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What's new at IIED: August 2006

Director's Comment

Al Gore was in London last month giving his talk on climate change, why its happening and what needs to be done to stem the growing flood of bad news from the rapidly melting Arctic and Antarctica. It was an impressive presentation, with fantastic images, graphs, charts and high-tech tools carrying a powerful set of messages. And Gore has learnt how to be funny, ironic, able to laugh at himself and others, bringing a lightness of touch and vigour to the debate which visibly energises his audience. His focus is tightly trained on the US voter. His pitch is to convince the US public of the need for change, so that their children and grandchildren will have a future worth living, by cutting back on carbon emissions and investing in new technology. It's an appeal to their interests and affections, and there's a profit to be made from it too. New investment, carbon trading, biofuels, innovative engines... you can have your cake and eat it too. But there is a blind spot when it comes to thinking about the rest of the world. We must also find ways of helping poor countries and communities adapt to the challenges of today and tomorrow - that's our agenda for the next decade.

Camilla Toulmin

News and Updates

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Climate Change:

In the lead up to COP12 IIED will be running workshops for negotiators and government officials from developing countries in the following regions:

South & South East Asia: 7-9 August in Dhaka, Bangladesh, co-organised by BCAS (Bangladesh)

East & Southern Africa: 28-30 September in Nairobi, Kenya, co-organised by ACTS (Kenya)

West Africa (Francophone): 8-10 October in Bamako, Mali, co-organised by ENDA (Senegal) and the Direction Nationale de la Meteorologie, Government of Mali

These workshops are part of the European Capacity Building Initiative - for more info visit www.eurocapacity.org. For further information on Climate Change's work on capacity building visit www.iied.org/CC/themes/capacity.html

Human Settlements:

Human Settlements staff have visited: South Africa to meet with partner Shack Dwellers International; India to undertake an evaluation of the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA); Rome to speak at a conference on migration and development; and later this month to Copenhagen to DANIDA's Research Network for Environment and Development (RENED) meeting on 'Urban Environmental

Management in Developing Countries - Environmental Health, Planning and Capacity Development'.

For more information visit www.rened.dk

Governance:

A new series - IIED Briefings on Environment and the MDGs - has just been launched. **"Making poverty reduction irreversible: development implications of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment"** is the first in the series and is available as a download on <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=11050IIED>

The UK government's Darwin Initiative has provided funding to support Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development's trip to Samoa July 7-14, to meet with local partners and discuss a proposed project on marine biodiversity in the deep and high seas.

Wind Energy and Biodiversity: FIELD lawyers, in collaboration with lawyers from IUCN's Environmental Law Centre, have drafted a paper entitled, **'Wind Energy and Biodiversity-related Agreements: Emerging Trends'** for the Renewable Energy and International Law (REIL) Project. The paper was discussed at the Yale-REIL-REEEP Round table on Renewable Energy & International Law held at Yale University's Center for Environmental Law & Policy on 29 April - 1 May 2006, in advance of the Commission on Sustainable Development 14 meeting in New York City.

For further information visit www.field.org.uk/biodiversity_current.php or contact: linda.siegele@field.org.uk.

Natural Resources:

Lake Matters As part of IIED's action-learning project on developing markets for watershed services, Winrock International India www.winrockindia.org (in collaboration with Earthcare Films www.earthcarefilms.com) has produced a short film 'Lake Matters: Paying to protect watersheds' to look at the potential and problems for securing a clean supply of drinking water for the citizens of Bhopal. The film can be viewed online: www.iied.org/NR/forestry/projects/water_mm2/water_mm1.html

Forestry partnerships in Kenya The Forestry and Land Use programme has been involved in recent field-work and policy networking to try and steer an emerging arrangement between the Kenyan Government and the World Bank towards support for much greater livelihood benefits from partnership in management of government-owned forest lands and trees on farm lands.

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Strategic Impact Inquiry (SII) Nazneen Kanji is currently in Bangladesh, working on stage II of a global Strategic Impact Inquiry (SII) to better understand CARE International's contribution to women's empowerment and gender equity. The SII wishes to explore how CARE's programs contribute to women's agency; facilitate a process through which women engage in social relations with other actors to fulfil their needs and rights; and finally contribute to the transformation of social structures (e.g. cultural constructs, local level institutions, legal and policy frameworks) that institutionalize women's marginalization.

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Review of UN agency work on Traditional Knowledge (TK). IIED, Andes (Peru) and Call of the Earth have reviewed UN policies on TK, the perspectives of indigenous peoples, and the need for more holistic approaches to protect 'Bio-Cultural Heritage'.

For further information visit www.iied.org/NR/agbioliv/docs.html#bi

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Michel Pimbert is working with film producer Idriss Diabate to make a 55-minute film, documenting the 'Citizens Jury on GMOs and Future of Farming in Mali' which took place January 2006. The film will be available in three languages (Bambara, French and English).

For further information visit

www.iied.org/NR/agbioliv/ag_liv_projects/GMOCitizenJury.html

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Sustainable Markets:

Maryanne Grieg-Gran and Ina Porrás are working with World Soil Information (ISRIC), The Agricultural Economics Research Institute (LEI) and Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) on an IFAD-funded project to examine the feasibility of a **Green Water Credits** scheme by which small farmers in rain fed agriculture areas could receive payments for adopting land and soil management practices that improve the quantity and quality of water downstream.

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Meetings and Events

IIED will be hosting or attending these forthcoming events. Look out for us there! See links or contact names for further information. General Email: info@iied.org

AUGUST 2006

7TH - 9TH: ECBI South Asia Regional Negotiator Workshop, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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23rd: Urban Environmental Management in Developing Countries - Environmental Health, Planning and Capacity Development, Copenhagen. See: www.rened.dk

SEPTEMBER 2006

5th - 6th: Monitoring and Evaluation of Research Communications Conference, London.

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5th 7th: CITES and Livelihoods, Sth Africa. Contact: dilys.roe@iied.org

8th - 9th: Workshop on Community Control Over Biodiversity, to be held at the Indian Institute of Training & Development, Kolkata. Contact: michel.pimbert@iied.org

11th - 12th: Biodiversity and Environmental Governance workshop, Delhi, India.

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19th - 21st: Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation conference, Paris.

www.iucn.org/places/europe/rofe/rofe_at_work/conference2006.htm. Contact dilys.roe@iied.org

26th 27th: Meeting of the UK Tropical Timber Forest Forum to discuss small enterprise development in forestry, followed by a one-day workshop on fairer trade in the timber industry. IIED project work and webpage on small and medium forestry enterprises for poverty reduction and sustainability:

www.iied.org/NR/forestry/projects/sm_med_enterprise.html

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27th - 28th: IIED's Regoverning Markets project mid term workshop. Contact

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28th - 30th: ECBI East and Southern Africa Regional Negotiator Workshop, Nairobi, Kenya. Contact: beth.hughes@iied.org

Publications & Web Services

This month we have made new revisions to the front page of our website - including photo gallery and audio visual media section - that we hope you will find more interactive. Please feedback any comments to webservices@iied.org

Many of our publications are available to download free of charge from our publications database at: www.iied.org/pubs. There you will find abstracts, further details, and download information for all IIED's published work.

Farmers' Views on the Future of Food and Small Scale Producers

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=14503IIED>

L'Avenir de l'alimentation et des petits producteurs (French translation)

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=14503FIIED>

Visión de los Agricultores sobre el Futuro del Alimento y de los Productores de Pequeña Escala (Spanish Translation) <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=14503SIIED>

Agroecología y la Lucha para la Soberanía Alimentaria en las Américas

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=14506SIIED>

Associations in the emergent communities at the Amazon forest frontier, Mato Grosso

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=13525IIED>

Barter Markets: Sustaining people and nature in the Andes

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=14518IIED>

Desafiando preconcepciones sobre el comercio de productos sustentables. Hacia unos mayores beneficios para los países en desarrollo

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=15500SIIED>

Forest-based associations as drivers for sustainable development in Uganda

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=13526IIED>

Land Tenure and Resource Access in Africa CD Rom

<http://www.earthprint.com/go.htm?to=12529IIED>

Mamirauá Sustainable Development Reserve, Brazil. Lessons learnt in integrating conservation with poverty reduction

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=9168IIED>

Outside the Large Cities; The demographic importance of small urban centres and large villages in Africa, Asia and Latin America

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=10537IIED>

Rural-urban migration in China: policy options for economic growth, environmental sustainability and equity <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=10535IIED>

Speaking with one voice: the role of small and medium grower's associations driving change in the South African forest sector

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=13528IIED>

Toward synergistic rural-urban development: The experience of the Rural Urban Partnership Programme (RUPP) in Nepal

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=10536IIED>

Drylands Issue Papers:

No.138 New actors and land acquisition around Lake Bazèga. Burkina Faso

<http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=12525IIED>

Accès à la terre et sécurisation des nouveaux acteurs autour du lac Bazèga (Burkina Faso) <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=12525FIIED>

No.139 Land and Water Rights in the Sahel: Tenure challenges of improving access to water for agriculture <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=12526IIED>

Droits fonciers et accès à l'eau au Sahel : défis et perspectives pour l'agriculture et l'élevage <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=12526FIIED>

No.140 Ambivalence and contradiction: A review of the policy environment in Tanzania in relation to pastoralism <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=12527IIED>

Ambivalence et contradiction : Examen du cadre politique tanzanien vis-à-vis du pastoralisme <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=12527FIIED>

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