its 67th session in September. One of its main objectives is to fulfill the commitments made during the UN Sustainable Development Conference (Rio+20), which was held in Brazil in June.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced in september, the members of a High-level Panel (including four representatives from Latin America) to advise on the global development agenda beyond 2015, the target date for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Panel will be closely coordinated with that of the intergovernmental working group tasked to design Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Conclusion of the “Support for the protected areas of Mesoamerica” project sponsored by the Government of Spain and executed by UNEP in El Salvador and Panama

UNEP held a workshop from 18 to 20 September in Panama City to share information on and learn of experiences and lessons stemming from the Spain-UNEP Partnership projects carried out under the LifeWeb Initiative in two pilot areas of the Central American region: La Montaña, in El Salvador, and Volcano Barú National Park, in Panama.

The project's closing workshop, titled “Valuing our natural areas and constructing mechanisms to protect them: lessons learned”, was attended by representatives from Latin America, in particular from the Mesoamerican subregion.

The event was presided by the regional director and representative of UNEP, Margarita Astrálagu; the Counsellor of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment of the Government of

LifeWeb: constructing mechanisms for biodiversity conservation



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Spain, José Luis Herranz; the ambassador of El Salvador in Panama, Efrén Berne Chévez; and the Deputy Administrator General of the National Environmental Authority (ANAM) of Panama, Silvano Vergara.

The project strengthened the capacities—including the economic capacity—of the technical staff of national protected areas. In addition, economic and legal instruments and mechanisms to promote the sustainable use of ecosystems and biodiversity were designed. Lessons on these two important topics were disseminated at

the workshop through participatory talks, the studying of pilot cases (La Montaña and Volcano Barú National Park) and the sharing of experiences.

Publications compiling the lessons learned, both from the regional-level project and from the two pilot areas in El Salvador and Panama, are to be presented soon.

Further information is available at:

Para más información:

<http://www.pnuma.org/informacion/comunicados/2012/180912/index.php>

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Progress on biosafety

The eighth meeting of biosafety project coordinators was held in Quito, Ecuador, from 2 to 5 July. The event was coordinated by UNEP, which is in charge of projects to implement national biosafety frameworks and which provided training and technical assistance.

The projects for the “Implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks” are financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and have a global reach.

They aim to help participating countries establish national frameworks for managing genetically modified organisms, which is an important aspect of biodiversity conservation.

The meeting, attended by representatives of the seven projects currently underway in Latin America, was a resounding success and achieved its objective: to encourage the sharing of lessons learned between neighbouring countries and to allow project coordinators to interact and exchange opinions.



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One more step toward preserving the biodiversity of the Caribbean islands

Advisory Group. Participating in the event were Jean Vilmont Hilaire, Haiti's Minister of Environment, Bautista Rojas Gómez, Minister of Environment for the Dominican Republic, and Iris Betancourt, representing Cuba's Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

The occasion was a key stepping-stone in reaffirming the political resolve of the three governments to the Caribbean Biological Corridor initiative, as well as in approving the Operational Plan of

Activities (April 2012 to June 2013) for the project, "Establishment of the Caribbean Biological Corridor (CBC) as a Framework for Biodiversity Conservation, Environmental Rehabilitation and Development of Livelihood Options in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Cuba", a project being executed by UNEP with financing from the European Union.

For more information:

<http://www.pnuma.org/informacion/comunicados/2012/210912/index.php>

Course on water and the green economy

The opportunities and social, environmental and economic benefits of promoting a green economy in the water sector made up the main content of the Course on Water and the Green Economy, held on 3-7 September in Mexico City.

The course was held in the framework of the Ibero-American Water Training Programme, and was coordinated by the Permanent Technical Secretariat of the Conference of Ibero-American Water Directors (CODIA), with support from the National Water Commission of Mexico (CONAGUA) and UNEP.

Experts and participants –40 professionals involved in water resources management and planning from nine countries in the region– had the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences in a highly participatory setting.

Attendees acknowledged the course's importance in strengthening their institutions, as well as in promoting the green transformation of the water sector.

Para más información:

CODIA <http://codiastp.org/web/>

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Virtual Course on Integrated Water and Coastal Area Management

On September 3rd, the second Virtual Course on Integrated Water and Coastal Area Management, organized by UNEP in collaboration with the Center for Distance Education in Economic and Technological Development (CEDDET), got under way.

The 40 participants from Latin American and Caribbean countries, consist of government officials and technical staff, university professors and researchers, and personnel from nongovernmental organizations involved in public policy issues concerning the management of water resources and coastal areas.

During the six-week course, up until October 14, 2012, the participants will have the chance to expand their theoretical and practical knowledge of the processes and tools for integrated management of water resources and their application to sustainable development.

For more information:

http://www.conecta-ceddet.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=710%3Acurso-regional-sobre-manejo-integrado-de-agua-y-%C3%A1reas-costeras-2%C2%AAed&lang=es

Trade opportunities in the context of the transition to a green economy

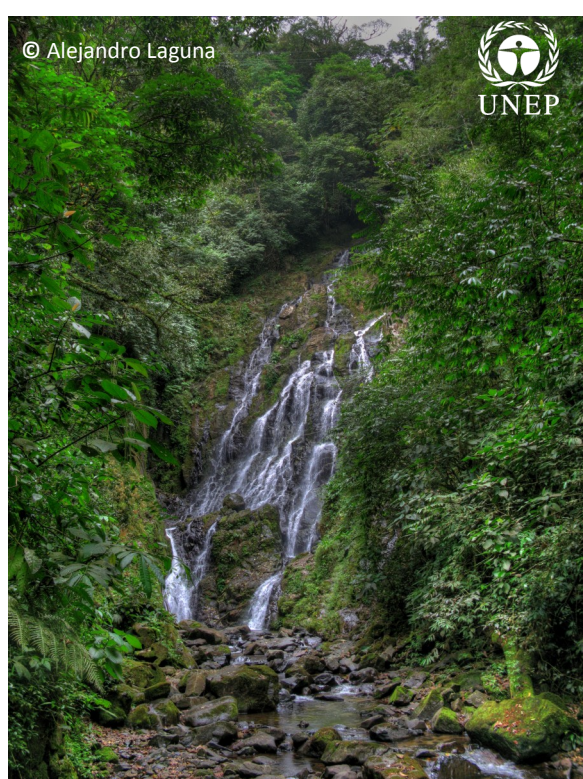
Under the Green Economy and Trade Opportunities project (funded by the European Commission, with a contribution from the German Development Cooperation), a regional workshop took place on 26-27 July in Heredia, Costa Rica. The meeting was organized in partnership with the International Trade Center (ITC), the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and the International Centre of Economic Policy for Sustainable Development (CINPE). Over 50 country delegates, private sector, academic and civil society

representatives from more than 15 countries in the region took part in this event.

The Deputy Director of ROLAC, Mara Murillo, stated: "Our dialogue provides a unique opportunity to examine and discuss how we maximize the potential trade gains from a transition to a green economy in Latin American. Building on our current partnership with ICTSD and ITC, we hope to launch a second phase of activities where we work directly with developing countries to provide detailed national trade assessments, that would include the data needed to identify focused policies to support green economy investments and the expansion of trade in green products and services".



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Specific topics discussed included, among other themes, the opportunities related to regulatory and enabling environment, aid-for-trade, subsidy reform, government procurement, export promotion tools, access to credit, sustainability labeling, scaling-up, public-private partnerships, and incentives, among others.

Valuation of Ecosystem Services for Effective Public Policy



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As a follow-up to the agreements with the Government of Ecuador in the framework of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, a regional Capacity Building Workshop on Valuation of Ecosystem Services for Effective Public Policy in Latin America took place on 13-17 August, in Quito. The workshop was convened by the Ecuadorian National Planning and Development Secretariat, UNEP and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences.

After two days of presentations of case studies covering the different experiences in the region, participants

considered appropriate to establish a knowledge management platform on the valuation of nature and public policy decision-making in Latin America.

The platform would seek to promote joint regional conceptual and methodological knowledge about experiences in public policies, the generation of tools for ecosystem valuation, organizing regular training events, the development of advocacy and training materials, which demonstrate

the intellectual capacity on the megadiversity and the cultural sensitivity to nature in Latin America.

This platform will draw on public planning institutions, environmental authorities and academics linked to the priority issues, in response to joint regional mandates and capacity building. UNEP will provide technical assistance, capacity building, and support in resource mobilization for specific activities.

Parliamentarians and climate change



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Panama City was the venue of the ninth plenary assembly of ParlAméricas (Parliamentarians for the Americas) from 29 August to 1 September. Margarita Astrálaga, director and representative of the UNEP Regional Office in Latin America and the Caribbean, was invited to attend one of the workgroups as a specialist in the field of "Climate change and the environment".

Her presentation focused on environmental trends in the region, as well as on the challenges imposed by climate change and the opportunities offered by such tools as the green economy. There was an intense discussion on the degree of urgency for actions to cope with climate change, in which such issues as energy production, transport and agricultural systems and international cooperation were addressed.

Ms. Astrálaga provided technical support throughout the discussions to allow the parliamentarians to formulate their conclusions, which were brought together in a final declaration.

<http://www.parlamericas.org/es/news-events.aspx>



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Promoting enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements

For more than nine years, the University of Eastern Finland and UNEP have been hosting the Annual Course on Multilateral

Environmental Agreements (MEAs). The ninth such event was, for the first time, held in the LAC (Latin America and the Caribbean) region, with support from the Government of Granada. The event took place from August 19-31, 2012, under the motto "Governance of the Oceans".

Holding this global event in LAC made it possible to work on issues of particular interest to the island states of the Caribbean, and allowed for greater participation by Caribbean experts.

The main objective of the meeting was to disseminate to current or future MEA negotiators on-the-ground experiences with international environmental law. It also offered training on negotiation and implementation of MEAs, as well as on international environmental diplomacy. The Government of Grenada convened a Public Forum at the National Stadium to examine issues dealt with in the course, bringing in broad participation by members of civil society, the public and private sectors, and the diplomatic corps.

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Access to genetic resources – priority for the Andean region

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On August 16 and 17 of this year, in Lima, Peru, the Regional Workshop on Prospects and Pending Issues Regarding Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Distribution of Benefits, Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property was held, in the framework of the Regional Programme for Biodiversity in the Amazon. UNEP detailed the progress of the Global Environment Fund's regional project on strengthening access and benefit sharing (ABS) in eight of the region's countries, including three (Peru, Ecuador and Colombia) within the Andean Community.

In attendance were ABS focal points from the Andean Community countries, national authorities overseeing ABS and intellectual property issues, regional experts, and representatives from academia and from subregional and regional organizations.

The workshop re-established a dominant place on the Andean agenda for the issues of ABS and traditional knowledge.

www.comunidadandina.org/biocan

Fourth Regional Meeting of Andean Community and MERCOSUR Magistrates

Environmental issues dominated one of the two days at the Fourth Regional Meeting of Andean Community and MERCOSUR Magistrates, organized by the Andean Community of Nations and the Ecuadorian Judiciary Council. The meeting was held in Quito on September 20th and 21st of 2012.

UNEP presented the results of Rio+20 and prospects for Environmental Law, and coordinated the working group sessions made up of magistrates from the Andean Court and from the Supreme Courts of Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

This group endorsed the conclusions of the Rio+20 World Congress on Justice,

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Governance and Law on Environmental Sustainability, emphasizing, as regionally important issues, judicial training, the creation of specialized tribunals, and procedures to ensure rapid, simplified and unfettered access to environmental justice.

When in doubt, favour nature

From August 8-11, 2012, the First International Congress of Magistrates on the Environment – In Dubio pro Natura, organized by the Brazilian Magistrates Association and the Amazonian Magistrates Association, was held in Manaus, Brazil, with support from UNEP and other entities. Attendees debated the issue of enshrining the In Dubio Pro Natura (when in doubt, favour nature) principle as one of the most progressive tools in environmental jurisprudence.

The conference brought together more than 200 participants, including judges on the High



Court of Justice and the Supreme Court of Brazil, to discuss the challenges facing environmental law and policy. It provided a venue for sharing views regarding the conclusions of the World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law on Environmental Sustainability, organized by UNEP at Rio+20. The meeting resulted in the "Manaus Charter".

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The agricultural sector, essential for mitigating climate change

On 26 and 27 July, Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, was the setting of a workshop on “Mitigating Climate Change in Agriculture: Development and Execution of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) in the Agricultural Sector of Latin America and the Caribbean”, organized by UNEP, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Torcuato Di Tella Foundation (FTDT).

The workshop was held as part of a project named Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and Climate Change Action in Latin America and the Caribbean (REGATTA), carried out by UNEP. The workshop served as a space for dialogue among experts and public policymakers in the agricultural sector on opportunities for mitigating climate change in the sector.

Further information is available at:

<http://finanzascarbono.org/comunidad/pg/pages/view/171731/taller-regional-mitigacion-del-cambio-climatico-en-agricultura>

Launching of the Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment in the Gran Chaco Americano



A tri-national event was held by REGATTA in Formosa, Argentina, on July 25th to launch the Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment in the Gran Chaco Americano. In attendance were 70 participants including national and local authorities, representatives from the universities, NGOs and local community organizations, and the three institutions conducting the study: the University of Formosa (Argentina), the Foundation of Cordillera (Bolivia) and the Institute of Development (Paraguay).

The full day event included presentations

by UNEP on the importance of vulnerability and adaptation assessments, and on the key components of the study: the agriculture and water sectors. Strong interest was generated among the audience and several comments were raised such as the importance of including other sectors into the analysis, particularly, the forestry sector. With the participation of the stakeholders, 37 potential adaptation actions were identified, with a strong emphasis on raising awareness of managing and conserving water resources.

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REGATTA launches its regional web page to coordinate action on climate change

On 30 September, UNEP launched the web page of the Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and Climate Change Action in Latin America and the Caribbean (REGATTA): www.cambioclimatico-regatta.org

The aim of REGATTA is to assist and coordinate efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean to cope with the challenges posed by climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Gateway seeks to support the cohesive and integrated management of the network of institutions and experts in the region, as well as to provide updated information on communities of thematic and geographic practices—managed in conjunction with the Inter-American Development Bank—networks, documents, tools and financing options. In addition, the programme offers technical support and a wide range of training activities.



GEO-5: Presentation of the “Policy notes for Latin America and the Caribbean” series

The "Policy Notes for Latin America and the Caribbean" series has been published since September on the UNEP ROLAC web page and is distributed through its daily bulletin. The Notes briefly illustrate potential policies for addressing environmental challenges in five priority areas: biodiversity, water, land, climate change and environmental governance.

Presented in digital-brochure format, the Notes are a summary of the regional chapter of the fifth Global Environment Outlook report (GEO-5), which examines the state of, trends in and outlook for the global environment. The documents describe the current context and conditions conducive to implementing the policies suggested in the GEO-5, and bring to light case studies in countries where the policies have been successfully implemented.

Further information is available at:
<http://www.pnuma.org/informacion/comunicados/2012/310812bis/index.php>

Education for Sustainable Consumption

UNEP participated in the National Roundtable Discussion on Education for Sustainable Consumption (ESC) that was held in Santiago de Chile, 27-28 August 2012, in the context of the project “Institutional Strengthening of Education for Sustainable Consumption-Advancing ESC policy and implementation strategies.”

The main objective of the project is to support the mainstreaming of education for sustainable consumption and lifestyles in formal education curricula as well as in informal education at the national and local levels.

Chile is one of the three countries in the world where the project is being piloted. This

national roundtable discussion resulted in recommendations that could include a related national implementation strategy on ESC in Chile:

Identifying the main governmental and non-governmental actors of ESC implementation.

Defining the bases for the development of training and awareness-raising material at the national and local levels.

Setting the bases for a follow up pilot project on ESC in Chile.

More information:

<http://www.unep.fr/scp/publications/details.asp?id=DTI/1255/PA> (Español)

Degree in Biodiversity and Inter-cultural Knowledge

On August 15, 2012, the “Degree in Biodiversity and Inter-cultural Knowledge”, a hybrid learning programme slated to begin on November 5th of this year, was established in Tarapoto, a city in the San Martín region of Peru.

Attending the event were representatives of the organizing institutions: the Regional Government of San Martín, through its Regional Environmental Authority, and the Ricardo Palma University, through the Edgar Morin Peruvian Institute of Complex Thought (IPCEM), as well as representatives of the Sustainable Rural Development Programme, overseen by a collaborative effort between the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and UNEP.

The purpose of the degree, which will require six months of study, is to impart to community leaders, teachers, technical and professional personnel at private and public institutions, and regional and local governments from Andean-Amazonian countries, an inter-cultural approach that encompasses and values both academic knowledge and ancestral wisdom regarding the sustainable regeneration and use of biodiversity.

For more information: www.ipcem.net.

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International Mangrove Day Celebrations

Each 26 July International Mangrove Day is commemorated. This is a day for activism not only by organizations that protect these ecosystems but also by the communities whose lives are intertwined with them.

The UNEP Mangrove Project took part in this year's commemoration with various gatherings in locations where projects are underway: the Caribbean area of Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

The purpose was to raise the local population's awareness of the importance of conserving these ecosystems, which are as fragile as they are essential. In addition to being the habitat of thousands of marine species, mangrove swamps provide food and an income to families in these areas and, therefore, are directly linked to them.

In the Guatemalan Caribbean, the commemorations began on the Sarstún river, with an entertaining cayuco race, and continued on the Queueche river, where local



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school children performed a symbolic planting of mangrove.

In Honduras, commemorations took place in Balfate, in the department of Colón. The well-known singer-songwriter Guillermo Anderson had top billing and gave a concert with songs on various ecological topics and referring to the mangrove.

As part of day's activities, the "Mangrove Project" in Nicaragua invited media from Bluefields and Pearl Lagoon (two of the areas

where the project is being implemented) to participate in the initiation of its communication campaign, which kicked off with the slogan "Mangrove: an opportunity to live better".

Further information is available at:

<http://www.pnuma.org/informacion/comunicados/2012/260712/index.php>

<http://www.pnuma.org/DiaManglares.pdf>

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The true weight of foam

The regional polyurethane foam insulation market is dominated by HCFC-141. This substance, like other hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), can be more economical and more readily available than alternative options. The problem is that HCFCs damage the ozone layer and contribute to global warming.

On July 3rd and 4th of this year, a regional roundtable, organized by UNEP and the Chilean Ministry of Environment, brought together and disseminated information on alternatives to HCFC-141b, highlighting their advantages and drawbacks based on the needs of each country or business.

Participating were representatives from National Ozone Units, the Secretariat of the Multilateral Fund, Multilateral Fund Implementation Agencies, the German Cooperation Agency (GIZ), and private sector providers and users of these substances.

This meeting served as prelude to the Meeting of Ozone Action Networks from Latin America and the Caribbean, which was held on July 5th and 6th.

For more information:

<http://www.pnuma.org/informacion/comunicados/2012/030712bis/index.php>

Brazilians, becoming more environmentally conscious consumers

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Within the scope of the National Sustainable Consumption and Production Project, the research "What Brazilians Think of the Environment and Sustainable Consumption" was conducted and published. This research provided the country with valuable information on

consumer habits, and will serve as an input for public policies and activities related to the Action Plan for Sustainable Production and Consumption. The research, which had technical assistance from UNEP, found that Brazilians have become more conscious about environmental issues, but also that there's a need to promote the change of behavior as many people or institutions do not feel accountable for the problems faced by the environment. An important figure is that approximately 100% of the population acknowledges the importance of environment protection for a better future.

The publication is available for download at:

http://hotsite.mma.gov.br/mulheresrumoario20/wp-content/uploads/Sumario-Executivo_MMA_ingl_25jun2012.pdf

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Management Committee meeting

On August 7, Denise Hamu, UNEP Representative in Brazil, attended the Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Management Committee meeting. The bylaws and the format of the SCP Forum, which will take place in March 2013, were discussed. The Committee aims at supporting the implementation of the SCP plan in Brazil. The SCP project is carried out by UNEP in partnership with the Government of Brazil.

Its priorities for the next two years include: increasing the recycling rate in Brazil, promoting education on sustainable consumption, strengthening the environmental agenda in public administrations and consolidating sustainable public procurement, sustainable consumption and green buildings.

2014 World Cup: The Urban Sustainability Goal

On September 12-13, UNEP took part in the Seminar "2014 World Cup: Opportunities for Urban Sustainability" organized by the Ministry of Sports. The event gathered government and International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) representatives, as well as experts in Urban Sustainability, authorities and personalities. The UNEP Brazil Representative moderated a panel titled "Urban sustainability in the process of construction of the world cup 2014 agenda".



Participants had the opportunity to learn about urban sustainability projects that are currently being implemented in the cities that were chosen to host the games. They also shared their ideas and visions for the improvement of the projects, which could be incorporated to ongoing actions. The challenges and opportunities already identified in each city were analyzed during the seminar.

UNEP is a technical partner of the 2014 World Cup, providing expertise in the field of sustainability.

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“The United Nations in Mexico” exhibit is inaugurated

Last July 5th, UNEP, along with more than twenty United Nations agencies represented in Mexico, inaugurated the exhibit “The United Nations in Mexico” on the Paseo de la Reforma boulevard in the capital city. UNEP presented four posters on the Green Economy, Climate Change, Ecosystems Management and Renewable Energy. The exhibit will travel throughout Mexico over the next two years, with showings in museums, public squares, universities and at various events, with the aim of bringing awareness of the work of the United Nations to the entire society.

Green Companies Summit

UNEP’s Representative for Mexico was one of the speakers at the Green Companies Summit, organized in September by the Monterrey Institute of Technology. Dolores Barrientos participated as a member of the panel entitled “International Outlook: Conclusions of Rio+20 and the G20,” along with Georg Kell, Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact and Rogelio Granguillhome, Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation.



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Proposals to improve chemical and waste management

At the beginning of September, Mexico City hosted a meeting on chemical and waste management, organized by UNEP in collaboration with the Secretariat of Foreign Relations. The objective of this event was to present and discuss the proposal on the integrated approach to financing appropriate management of chemicals and waste. In attendance were experts from 24 countries, representatives from UNEP and from the Global Environment Fund (GEF), and representatives of Mexican secretariats and research institutions.

As part of the meeting, David Piper, Deputy Head of the Chemicals Branch (UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics), introduced and presented UNEP’s report, “The Global Chemicals Outlook.”

Awarding of the First Prize for Journalism on the Green Economy and Sustainable Development

On September 20th, the winner of the First Prize for Journalism on the Green Economy and Sustainable Development was announced. The recipient of the award was Emilio Godoy, for his article, "Good Bye Kyoto." The prize, which was awarded from among 85 articles submitted, consists of a trip to the offices of Siemens, in Germany, and to UNEP's Geneva offices. The initiative was organized jointly by the Monterrey Institute of Technology's Global Institute for Sustainability, Siemens and UNEP.

Presentation of Pavan Sukhdev's "Corporation 2020"

On September 20th, Pavan Sukhdev, Goodwill Ambassador for UNEP and Director of UNEP's Green Economy Initiative, presented his book "Corporation 2020" at the UNEP offices in Mexico. The book emphasizes that building a green economy cannot be accomplished without taking into consideration the largest agent in the economy, corporations, which must internalize the costs of their activities and promote true business innovation.

UNEP Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Mexico

On September 26th, UNEP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Mexico for collaboration on issues of energy efficiency, climate change, preparation of Environment and Climate Change Outlook (ECCO) reports, conducting of studies based on the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), strategies for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), sustainable consumption and production, and analyses of water resources in cities. Through this wide-ranging effort, UNEP will make a significant contribution to advancing Mexico's sustainable development over the long term.



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Upcoming activities

Meeting of the National Advisory Committee of the project Integrated Coastal Management and Sustainable Management of Mangroves in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Date and venue: October 2012, La Ceiba, Honduras/ Guatemala City, Guatemala/ Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Ozonaction Regional Networks Meeting of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Date and venue: 3 – 5 October 2012, Panama City, Panama.

Workshop on Multiple Benefits of REDD+.

Date and venue: 8 - 12 October 2012, Quito, Ecuador.

The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Date and venue: 8 - 19 October, Hyderabad India

Caribbean Journalist Workshop: Challenges for the Environment and the Ozone Layer.

Date and venue: 15 - 16 October 2012, Nassau, Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

The economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) Workshop (TEEB National Implementation Project).

Date and venue: 22 - 25 October 2012, Mexico City, Mexico.

Intersessional Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Latin America and the Caribbean and Meeting of the Working Group of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Date and venue: 5 - 6 de November 2012, Quito, Ecuador.

18th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 18) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) **Date and venue:** 26 November to Friday, 7 December 2012, Doha, Qatar.

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