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1- On the Environment, It Isn't all Bad News (The Johannesburg Summit)

WASHINGTON-As leaders prepare for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg ... some critics argue that progress on environmental problems has been elusive ... we should greatly intensify efforts to tackle poverty and environmental degradation. They endanger our health, security and the innumerable benefits that come to us from nature. But we should also remember our real accomplishments. We have slashed emissions of chemicals that deplete the ozone layer and threaten human health. Industrialized nations largely eliminated chlorofluorocarbons and halons, the major ozone-threatening gases, by the end of 1995. Fourteen countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia have reduced their consumption of ozone-depleting substances by more than 90 percent. And many developing countries are ahead of the timetable that gives them until 2010 to phase out those gases ... Full text @: <http://www.iht.com/articles/67466.html>

Source: Mohamed T. El-Ashry, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility, Editorial in The International Herald Tribune, Tuesday 13 August 2002

2- Methyl Bromide Project on WSSD's Virtual Exhibit (a joint UNEP / NGO initiative)

When the World Summit on Sustainable Development opens, more than 60,000 people will visit Johannesburg to see how far we have come since the first Earth Summit in Rio, ten years ago. But what of the rest of the world? The Virtual Exhibition is an innovative multi-media showcase that not only displays a multitude of sustainable development projects being pursued around the world, it also brings the summit proceedings to a global audience - in real time, via the internet. OzonAction showcases a joint UNEP/NGOs project Enhancing the Capability of Local Agricultural Organizations in Methyl Bromide Communication.

Virtual Visit @:

http://www.virtualexhibit.net/new/globalShowcaseTemplate.php?project_id=305%AEion_id=all&industry_id=all

3- Ten Successes and Ten Failures

Sustainable Development Successes and Failures Since the 1992 Rio Earth Summit

... For many months, meetings have been held around the world in preparation for WSSD and the consultations have resulted in a growing volume of intergovernmental reports, academic analysis and hardening advocacy positions. Ten + Ten puts all of this recent history into context: what has the world accomplished since 1992, where have we all fallen short and what might tomorrow look like? The

International Institute for Sustainable Development has identified the WSSD "top 10" times two: the 10 under-celebrated successes in the last 10 years and the 10 glaring failures ... Protection of the Ozone Layer identified as one of the first ten successes.

Go to Successes and Failures: http://www.iisd.org/briefcase/ten+ten_contents.asp

4- Contribution of Southern NGOs in Implementing Multilateral Environment Agreements in Developing Countries

CUTS-Centre for Sustainable Production and Consumption is organizing on the 27th August, 2002, 9.00am The "Discussions on the contribution made by Southern NGOs in assisting UNEP to implement Multilateral Environment Agreements in developing countries in Africa and Asia to facilitate better implementation of Agenda 21". Further a Type-II Initiative titled "Network of People and their Representatives for Action on Atmospheric Issues" would be launched at the discussion. The initiative is designed to address the linkage between unsustainable production and consumption and atmospheric problems would be discussed during the event. The main objectives of this initiative would be to:

- Increase awareness of legislators on relationship of production and consumption patterns with atmospheric problems (pollution, ozone depletion and climate change)
- Increase awareness of legislators on the mal-effects of ozone depletion and climate change on people (particularly the poor), food security, ecosystems etc
- Inform legislators about the commitments and progress (or the lack of it) made by their governments, and enable them to catalyse the progress;
- Increase consumer awareness on these issues, and Empower consumers and their groups to lobby parliamentarians and government to adhere to the commitments.

For more info email: ad_cuts@rediffmail.com or CUTS @: <http://www.cuts-india.org/>

5- "SolarChill" Prototype Exhibited at WSSD

UNEP DTIE OzonAction, Greenpeace, WHO, UNICEF, DTI and GTZ in partnership has developed a prototype Solar Vaccine Chiller which uses no CFCs, no HFCs and uses renewable energy (solar energy). It helps welfare of mothers and children and their health in rural and remote areas. The prototype is being exhibited in Johannesburg at Namibian Government stand put up in collaboration with GTZ. It is in Hall 8 F 134 -144.

Brochure Details enclosed: (see attached pdf).

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SolarChill History

SolarChill was conceived through UNEP's collaboration with WHO and Greenpeace. The SolarChill technology was developed by the Danish Technological Institute and the Danish refrigerator manufacturer Vestfrost. The direct current hydrocarbon compressor was developed by Danfoss Company of Denmark. The Danish Energy Agency funded the initial development work. Greenpeace International provided funds for the development of the SolarChill prototypes.

Disclaimer

Though the SolarChill Project benefits from the cooperation of private companies in the development of the technology, the Project Partners are not endorsing any one company's products, nor have they entered into any commercial relationship with any one company.

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