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Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future is an international multi-stakeholder organisation, committed to the promotion of global sustainable development. Based in London, England and with partners in Africa, Asia, Europe and North and South America, Stakeholder Forum's activities support the work of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

This commitment to global sustainable development is best expressed in Agenda 21 and the Rio Declaration, both agreed to at the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). More commonly known as the Earth Summit, this ground-breaking global conference took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3 to 14 June 1992.

Established in 1993 as an outgrowth of the Sustainable Development Unit of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UNA-UK), Stakeholder Forum has grown from a UK organisation to a global multi-stakeholder forum. Directed by and accountable to a democratically elected Executive Committee of UK stakeholders, Stakeholder Forum's international programme – *'Towards Earth Summit 2002'* – is further guided by an international advisory board reflecting the stakeholder groups outlined in Agenda 21.

The United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UNA-UK) provides the secretariat for Stakeholder Forum.

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Introduction by the Chair



Derek Osborn

Chair, Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future

For Stakeholder Forum and UNED-UK Committee, 2001–2002 was dominated by preparations for Earth Summit 2002, the World

Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. The Summit itself in August–September 2002 fell outside the reporting year 2001–2002, but it seems appropriate to include some comment on it in this report.

The Summit attempted to breathe new life and momentum into the sustainable development agenda. The result was both a failure and a success.

It is a failure because many countries are still dragging their feet about effective implementation of Agenda 21 and the sustainability agenda. Many still see the changes needed as a burden rather than an opportunity. Many are still reluctant to contemplate meaningful action until all others do likewise, and hide their own reluctance behind the deliberate obstruction of a few of the leading players. The scale of resources committed to helping the poorer parts of the world manage their transition to more sustainable patterns of development in the future is still woefully inadequate to the needs, although the efforts the UK Government has made to turn around its long record of declining aid levels have been a fine exception.

But, in spite of all the difficulties Johannesburg did have its successes – and does have the potential to have a lasting influence for good. The debates brought together and integrated crucial forward movements in each of the three main dimensions of sustainability – the economic, social and environmental. Although there was less idealism and aspiration than at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, there was more realism and hard-headedness about what could actually be done in the here and now and in the years ahead.

On the economic side the Summit reinforced the impetus for the new trade round initiated at Doha, and underlined the crucial importance of conducting the round in an equitable way which will recognise and support the legitimate aspirations of the South for access to world markets on fairer terms than they have enjoyed in the past. On the social side the Summit recognised and endorsed the crucial importance of the development targets agreed at the Millennium Summit in 2000, and the growth in aid levels that donor countries agreed to at the Monterrey Conference on Finance for Development earlier this year. It highlighted the exceptional problems in Africa and gave strong backing to the new partnership for African development (NEPAD).

On the environmental side it integrated a number of core environmental objectives and targets into some

core development objectives, particularly in the five key areas of water and sanitation, energy, health sustainable agriculture and food production, and biodiversity (the WEHAB goals), and added a number of new goals and targets – particularly in the area of sanitation – which is so crucial for public health and for the satisfactory management of the whole water cycle.

Johannesburg was a success too in recognising, celebrating and encouraging the major contributions to sustainable development being made by many different groups in society around the world. In a whole series of parallel events, local and regional government, businesses and trade unions, farmers, scientists and educators, women and youth, NGOs of all sizes and shapes shared their experience, entered into new partnerships for action and undertook new commitments. Many of these groups should no longer be regarded primarily as lobbyists of governments at international meetings, but as actors in their own right making their own agreements and undertaking their own commitments in the transition to sustainability.

UNED-UK Committee and Stakeholder Forum were in the thick of the battles throughout the process. We helped to draw stakeholders together nationally and internationally to make their voices heard effectively. Our own website was one of the most visited and influential on the process. Our daily newspaper during the preparatory meetings and at the summit itself was a valuable source of information about the progress of the debate.

In addition to facilitating stakeholder participation in all the debates, we were active in promoting new groupings and initiatives. The Implementation Conference assisted in the formation of 29 new partnerships in different parts of the world to promote sustainable development in particular places and on particular themes. The conference of subnational government brought together for the first time a number of regional governments from around the world to promote sustainability.

Looking ahead, Stakeholder Forum and UNED-UK Committee are already gearing up to play an important part with all our stakeholders in driving implementation forwards. Within the UK we have been asked by the Government to play a key part in bringing back the Johannesburg conclusions to the UK and integrating them into our own national strategic planning processes. Internationally we are developing with stakeholders a framework for improved governance of the international sustainable development process, and for monitoring progress towards the Millennium and Johannesburg Summit goals.

All of this activity led to a major expansion of Stakeholder Forum's workload and budget during 2001–2002, and it looks as though a substantial work programme will be needed to carry this forward into the implementation phase.

Throughout the year we have had strong support from our Executive Committee and members, and from our International Advisory Board. During the year we have been delighted that five of the past chairs of the UN Commission for Sustainable Development have accepted to become our Vice-Presidents – Mustafa Tolba, Henrico Cavalcanti, Juan Meyr, Simon Upton and Bedrich Moldan. They are working closely with us in helping to advance ideas and formulate proposals for stronger international governance for sustainable development in the future. At the meeting of the

International Advisory Board in September 2002, we were also delighted to welcome David Hales, formerly of the US AID as the new Co-Chair of the Board, alongside Gwen Mahlangu of South Africa. With this strong senior team, and the untiring efforts of Executive Director Felix Dodds and his keen young team of staff and consultants, we are well placed to start on the long march towards 2015, the year in which many of the Millennium goals are due to be delivered, and the appropriate time – perhaps – for the next major summit on sustainable development.

Vice Chairs' Comments



Margaret Brusasco-Mackenzie

Vice-Chair, Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future

Looking back on last year's annual report, I see that I concentrated my comments on the challenges to humanity that could be addressed by the Johannesburg Summit. Those challenges of famine, war and terrorism alas remain, so what did/could Johannesburg do about them? Speaking as one who was not able to attend the Summit I think it has considerable successes to point to, especially in relation to water and health, and numerous commitments towards assisting poorer countries were taken, especially by the UK and the European Union.

Organisations such as Stakeholder Forum and UNED-UK Committee should now try to make sure that these commitments are followed-up, and hopefully assist in those efforts with our unique know-how in multi-stakeholder processes. Both the Forum and UNED-UK made a substantial contribution to the success of Johannesburg, and I would like to flag the Implementation Conference and the Regional Governments conference in particular. Here innovative processes have made a strong start, thanks to Stakeholder Forum and UNED-UK, and now these must be built upon. The programme of work of our organisation and its future evolution is staggering and the achievements are manifold. The Boards and the team are to be heartily congratulated.

I am now finishing my mandate as Vice-Chair, and I would like to conclude by saying what a pleasure and a privilege it has been to work with the Boards and the organisation at a time of important and constructive change and achievement. My grateful thanks to Derek, Malcolm, Felix and all of the team for all your support and friendship. My fervent best wishes for continued success in the pursuit of Sustainable Development and in the implementation of the post-Johannesburg initiatives.



Malcolm Harper, CMG

Vice-Chair, Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future

Director, United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

It is very good to be able to record another busy and productive year for both the Stakeholder Forum and UNED-UK Committee, and I warmly congratulate both Felix Dodds and all his colleagues for everything that they achieved in increasingly cramped conditions prior to the move to their new premises.

Much work was also done in trying to even-out the Forum's cash flow requirements, to lessen the demands for short-term loan support from UNA and to start seriously to develop the reserves which an organization of this size should be able to maintain.

While the build-up to the Johannesburg Earth Summit was the main focus of the work undertaken by the Forum and UNED-UK during this past year, nevertheless there were other programmes which needed to be supported. One such was the local government questionnaire on their Agenda 21 programme, which UNA promoted in the summer of 2002 and which yielded some very interesting results.

I am one of those who believe that the Forum and UNED-UK should start taking a long term view and should develop programmes around the Millennium Development Goals with their targeted achievement dates of 2015. If – as I believe to be the case – the Forum and UNED-UK are here to stay, then they need to remain in the mainstream of poverty eradication, sustainability and environmental protection. I can think of nothing better suited to such an approach than the Millennium Development Goals.

Director's Comments



Felix Dodds

Executive Director,
Stakeholder Forum for
Our Common Future

As I write these comments it is July 2002, we are less than four weeks away from the beginning of

the Johannesburg Summit, and we're all exhausted.

What a year! We changed our name yet again – from UNED Forum to Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future – and managed to do so without missing a step. Broad consultation helped us to settle on the new name of Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future, as this name better expresses who we are and what we do. We were pleased to find that stakeholders supported our choice, as it honours the work of the late Chip Lindner and that of the Centre for Our Common Future, the person and organisation that played such a key role in the run-up to the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. While we use Stakeholder Forum as our organisation's name and for the work we undertake internationally, we nevertheless retain the name United Nations Environment and Development–UK Committee for our UK activities.

This year also saw us move out of Whitehall Court, our home since 1993, where we have been looked after by the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, our parent organisation. We now reside on Holyrood Street, still in London and still just minutes away from our many UK-based partners.

Perhaps this last year is most memorable for the enormous amount of work that the people working for Stakeholder Forum, in many capacities, have put into making their contribution to a better Johannesburg Summit. I would like to just reflect on that for a moment. It was Robert Kennedy who said:

"Few will have the greatness to bend history; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all of those acts will be written the history of this generation."

That we have endeavoured to do our part, and make a contribution to and serve the community that

we are part of, goes to heart of the ethos that underpins Stakeholder Forum.

Through our international work we kept stakeholders abreast of developments preparing for the Johannesburg Summit. Our www.earthsummit2002.org web site receives over 800,000 hits a month, and *Network 2002* – our monthly electronic newsletter – will by the time of the Summit reach its 25th issue. And, through our policy briefings and national-reporting templates we give organisations the tools to make their unique contribution to the Johannesburg process.

Governance has also played a significant role in our international work this year and in recognition of that work the World Humanity Action Trust (WHAT) has merged with us. Our WHAT Governance Programme, in partnership with GLOBE South Africa, has provided stakeholders with a means by which to make significant input to the governance discussions around Johannesburg preparations. Our other international partners ENDA, ELCI and the Arab NGO Coalition for Sustainable Development, have worked closely with us to providing information on the Summit to French and Arabic speaking stakeholders, and in further developing our Roadmap to 2002.

Our work on multi-stakeholder processes continues with the publication of *'Multi-stakeholder processes for Governance and Sustainability – Beyond Deadlock and Conflict.'* At the Bonn Freshwater Dialogues, we trialled what many believe to be the most advanced approach to stakeholder dialogues at the international level. Our Implementation Conference – due to be held immediately prior to the Johannesburg Summit – is an attempt to take stakeholder dialogue to stakeholder action. With it, we hope to launch

over 20 multi-stakeholder partnerships at the Summit.

In the UK, UNED-UK Committee has made what might be the most comprehensive national pre-Summit civil society contribution globally. Since September 2000, UK stakeholders have engaged in multi-stakeholder round-tables, national conferences, and have been represented by UNED-UK Committee at all Summit PrepComs. 'Your Wake Up Call,' our youth outreach project, has drawn on the immense imagination of young people by linking UK children with their counterparts in South Africa.

"The Summit also aims to move from commitments – of which we have plenty, 30 years ago, 10 years ago – to action. I see five specific areas where concrete results are both essential and achievable."

**United Nations Secretary General
Kofi Annan, 17 May 2002**

During the next year, Stakeholder Forum will focus on monitoring and contributing to delivering the UN's Millennium Targets and the outcomes from Johannesburg. Particular attention will be paid to the five areas identified by Secretary General Annan – which have come to be known as WEHAB – where he identified **Water and Sanitation, Energy, Health, Agricultural Production, and Biodiversity and Ecosystems Management** as the themes upon which the world community should focus in the coming years.

Our capacity-building work in the Ukraine – with long-time partner MAMA 86 – ensures that preparations for the Kiev 2003 Environment for Europe Conference build on lessons from Johannesburg.

In addition to the coming year's work with stakeholders, back at home Stakeholder Forum will focus on improving the way it operates. We will group our work into four departments, Policy and Research, Communications, Multi-stakeholder Processes and Capacity building, and Administration and Finance and expect that these well-considered changes will enable us to support stakeholders more effectively in the post-Johannesburg world.

And there are yet more changes to come. Derek Osborn, who has been Chair of Stakeholder Forum and Co-Chair of the Stakeholder Forum International Advisory Board, will stand down after Johannesburg. Derek's steady hand and insight have been key to the successful growth and influence of Stakeholder Forum

and UNED-UK Committee. He will however continue in his role as Chair of our UK activities. David Hales, former Assistant Administrator of USAID under the Clinton Administration, will be taking Derek's place as Co-Chair, and we are very happy to have him join us. Gwen Mahlangu, MP from South Africa and representing GLOBE International, will join David as Co-Chair.

Stakeholder Forum Vice-Chair Margaret Brusasco-Mackenzie, who has played an invaluable role in our UK, international and Summit-related work, will also be standing down post-Johannesburg. Margaret, as both advisor and friend, will be sorely missed.

As before, Stakeholder Forum enters another year with exiting challenges before it. With an excellent staff, highly skilled consultants, dedicated interns and volunteers, a committed Executive Committee and a remarkable Advisory Board, I am confident that we are ready for the work ahead.

A Word from the Deputy Director



Charles Nouhan
*Deputy Director and
UNED-UK Committee
Co-ordinator,
Stakeholder Forum for
Our Common Future*

Since Stakeholder Forum began – almost ten years ago now – as *United Nations Environment and Development-UK Committee*, the name 'UNED-UK' has come to be recognised as one of the first steps in the UK for an enquiry about sustainability. That is, sustainability and sustainable development in the UK and elsewhere, so it's been a challenging role to fill. I'd be dishonest to claim that we've always got it right, since as a young organisation in the early and mid '90s we did our best with growing but limited resources. Despite starting out small, UNED-UK Committee began to count the successes and its name and reputation grew.

Leap ahead to 2002 and I can confidently claim that we do now get it right. UNED-UK Committee remains as the UK arm of Stakeholder Forum, and is a – if not

the primary – focal-point for UK preparations for the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development. Since July 2000 – when we hosted an informal dinner for leaders of the UK's major development and environment NGOs to discuss the possibility of what was then known as Rio + 10 – the UK team has grown in both number and stature, while ceaselessly reaching out to engage the largest possible range and number of UK stakeholders in the WSSD, now Johannesburg, process.

Personally, it's been a privilege to be engaged in such an exciting piece of work. As a manager I recognise that it would not have been possible without the talented handful of people doing the day-to-day work, and the keen and clever volunteers they always seem to recruit. They're all the real heroes of the past two years.

The current UNED-UK Committee team, along with their counterparts in the other Stakeholder Forum teams preparing for Johannesburg, are poised to do their bit to make the Summit a success. Their experience at WSSD PrepComs, the skill with which they've drawn so many UK stakeholders into the national debate, and having succeeded in gaining a voice for stakeholders at Johannesburg assures me that they will do well.

Stakeholder Forum's Strategic Direction – An Overview

'Towards Earth Summit 2002,' the World Summit on Sustainable Development – the Johannesburg Summit

Stakeholder Forum began its work on Earth Summit 2002 in 1998, when with a series of dinners for government officials, side events at the UN Commission on Sustainable Development's (CSD) annual session, and the United Nations Environment Programme's annual Governing Council meeting, we promoted the case for a 10-year review of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) – commonly known as the Rio Earth Summit. Since we last reported, Stakeholder Forum has organized further events at UN meetings, and we continue to facilitate processes to help identify an agenda for the Summit.

Increasingly, Stakeholder Forum has focused on creating the space for stakeholders to participate in the Johannesburg process. The May 2001 agreement by CSD member states to hold multi-stakeholder dialogues at both regional and global Summit Preparatory Committee Meetings – and the subsequent endorsement of that decision by the UN General Assembly – is an indication of the increasing role and access that stakeholders have in the global sustainable development debate.

As in the past, Stakeholder Forum's Earth Summit 2002 web site, www.earthsummit2002.org, continues to fulfil one of the organisations key objectives: to provide a wide range of information resources to the largest possible audience. The site includes:

- **Network 2002** – a monthly on-line newsletter to keep a global audience informed about Earth Summit 2002 developments.
- **Outreach 2002** – a daily newsletter, available in both printed and on-line versions, is produced at the negotiations to keep stakeholders and Governments informed.
- **Roadmap to 2002** – a virtual 'map,' with expert comments from stakeholder and government representatives, that assesses key issues that the Summit might address and helps to explore how these issues have developed since 1992.

- **Background Briefing Papers** – a series of unique overviews of emerging issues.
- **WHAT Governance Programme** – a series of papers produced by Stakeholder Forum and Globe South Africa on key global governance matters.
- **Links** – to all of the key players in the Earth Summit 2002 preparatory process.

'Beyond Earth Summit 2002'

Stakeholder Forum will focus beyond 2002 on how to deliver the UN Millennium Targets, the further implementation of Agenda 21, and the Johannesburg Programme of Action. We have begun to create toolkits to enable organisations to monitor and implement these agreements, and we will be creating a multi-stakeholder hub to enable all organisations to benefit from multi-stakeholder action.

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues

"Multi-Stakeholder Processes (MSPs) are a new species in the political eco-system. They will make mistakes. They will not solve all the problems to everyone's satisfaction. MSPs should not and will not provide an alternative to good government. But they might help it – and the rest of us – make the necessary progress towards sustainability. Making the Sum greater than the Parts"

Paul Hohen
Former Director, Greenpeace International

The endorsement of Agenda 21¹ ushered in a new era where a different governance structure for addressing problems and implementing solutions was identified. Agenda 21 was the first global agreement to identify specific tasks and goals for nine distinct stakeholder groups.² It heralded a change in the balance of decision-making processes from a practical problem-solving paradigm, to a system paradigm, which means that stakeholders are becoming more and more involved in the decision-making process.

Stakeholder Forum (formally UNED Forum) was established in 1993 to reflect the ideas in Agenda 21, and in particular to create space for the different stakeholders in the UK to work together. This work has developed into

¹ Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally and locally by organisations of the United Nations System, Governments, and Major Groups in every area in which humans' impact on the environment. Agenda 21, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, was adopted by more than 178 Governments at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) – the Earth Summit – held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3 to 14 June 1992.

² Women, youth, indigenous people, NGOs, local authorities, workers and trade unions, business and industry, the scientific and technology communities, and farmers.

two unique processes at two different levels: domestically within the UK into multi-stakeholder roundtables, and internationally into multi-stakeholder dialogues.

Stakeholder Forum brought the concept of multi-stakeholder dialogues to the CSD from the process developed for the 1996 Habitat II Conference in Istanbul. In use for the past five years, these dialogues have illustrated the importance of creating space where the different stakeholder groups can put forward their views. In the past, these views were peer reviewed within individual stakeholder groups, then dialogued between groups and government representatives before Governments actually discussed the issue. Over the past five years the CSD has hosted a succession of multi-stakeholder dialogue sessions between business and industry, trade unions, local governments, the NGO community, and Governments on a wide range of issues. Each of these sessions has resulted in ongoing processes involving multiple stakeholder groups.

Based on this successful model, Stakeholder Forum continues to have a role coordinating NGO activities at key Summit-related events. In March 2000 Stakeholder Forum, in conjunction with the Dutch Government, coordinated NGO activities around the Second World Water Forum in The Hague. In September 2000 we facilitated the multi-stakeholder dialogue session with Environment Ministers in Bergen, Norway, and in December 2001 Stakeholder Forum organized the multi-stakeholder dialogues around the WSSD European and African Regional Preparatory meetings. We organized the multi-stakeholder dialogues with Ministers at the Bonn Freshwater Conference, and many government delegates to Bonn expressed their belief that it was the most useful stakeholder dialogue to date at the intergovernmental level.

“Multi-stakeholder dialogue stood out because of how it was put together, the way it was facilitated, and because the instructions given to the participants actually turned it into a dialogue. Having done multi-stakeholder dialogues for all but two of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development meetings quite often you either end up with the stakeholders talking to each other or the stakeholder and governments in a room but you don’t get a dialogue.”

Franklin Moore, USAID

Stakeholder dialogues have become a fixture at the preparatory meetings for Earth Summit 2002. Yet, some believe that the model used by the United Nations has not met the full potential of the process. In response, Stakeholder Forum will be actively engaged in discussions on how to gain the full benefit of this unique multi-stakeholder process. One possible element of a successful Summit will be the development of new multi-stakeholder partnerships for the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the post-Summit implementation agreements. Stakeholder Forum has contributed to this discussion around partnerships – at all Summit Preparatory Committee meetings – and to these ends we will continue to facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogues in the UK and globally beyond Johannesburg.

Providing Information to a Wide Range of Stakeholders

Using the Internet to Demystify the UN Summit Processes



www.stakeholderforum.org



www.earthsummit2002.org

In addition to the globally focussed Earth Summit 2002 website, the Stakeholder Forum home page, www.stakeholderforum.org, is the hub for all of our web-based activities. It is where Stakeholder Forum and UNED-UK Committee reports and newsletters can be found, and where regularly updated links to Stakeholder Forum news, research activities, current projects, conferences and much more can easily be accessed and downloaded.

In addition to web-based activities that support United Nations Summit and conference processes, the past year’s work included:

A Framework for Multi-stakeholder Processes – Stakeholder Forum’s step-by-step guide to Multi-stakeholder Processes (MSPs) contributes to the ongoing development of principles for stakeholder

participation and engagement. Originally conducted between November 2000 and June 2001, this ongoing work can be found at www.earthsummit2002.org/msp.

UK Preparations for Earth Summit 2002 – Provides an Internet-based resource to inform a wide range of UK stakeholders of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) process, link them electronically to all WSSD activities, and draw them into the UK national WSSD multi-stakeholder dialogue.

The Road to Johannesburg after September 11, 2001 – From November 16 to 24 2001, the Heinrich Böll Foundation and Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future conducted an online debate on the impact of the September 11 attacks and the potential consequences for the Johannesburg process. Eminent people from the world over were invited to contribute short opinion pieces to spark the debate.

NGOs and Freshwater – The International Conference on Freshwater, Bonn, Germany, held in December 2001, was one of many global preparations for the Johannesburg Summit. Stakeholder Forum coordinated the highly praised multi-stakeholder dialogue sessions at the event. And, in cooperation with a large network of NGOs, the www.earthsummit2002.org/freshwater website offered stakeholders and Governments easy access to timely information.

Earth Summit 2002 Online Debate: What Should Earth Summit 2002 be Trying to Achieve? – In partnership with *Oneworld*, *Panos*, *Television Trust for the Environment (TVE)*, and *Women's Feature Service (WFS)*, Stakeholder Forum coordinated the *Lifeline* web-based discussion forum. Over the course of four weeks in September 2001, participants were invited to share their ideas, knowledge and diverse perspectives on four Summit-related headline issues: sustainable cities, effective participation of marginalized people, HIV/AIDS, and corporate accountability. See www.lifeline.org/debate.

Stakeholder Action for Our Common Future – This on-line resource helps stakeholders to create collective, clear, and measurable on-going sustainable development action plans for Stakeholder Forum's upcoming *Implementation Conference: Stakeholder Action For Our Common Future*, to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, 24–26 August 2002.

Online Debate on Natural Disasters and Risk Reduction – The Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future together organised and moderated an online discussion on links between natural hazards, environment and sustainable development from 15 April to 9 May 2002, at www.unisdr.org.

Stakeholder Toolkit for Women – At www.earthsummit2002.org/toolkits/women, the Toolkit for Women site provides all relevant documentation since the Rio Earth Summit, including NGO information. The site has been designed to make access to information quick and easy.

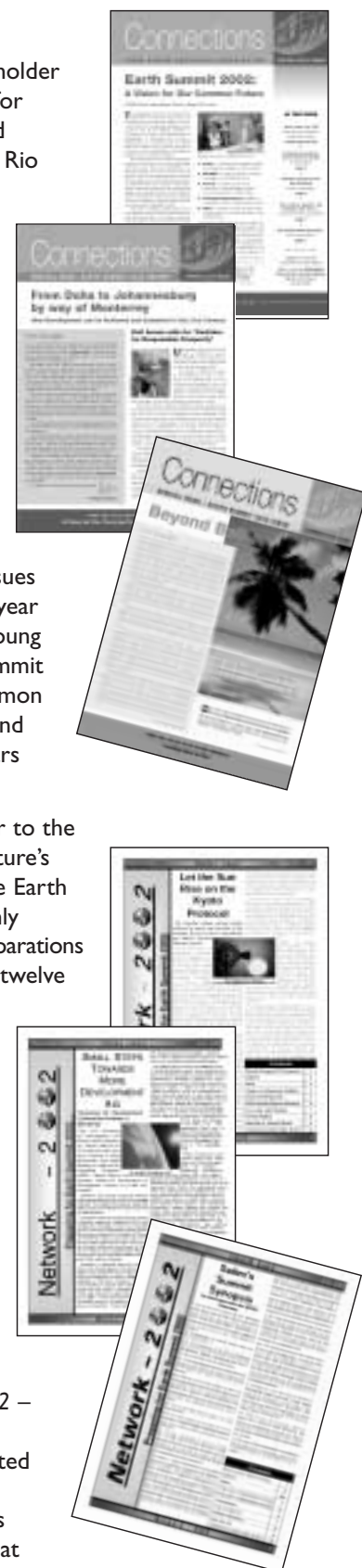
Publications

Periodicals

Connections has been Stakeholder Forum's quarterly magazine for 10 years, reporting to UK and international readers on post Rio sustainable development policies and processes in the UK and abroad. A platform for the exchange of ideas and information – and with a circulation of more than 3,500 and now found on the Internet – this year saw *Connections* focus on the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). Most editions have a pullout supplement on key issues of the time; those found this year were 'Your Wake Up Call – Young People's Project for Earth Summit 2002,' 'A Vision for Our Common Future Conference Report,' and 'Looking Back at Rio – 10 Years After the Rio Earth Summit.'

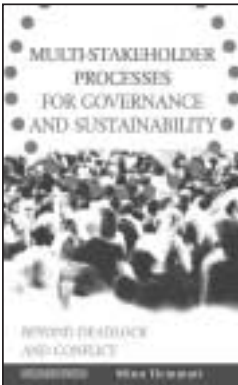
Network 2002, the successor to the Centre for Our Common Future's 'Network 92' produced for the Earth Summit in 1992, is our monthly e-newsletter reporting on preparations for the WSSD. Over the past twelve months *Network 2002* has covered each of the four WSSD regional preparatory meetings, as well as all at the international level. *Network 2002*'s readership has expanded to over 37,000 organisations globally and is further distributed by other stakeholder organisations to their membership.

Outreach 2002 – the sister journal to *Network 2002* – is produced daily at United Nations conferences and related international events, and was regularly read by stakeholders and Government delegations at WSSD PrepComs II and III in New York, and at PrepCom IV in Bali, Indonesia. *Outreach 2002* reports on the political negotiations for the Summit and on key side-events at each meeting. Used by Summit negotiators and the media as a key tool to follow the process, *Outreach 2002* is posted on our www.earthsummit2002.org web-site for viewing by those not able to attend the meetings.



Books

In conjunction with the publishing house *EarthScan*, Stakeholder Forum has produced a series of books that focus on the international sustainable development process.



Multi-Stakeholder Processes for Governance and Sustainability – Beyond Deadlock and Conflict was launched at the United Nations bookshop during the second global preparatory committee meeting for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, in January 2002. Developed by Dr. Minu Hemmati from a report presented to the Spring 2001

New York workshop on Multi-stakeholder Processes, this practical guide explains how MSPs can be organized and implemented in order to bypass adversarial politics, resolve complex issues, and achieve positive results in and around sustainable forms of development.



Authors Felix Dodds (centre) and Minu Hemmati (left) with Stakeholder Forum team members at the United Nations Bookshop book-launch

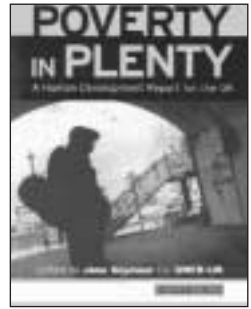


Earth Summit 2002 – A New Deal, edited by Stakeholder Forum's Felix Dodds and Toby Middleton, is a tool to help organisations prepare for Earth Summit 2002. The second edition includes additional chapters on energy and freshwater, and expert analyses by United Nations Under Secretary General Nitin Desai, Ghana's Minister Avoka, Gro Harlem Brundtland of the

World Health Organisation, Margaret Brusasco-Mackenzie, Vice Chair Stakeholder Forum, Rt Hon John Gummer, MP, UN CSD-7 Chair Simon Upton, and other leading stakeholder representatives. This is the book to read for policy makers and practitioners in Local Agenda 21, students of politics, international

relations, development, environmental studies, and anyone wanting to learn what has happened since the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio.

In October 2000 UNED-UK Committee published the widely acclaimed first developed-country Human Development Report, **Poverty in Plenty: a Human Development Report for the UK**, edited by Jane Seymour.



Handbooks and Tools for Stakeholders

Briefing for Participation in Earth Summit 2002, edited by Felix Dodds and Michael Strauss and produced in January 2002, is a guide to help Major Groups understand how to become fully and effectively involved in the preparations for UN Summit-level meetings. This handbook, soon to be published in an expanded version in 2003 by *Earthscan*, draws from Stakeholder Forum's extensive experience in intergovernmental arenas, particularly those held at the United Nations in New York. It is an essential guide for anyone planning to attend an intergovernmental meeting for the first time.



Bonn Dialogue Sessions CD-ROM: Equitable Access and Sustainable Supply of Water for the Poor, edited by Danielle Morley, is Stakeholder Forum's CD-ROM diary of the International Conference on Freshwater, hosted by the Government of Germany in Bonn, 3rd – 7th December 2001. Serving as a preparatory step for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Conference offered an opportunity to discuss practical incentives on how to establish a forward-looking process to improve freshwater management and identify best practices and solutions to the current water crisis. This CD-ROM, the first of its kind by Stakeholder Forum, contains extensive video diaries of the event and the complete text of the two landmark plenary sessions of Multi-stakeholder Dialogues.



Research and Policy Development Papers

Stakeholder Forum regularly produces peer-reviewed material covering a broad range of policy areas. This year's offerings included:

What Should Earth Summit 2002 be trying to Achieve?

The Stakeholder Toolkit: A Resource for Women and NGOs

Governance for a Sustainable Future: A report by the World Humanity Action Trust

Millennium Papers Issue 5: The Road to Johannesburg

Millennium Papers Issue 6: Are Educators Ready for the Next Earth Summit?

Capacity Building and Training Programmes

In the UK and abroad, Stakeholder Forum organizes training and capacity building to enable stakeholders to take an active and effective part in United Nations processes. These activities commonly form part of stakeholder preparations for specific meetings and conferences, and often involve meetings with the UK Government. During the past year our capacity-building work expanded considerably to meet the demands of preparations for Earth Summit 2002.

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

World Summit on Sustainable Development PrepCom III Orientation Session and Briefing by the UK Government

As part of its UK Preparations for Earth Summit 2002 work, the UNED-UK Committee team and Executive Director Felix Dodds – with the generous support of DEFRA and the RICS Foundation – conducted an orientation and briefing session for UK stakeholders planning to attend WSSD PrepCom III. Held at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, this event included guidance on how to properly conduct business at a United Nations event, and gave stakeholders an opportunity to meet the official UK Government delegation to PrepCom III and question them about UK and European Commission positions for WSSD.

A similar but larger event is planned for August 2002, where representatives from the UK Development and Environment Group of NGOs (DEG) will join a broader range of UK stakeholders for a pre-Johannesburg Summit briefing.

IN WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE

Multi-stakeholder Dialogues at the European and North American WSSD Regional PrepCom in Geneva

Drawing on experience from the Bonn Freshwater and Bergen Ministerial processes, Stakeholder Forum invited representatives from each of the 9 Major Groups to participate in a multi-stakeholder dialogue session at

the European and North American WSSD Regional PrepCom in September 2001. The session, held subsequent to the official United Nations session, allowed Major Groups to refine their positions before going into the PrepCom. This unique opportunity, while helping Major Groups feed into the European Regional Process, let Major Groups better acquaint themselves with the Governments that will ultimately attend the Johannesburg Summit.

Kiev 2003

With funding from *The Community Fund* and the *UK Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*, and in partnership with Ukraine-based MAMA86, Stakeholder Forum's Kiev 2003 project continues.

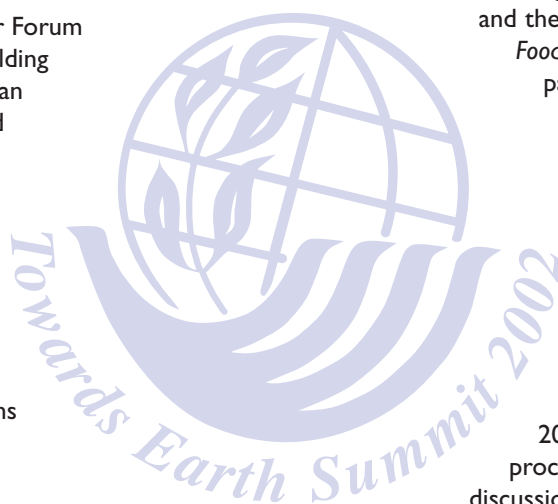
This 27-month programme, due to conclude in August 2003, continues to support community-based organisations in Ukraine to better access information on sustainable development (in particular the 2003 'Environment for Europe' process), participate in debates and discussions on sustainable development issues of national and local concern, contribute towards the development of the government of Ukraine's sustainable development policy, and engage a broad range of stakeholders in sustainable development activities that bring about positive change.

A series of training events began in November, and the partners plan to produce a regularly published newsletter for stakeholders. Mapping technologies will soon be employed to graphically present data currently being developed through research on key indicators which show the relationship between poverty and environmental issues.

IN AFRICA

WSSD African Regional PrepCom, Nairobi, Kenya

In its role as a facilitator of global stakeholder participation in the WSSD process, Stakeholder Forum representatives from the *Towards Earth Summit 2002* team organised a multi-stakeholder dialogue session between NGOs, industry, local government, trade unions and women's groups at the African Regional PrepCom. Held on 17 and 18 October 2001 during meetings attended by Ministers of the African States, Stakeholder Forum International Advisory Board Co-Chair Hespina Rukato chaired the multi-stakeholder dialogue, a summary of which was presented at the PrepCom plenary session. The Stakeholder Forum team also conducted training sessions for new UN conference participants to prepare them for upcoming global PrepComs in New York and Indonesia.



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Towards Earth Summit 2002 Activities

Towards Earth Summit 2002 is a programme which provides information on the World Summit on Sustainable Development process, particularly by informing a wide range of international stakeholders and by acting as a vehicle to publicise those stakeholder viewpoints. As the pace toward Johannesburg accelerates, the *Towards Earth Summit 2002* team has expanded, and is redoubling its efforts with Governments and civil society to develop the multi-stakeholder processes as an effective tool to help make the Johannesburg Summit and similar processes successful.

Internationally the programme continues to provide information services on the sustainable development and Johannesburg agendas, with *Network 2002*, *Outreach 2002*, and the www.earthsummit2002.org website. This web-based resource has become the leading independent international hub for the Summit process by distributing resource materials for general information, the media, reporting, and policy consideration. As it is also a hub linking Stakeholder Forum project-specific online resources, by the end of the year the site was receiving between 650,000 and 800,000 hits per month, with expectations that this will climb to over 1,000,000 hits per month as the Johannesburg Summit begins.

“Earth Summit 2002 is the comprehensive website on the World Summit. In contrast to other products from official offices, it foregrounds the decisive documents rather than hiding them behind a jumble of minutes of meetings. Thus you can find out about the road to a World Summit ten years after Rio, what will or could happen afterwards, where preparations are being made, what international agreements are relevant, and the texts of these agreements. One emphasis is of course on Agenda 21. Thus it is only logical that each nation presents its own strategy on sustainable development. If your thirst for information is still unquenched, you can also find current news and a list of links.”

Swiss Government Website

Roadmap to 2002

The *Roadmap to 2002* continues to develop in the run-up to the Summit. In its fourth year, the Roadmap website tracks the international sustainable development agenda issue by issue. The site continues to offer a one-stop resource of the key meetings, conferences and inter-governmental sessions that have shaped the sustainable development debate. Designed to allow stakeholders to monitor and participate at the

international level between the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 and its ten-year review in Johannesburg in 2002, the Roadmap will reach its culmination this year.

Briefing Papers

Stakeholder Forum *Briefing Papers* focus on the pressing global issues that the Johannesburg Summit is likely to address. These papers are produced with the support of our International Advisory Board, and often include expert contributions. Available online at www.earthsummit2002.org/es/issues/default.htm and distributed in hard-copy at Summit PrepComs, this timely material focuses on the three pillars of sustainable development.

Economic Series

- Sustainable Finance: *Seeking Global Financial Security*
- Sustaining Our Global Public Goods

Environment Series

- Climate Change and Energy: *Can We Weather the Switch to Sustainable Energy?*
- Oceans and Seas: *Harnessing the Marine Environment for Sustainable Development*
- The Rio Conventions: *Committing to Sustainability*

Social Series

- Gender Equity and Sustainable Development
- Health and Environment: *Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods*

The Johannesburg Summit Series

Stakeholder Forum produced a number of stakeholder-informed policy recommendations for the PrepCom preparatory process of the Johannesburg Summit.

January 2002: *Stakeholder Views for a Sustainable Future – a compilation of the stakeholder inputs in the run up to the global preparatory process, and Briefing for Participation in Earth Summit 2002 – edited by Felix Dodds*

March 2002: *Comments on the Proposed Framework of Outcome Documents for Earth Summit 2002, and Agenda for Action – a proposed structure for the Summit’s programme of implementation*

May 2002: *Comments on the Chair’s Text for Negotiation – an analysis of the plan of implementation according to core elements identified for ensuring an effective framework for implementation, and Comments on the text for ‘Institutional Frameworks for Sustainable Development’ – an analysis of the governance text according to core elements identified for ensuring an effective framework for implementation*

National Reporting Templates

The *Towards Earth Summit 2002* team has been developing national reporting templates as an online resource within the National Resources section of the www.earthsummit2002.org website (www.earthsummit2002.org/es/national-resources/default.htm). The templates are part of an on-going initiative to encourage increased and consistent reporting by countries. Such regular reporting would help to assess progress on national commitments made in Agenda 21 and at the post-Rio sessions of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

Each template is based on a chapter of Agenda 21, and has been re-written as questionnaires and broken down by stakeholder responsibilities to help clarify who is supposed to be doing what, and when. In future the team hopes to pilot the questionnaires in different countries and regions, to develop useful and understandable resources for a broad range of stakeholders.

Regional Offices

An essential part of this year's international Summit-related work included capacity building and outreach at the regional level. In early 2002 we signed Memorandums of Understanding with two new partners, the Arab Coalition and ENDA Maghreb. These alliances enabled our regional partners to undertake capacity building measures and to develop Summit-related resources to meet the unique needs and concerns of the Arab-region of West Asia and the French-speaking region of Africa, respectively. The work included translation of *Network 2002* articles, briefing papers and internet resources for these regions. These partnerships will run to the end of 2002, at which time the team will look to develop further initiatives consistent with the post-Johannesburg focus of Stakeholder Forum.

Facilitating Multi-Stakeholder Processes at the Global Level

International Conference on Freshwater – Bonn, Germany, December 2001

Building upon its extensive experience with multi-stakeholder dialogues, and in particular with international freshwater policy-making at the *Second World Water Forum and Ministerial Conference* at The Hague in March 2000 and the *Bergen Dialogue Sessions* in September 2000, Stakeholder Forum continued work on its *Bonn Freshwater* project. Under contract to the German government, and guided by an international advisory group, the Bonn team coordinated NGO participation in multi-stakeholder dialogue sessions for the event, the most significant meeting on freshwater issues during the global preparations for the Johannesburg Summit.

As with the *Bergen Dialogues*, the objective for Bonn was for major groups to engage in open and structured dialogue with each other and with delegates from Governments and international organisations, to encourage and inform a better outcome. Two three-hour multi-stakeholder dialogue sessions, chaired by

Mr. David Hales, former Assistant Administrator of USAID under the Clinton Administration, focussed on *Equitable Access and Sustainable Supply of Water for the Poor* and *Strategies for Sustainable and Equitable Management of Water Resources*. Hailed by many as a model for multi-stakeholder participation, further information on the conference and the dialogue sessions is available online at www.water-2001.de/msd and on a Stakeholder Forum CD-ROM, as outlined earlier in this report.

“[The Bonn dialogues were the] nearest I have seen something get to interactive.”

Alison Drayton, UNDP

Stakeholder Forum Bonn Freshwater Advisory Group

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Farmers: International Federation of Agricultural Producers

Local Government: ICLEI

NGOs: Instituto do Desenvolvimento e de Gerenciamento do Meio Ambiente IMAH, World Economy Ecology and Development, ENDA-Maghreb, Environmental Monitoring Group South Africa, Barefoot College India

Professionals: International Water Association

Scientists: IUCN

Trade Union: ICFTU and PSI

Women: Gender and Water Alliance

Stakeholder Forum International Advisory Board Meeting

Stakeholder Forum used the occasion of the second global preparatory meeting for the World Summit on Sustainable Development – *PrepCom 2* – to convene the International Advisory Board for its third meeting. Thirty delegates met in New York for a presentation on our 2001 to 2002 international work, discuss the Summit process thus far, and suggest ways by which Stakeholder Forum's work could strengthen and enhance the process in the run up to Johannesburg.

This session presented an opportunity to welcome new members Yasemin Uyar (Youth for Habitat International Network), Clarisse Siebert (Youth Summit), Thomas Rosswall (International Scientific Union), David Hales (formerly US Government USAID), and Zonny Woods (Action Canada for Population & Development). New attendees representing on-going IAB member organisations were also welcomed, including Elena Lonero (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives), and Mike Ashley (International Union of Local Authorities).

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New International Advisory Board Co-Chairs Gwen Mahlangu and David Hales

The Board's new Co-Chair, Gwen Mahlangu, MP from South Africa (representing GLOBE International) could not attend due to illness. Ms. Mahlangu is an ANC politician and Chairs the South African parliament's Portfolio Committee on Environmental Affairs and Tourism. She replaces Hespina Rukato as Co-Chair, who had to stand down from the Board after accepting a new position in the South African Ministry responsible for hosting the WSSD.

The meeting's final matter of business was the manner in which the IAB should evolve in light of Stakeholder Forum's increasingly international role. It was agreed that the fourth IAB meeting, to be held in parallel to the Johannesburg Summit, will take the discussion further.

Non-Governmental Organisations

The main organizing group for NGOs during the Summit process changed from the CSD NGO Steering Committee to the Sustainable Development Issue Network. The Network, which has come to be known as SDIN, is facilitated by three established organizations. ANPED (the Northern Alliance for Sustainability), ELCI, and Third World Network work together to create space for NGOs to agree positions to effectively lobby during the Summit process.

Stakeholder Forum continued in its supporting role – as it did with the CSD NGO Steering Committee – by offering training to NGOs new to the process at PrepComs 2 and 3, and plans to provide similar training and support for the Summit itself. In addition, Stakeholder Forum worked closely with SDIN to encourage NGOs to contribute material to *Outreach 2002*, giving NGOs a platform by which to present their ideas and concerns to a broad audience.

G8 Sherpers Meeting

In May, Stakeholder Forum was invited to take part in a meeting organized by the Montreal International Forum with the G8 Sherpers. Representatives from NGOs met to discuss the G8 agenda, and this forum put forward an argument that future G8 sessions should consider a multi-stakeholder dialogue with Heads of State. The French Government, host of the next G8 meeting, has in the past organized a meeting between NGOs and the G8 Environment Ministers. It is hoped that France will advocate extending this to Heads of State level.

Other Activities

World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) PrepComs

No other piece of work better illustrates this year's rapid pace at Stakeholder Forum than our efforts at the WSSD Preparatory Committee meetings, commonly known as PrepComs. Three global PrepComs in 130 days – two in New York and one in Bali, Indonesia – stretched our teams to their limits. Yet this challenge provided an opportunity for the teams to synchronise their work like never before and focus squarely on the Johannesburg Summit, proof that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Most teams had a presence at the PrepComs, each making a valuable contribution to the WSSD process, as summarised here.

● PrepCom 2 – 28 January to 8 February, New York



United Nations Under-Secretary General Mr. Nitin Desai and WSSD Chairman Mr. Emil Salim address the WSSD PrepCom 2 plenary in the General Assembly

The first substantial global preparatory meeting for the Johannesburg Summit, PrepCom 2 was also the beginning of Stakeholder Forum's careful analysis of the unfolding WSSD process. Led by Executive Director Felix Dodds and Deputy Director Charles Nouhan, the teams employed an operating model that would later be used at all subsequent PrepComs. Stakeholder Forum floor managers – members of our various teams – were assigned to record the salient details of each session. This allowed us to follow the positions of each Government, provide a daily analysis of developing trends, brief each other, and brief stakeholder groups and Governments where invited to do so.

One early success of this approach was the identification of Education for Sustainable Development as a common interest amongst Governments and NGOs. And, our day-to-day analysis was found to be so useful a tool that three UN agencies approached our teams during the PrepCom for guidance on how to get their concerns into the official text. Other Stakeholder Forum activities at PrepCom 2 included:

Side Events

UK Preparations for Earth Summit 2002, a report on the on-going UK National Stakeholder Consultation conducted by UNED-UK Committee in co-operation with the UK Government and key sectors of UK civil society

Education for Sustainable Development: the Key to Sustainable Development, held jointly with Peace Child International

Education: Commitments and Partnerships, held jointly with UNESCO

Governance for Sustainable Development, in cooperation with Globe International and WFUNA

Workshops

Economic Governance for Sustainable Development, held in co-operation with, and hosted by, the Government of Germany

NGO Training Sessions, where, in our capacity as a facilitating body, Stakeholder Forum held three sessions to train stakeholders new to the UN process on how to be effective lobbyists

Dinners

We hosted a **Trans-national Corporations Convention dinner**, where representatives of five multi-national companies joined Stakeholder Forum team-leaders to discuss the possibility of a convention on TNCs. We looked at OECD guidelines to see if they might form the basis for a framework convention. FIELD International attended to provide a legal opinion.

Stakeholder Group Leader's dinner, was held with key stakeholder coordinators. This informal meeting reviewed the first week of the PrepCom and progress made by many stakeholder groups.

● **PrepCom 3 – 25 March to 5 April, New York**

While continuing to employ the floor manager approach so successfully launched at PrepCom 2 and a daily analysis of developing trends, Stakeholder Forum teams used the third WSSD PrepCom as an opportunity to bring the voice of stakeholders to Governments and the WSSD Secretariat.

UNED-UK Committee

The UK team, led by UK Preparations for Earth Summit 2002 Co-ordinator Georgina Ayre, with four of our UK national dialogue co-ordinators, effectively advocated the issues and concerns of the members of UNED-UK Committee's seven on-going UK multi-stakeholder WSSD issue-based working groups. The team's presence took advantage of an opportunity to influence the long sought *Johannesburg*

Programme of Action to reflect the priorities of UK stakeholders. In addition, the co-ordinators offered support to Governments advocating issues important to UK stakeholders (see *UNED-UK Committee*, p20, for further details).

Towards Earth Summit 2002

The international team, led by Executive Director Felix Dodds and Chair Derek Osborn, circulated *Stakeholder Views for a Sustainable Future* and *Comments on the Proposed Framework of Outcome Documents for Earth Summit 2002, an Agenda for Action*, in an effort to bring substance and structure to a proposed WSSD programme of implementation. Well received, the documents resonated well with stakeholders and Governments, and may have influenced the team's later invitation to the informal sessions on the emerging Type 1 and Type 2 partnership approaches.

The Towards Earth Summit 2002 team continued to produce the daily *Outreach 2002*, and began producing a series of innovative video interviews with key Summit participants, destined for our www.earthsummit2002.org website.

Side Events

Implementation Conference: Stakeholder Action for our Common Future, introduced the IC to a wider international audience

Integrating a Human Rights Framework for Sustainable Development, organized by PDHRE (Peoples Movement for Human Rights Education) included Executive Director Felix Dodds, who has been advising human rights organizations on how to integrate their work into the Summit process

Health in Sustainable Development: Key Issues and Action Strategies, organized by the World Health Organisation (WHO) included Stakeholder Forum's Robert Whitfield and promoted WHO involvement in the upcoming Implementation Conference

Tools for Mainstreaming Gender in Sustainable Development, organized by UN DAW and WEDO, included Stakeholder Forum's Minu Hemmati, who has been working closely with WEDO to produce *Women's Action Agenda for a Healthy and Peaceful Planet 2015 – WAA2015* (see p19 for further details).

Workshops

Domestic Good Governance for Sustainable Development. Stakeholder Forum co-convened a second one-day workshop on the subject with IUCN, WRI, Transparency International, ICC, WBCSD, BASD, and USCIB. The purpose of this workshop was to identify possible partnerships for furthering good governance at the national level. One unexpected result came in the form of considerable interest from the US State Department.

● **PrepCom 4 – 27 May to 7 June, Bali, Indonesia**

Employing the floor manager approach once again, Stakeholder Forum teams travelled to Bali for the fourth and final WSSD PrepCom. Although tempted by sun, sandy beaches and alluring waves, the teams were usually early to work, rarely emerging from indoors before the tropical sun set.

The WSSD process was still without a Plan of Action, so Stakeholder Forum teams were again able to actively advocate on behalf of stakeholders. Few expected the process to be open to stakeholder influence at this late stage.

UNED-UK Committee

The UK team, led once again by UK Preparations for Earth Summit 2002 Co-ordinator Georgina Ayre, focussed again on advocating the work of the seven UNED-UK Committee multi-stakeholder working groups. And, building on networks begun during PrepCom 3, team members worked closely with their international counterparts in the NGO Human Settlement, Energy, Freshwater, Education, Sustainable Production and Consumption, and Women's caucuses.

Education Task Group Co-ordinator Anna Birney built upon progress made at PrepCom 3 by launching the *Education for Our Common Future* initiative. Working closely with and supported by WWF-UK and Oxfam, the initiative will draw educators into the WSSD process and the future Johannesburg Plan of Action.

Towards Earth Summit 2002

The international team, led once again by Executive Director Felix Dodds with support from Chair Derek Osborn, circulated updated versions of *Stakeholder Views for a Sustainable Future* and *Comments on the Proposed Framework of Outcome Documents for Earth Summit 2002, an Agenda for Action*. The team continued to be active in the Type 1 and Type 2 partnership approach dialogues, and expanded our governance work with an analysis of the official governance text.

The Towards Earth Summit 2002 team once again produced *Outreach 2002*, and continued its series of video interviews.

Side Events

Delivering Action – the Role of Local Governance, was hosted by the Local Government International Bureau, LGIB, and UNED-UK Committee

Disaster Risk & Sustainable Development – Reducing Vulnerability to Natural Hazards, was hosted by The Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), and included a presentation on the outcomes of the Stakeholder Forum led online debate *Links Between Natural Hazards, Environment and Sustainable Development – Taking Action to Reduce The Risk of Disasters*.

Implementation Conference: Stakeholder Action for our Common Future was held on the first day of the PrepCom. The event was a progress report on the IC and the team's efforts to engage a broad range of stakeholders in sustainable development action plans

Governance for Sustainable Development: the Next Steps, held with IUCN. The event, which included speakers from ICLEI, UNDP, IUCN, and the Institute for Advanced Studies (the UN University), resulted in support for the establishment of a regional sub-national government network and gave a strong call for better representation of the local level in official governance negotiations.

Workshops

Capacity Building for Sustainable Agriculture, co-hosted with CropLife International, Asian Pacific Regional Technology Center, and WorldView International, was part of the Implementation Conference's food security issue preparations on capacity building for sustainable agriculture.

During the **Earth Charter Workshop**, Executive Director Felix Dodds represented Stakeholder Forum and our support for the Earth Charter

At the **Sub-national Level Government Network** workshop, Stakeholder Forum convened Government representatives from a number of regions to see if there are grounds for creating a new network for the Sub National Level. Broad support for the proposal has resulted in the proposed launch such a network during the Johannesburg Summit.

WHAT Governance Programme



“Governance is the framework of social and economic systems and legal and political structures through which humanity manages itself.”

World Humanity Action Trust (WHAT)

The WHAT Governance Programme, which now makes its home at Stakeholder Forum's offices, is a joint initiative of GLOBE Southern Africa, Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future, and the World Humanity Action Trust (WHAT). WHAT, originally an independent think tank that sought practical resolutions to global problems, merged with Stakeholder Forum in November 2001. The programme, which will initially run for a two-year period, seeks to establish clear definitions and proposals towards new frameworks on global governance in order to effectively meet the principles of sustainable development in a globalising world where “...governance is the framework of social

and economic systems and legal and political structures through which humanity manages itself”.

During this past year the programme submitted position papers to key WSSD strategy sessions, related United Nations conferences, and hosted high-profile side events at WSSD and other global PrepComs:

September 2001: *Inter-Linkages Among Multilateral Environmental Agreements* (www.earthsummit2002.org/es/issues/Governance/interlinkages.pdf), to the International Eminent Persons meeting in Tokyo, Japan

November 2001: *Governance for Sustainable Development* (www.earthsummit2002.org/es/issues/Governance/Montreal-IEG.pdf) and *The Future of the Commission on Sustainable Development* (www.earthsummit2002.org/es/issues/Governance/csd-governance.pdf) to the WSSD Global Experts Roundtable, in Montreal, Canada

January 2002: The programme hosted a high-level workshop, *Economic Governance for Sustainable Development* at the German House, New York, during the final PrepCom for the United Nation's Financing for Development Conference. A WSSD side event, *Governance for Sustainable Development*, was held shortly thereafter in New York, during WSSD PrepCom 2, to report back on the workshop and engage more stakeholders in the process.

February 2002: The programme submitted its existing papers to the discussion on International Environmental Governance at the UNEP Governing Council's 7th Special Session in Cartagena, Colombia.

March 2002: Following on-going discussions on governance at WSSD PrepCom 3, the programme submitted *A Contribution to the Working Group III Text on Sustainable Development Governance* (www.earthsummit2002.org/es/issues/Governance/PC3-governance.pdf) to the WSSD Governance Working Group

May 2002: The programme hosted a side event during WSSD PrepCom 4 in Bali, Indonesia, *Governance for Sustainable Development: the Next Steps*. In addition, an analysis of the text to be negotiated by Governments at PrepCom 4, *Institutional Frameworks for Sustainable Development* (www.earthsummit2002.org/es/issues/Governance/PC4-institutional-framework.pdf) was widely distributed and welcomed by delegates.

The Governance Programme's key partner, GLOBE Southern Africa, has set up a website and produced two newsletters following the governance debate, which can be found online at: www.globesa.org/governance/global_governance.html.

Stakeholder Action for Our Common Future – The Implementation Conference



The Indaba Hotel, site of the upcoming Implementation Conference

The Stakeholder Action for Our Common Future process was launched in July 2001 with a view to facilitating collaborative action and establishing up to 25 new partnerships at a multi-stakeholder Implementation Conference. This 3-day event, to be held in Johannesburg from 24–26 August 2002 at the Indaba Hotel and the IUCN Environment Centre, was conceived and will be facilitated by Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future.

An iterative consultation process by the Stakeholder Forum International Advisory Board identified five key issues – freshwater, sustainable energy, food security, health, and stakeholder citizenship – as areas on which to build partnerships. In February 2002 it was decided to focus on the first four. The selection of these issues was further endorsed when UN Secretary General Kofi Annan announced the WEHAB priorities in May 2002 (**W**ater and Sanitation, **E**nergy, **H**ealth, **A**gricultural Production, and **B**iodiversity and Ecosystems Management), effectively embracing all four Implementation Conference issues. Similarly the collaborative implementation emphasis of the Implementation Conference process was further endorsed with the announcement of the UN Secretariat's Type II partnership initiative.

Issue Advisory Groups were established, for each of the four issues, to guide the project team on areas which were most fitting to collaborative stakeholder action. This led to the initial expression of possible action plans and the identification and engagement of organisations and individuals for whom the action plans were most relevant. The process was again aided by Issue Advisory Group and project team members taking active roles at WSSD PrepComs. Most prominent were an international workshop on health and stakeholder citizenship (outlined later in this report), multiple side events at Summit PrepComs, and a side event planned for the Summit itself. The project team secured further support for the process by engaging a broad range of stakeholders and by the presence of senior team members around the table at official discussions on Type II partnerships.

Stakeholder Citizenship and the Health Sector – A High Level Workshop



Implementation Conference Co-ordinators Minu Hemmati and Robert Whitfield open the Stakeholder Citizenship and the Health Sector workshop

As a prelude to the Stakeholder Forum Implementation Conference, this 2-day workshop, held on February 2nd and 3rd 2002 in New York during WSSD PrepCom 2 and hosted by BP Amoco, drew over 70 participants from a wide range of stakeholder groups. With the goal of sharing understanding and perspectives on key health sector issues and key mechanisms of stakeholder responsibility, transparency and accountability, the outcomes were intended to guide the Implementation Conference team on preparations for the Johannesburg Conference in August. Participants were encouraged to identify urgent and emerging issues based on their experience, particularly those requiring joint stakeholder actions, and identify areas of possible collaboration in respect of the official Summit process.

Participants exchanged views on how partnerships should be developed and what the success criteria might be. While the main outcome was a strengthening of collaborative networks, specific content issues emerged. In health, these centred on public health issues, on collaboration in research and development and on stakeholder engagement work with the Global Fund against AIDS, TB and Malaria and the World Health Organisation. The range of stakeholder citizenship issues remained broad, and the main agreement was that, due to their cross-cutting nature, these issues were often best addressed within sectors.



Stakeholder Forum Chair Derek Osborn with Stakeholder Citizenship and the Health Sector workshop keynote speakers

Conducted with partners Novartis International AG, Novo Nordisk A/S, Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), and World Information Transfer (WIT), and with further support from BP Amoco plc and the RMC Group, a full report of this ground-breaking event can be found at <http://www.earthsummit2002.org/ic/prep/febworkshop.htm>.

Responsible Tourism in Destinations Conference – Shaping sustainable spaces into better places

August 2002
Cape Town, South Africa



Stakeholder Forum recognised very early in the WSSD process that tourism would not be a key issue on the Johannesburg agenda. To ensure that the Summit

process allows those interested in developing work on responsible tourism to continue, we are working closely with others to organize a responsible tourism conference in Cape Town, South Africa. Organisations supporting the event include The World Tourism Organisation (WTO), The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), the International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO), UNEP, The South African Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA), the Western Cape Provincial Government (PAWC), the Western Cape Tourism Board (WCTB), Cape Nature Conservation (CNC), and the City of Cape Town.

Mr. Harold Goodwin, of the International Centre for Responsible Tourism, co-chaired the preparatory committee on behalf of Stakeholder Forum and will chair the conference itself along side Mr. Mike Fabricius of the Cape Town Tourism Authority. Key outcomes from the conference will be found at <http://www.capetourism.org/conference.asp>.

Your Wake Up Call

your wake up call
Young People Speaking On Behalf Of The Planet

At the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Governments were urged to seek young people's opinions about the environment. Your Wake Up Call wants to guarantee that at Earth Summit 2002 – the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development – the commitments made by world leaders are influenced by the opinions of young people.

As a project of Stakeholder Forum, Your Wake Up Call brought together 80 delegates aged 13 to 18 for a week-long residential conference in Birmingham, England in April 2002. The young delegates were drawn from consultation with a diverse portfolio of charities and organisations based in the UK, Ireland and South Africa.



Young delegates from South Africa and the UK get to know each other, strategise for the Johannesburg Summit, and wrap-up their Birmingham Conference with a group photo

During the Birmingham Conference, to which young South Africans flew in to attend, delegates chose food as their main theme. It was agreed that a food theme would neatly encompass the issues likely to be raised at Earth Summit 2002. The delegates also began to formulate their own plans to attend the Summit. Once in Johannesburg, they will attend events hosted by other organisations as well as a Your Wake Up Call one-day conference for similar aged young people from every corner of the world. The young delegates are also developing plans to host a lunch for world leaders during the Summit.

HRH The Prince of Wales supported the project by writing a forward to the Birmingham Conference programme, in which he said:

“I welcome and applaud the active enthusiasm of the young delegates participating in Your Wake Up Call’s important conference in Birmingham, and their subsequent visit to Johannesburg.”

The Conference was made possible thanks to the generous financial support of a private trust, and the kind help given by many departments of Birmingham City Council.

Women’s Action Agenda for a Healthy and Peaceful Planet 2015 – WAA2015



Stakeholder Forum consultant Minu Hemmati served as a member of the international working group that prepared the WAA2015, which will be launched at the Johannesburg Summit. Women’s Action Agenda for a Peaceful and Healthy Planet 2015 will serve as a

vision for the future and a document of principles that women worldwide could both contribute to and use for their own advocacy globally, nationally and locally with their own governments and other sectors of civil society. It includes chapters on peace, globalization, access and control of resources, environmental security and health, and governance. The document, published in the form of a small brochure, is available in three languages, and as an in-depth full text booklet.

The WAA2015 agenda built on the previous *Women’s Action Agenda for a Healthy Planet*, produced in 1992 around the Rio Earth Summit. This agenda proved to be a successful lobbying platform in Rio, and was subsequently used internationally for awareness raising and capacity building activities. The new Women’s Action Agenda for a Healthy and Peaceful Planet 2015 looks toward the future by building on the diverse experiences of thousands of women striving to bring the UNCED agreements to life.

In 2001, an international working group of women activists reached out to women in all regions of the world to develop the revised agenda. Facilitated by the Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) and Network for Human Development (REDEH), the working group included women from Women in Europe for our Common Future (WECF), Strategic Analysis for Gender Equity (SAGE), Environment Liaison Centre International (ELCI), and the Heinrich Böll Foundation.

Electronic consultations tapped into women’s networks and organizations with expertise on particular themes. Discussions took place during WSSD preparatory processes, and in five regional meetings that were organized in partnership with women’s groups and networks in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Pittsburgh, U.S.A., Prague, Czech Republic, Bangkok, Thailand and Venice, Italy. A detailed history of the process and outcomes from the Johannesburg Summit can be found at <http://www.wedo.org> and <http://www.worldsummit2002.org/index.htm?http://www.worldsummit2002.org/activities/waa1.htm>.

UNED-UK Committee Activities

In addition to being the UK arm of Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future, UNED-UK Committee is the link between the organisation's UK and international programmes.

UK Preparations for Earth Summit 2002 – the Ongoing UK National Process

In August 2000, the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) suggested that UN member countries take steps to assess progress since the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, including *National Progressions* to highlight achievements and, through a bottom-up process, identify 3 to 5 issues on which to focus so as to advance sustainable development in that country over the next 5 to 10 years. In its role as the National Committee for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in the UK, and its support of the work of the CSD, UNED-UK Committee took an early lead in this effort, and has this year expanded work in the area.

With continued support from cash grants and in-kind help from the UK Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, grants from Northumbrian Water, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the RICS Foundation and private donors, and with in-kind support from the Royal Society, UNED-UK Committee has maintained the momentum from its spring 2001 nation conference, *UK Preparations for Earth Summit 2002: The National and Global Dimensions*. The issue-based workshops held during that conference evolved into ongoing multi-stakeholder WSSD working groups which cover a broad range of domestic and international priorities for UK stakeholders:

- Biodiversity & Natural Resources Conservation
- Education & Sustainable Development
- Energy & Climate Change
- Population & Sustainability
- Sustainable Cities & Communities
- Sustainable Production & Consumption
- UK in the Wider World

In order to meet the demands and time constraints of the WSSD process, a common strategy was adopted by the groups, ensuring consistent and coherent processes and outputs. The initial consultation period provided the space for all participants to articulate their priorities for sustainable development in the UK and globally. During the past 10 months participants have been encouraged to use the multi-stakeholder process as a mechanism for assessment and decision making on issues to be advocated within the international process. Throughout, the underlying aim of dialogue has remained to progress sustainable development in the UK.

Effectiveness of this process during the past year has led to an expansion of UNED-UK Committee's role; each dialogue group now regularly feeds into the UK Governments preparations for WSSD and contributes to the WSSD process at the international level through the team's presence at global PrepComs. The team has been widely recognised in the UK, throughout the United Nations system, and internationally for identifying a clear path by which UK stakeholders could contribute to the Johannesburg preparatory process.

In the months following the Johannesburg Summit, the UK team will use the momentum and enthusiasm gained by the groups to focus the process on further advancing sustainability in the UK.

Conferences

UNED-UK Committee conferences have become reliable and interesting resources through which a broad range of UK stakeholders can keep informed of current sustainable development activities in the UK and abroad. Our conferences are also a useful tool for drawing an expanding number of stakeholders into relevant United Nations processes.

A Vision for Our Common Future: The UK's Contribution to Earth Summit 2002

22 January 2002, the Brunei Gallery, School for Oriental and African Studies, London



Derek Osborn (left), Michael Meacher and Margaret Brusasco-Mackenzie

"The timing of this event is particularly important coming as it does just before the Second Preparatory meeting in New York. UNED-UK and Stakeholder Forum will be participating actively at that event and are keen to ensure that the views expressed here today are fed into the process."

**Rt. Michael Meacher MP
Minister for the Environment**

As the pace quickened towards the Johannesburg Summit, this high-profile stocktaking event, part of UNED-UK Committee's multi-stakeholder UK Preparations for Earth Summit 2002, took place on the eve of the United Nations Second Preparatory Committee Meeting for the World Summit on Sustainable Development – PrepCom 2 – in New York. The day provided an opportunity to make stakeholder views known before teams of civil society stakeholders and Government officials departed for NY. Keynote speakers, panellists, and delegates were challenged to address what Earth Summit 2002 should be trying to achieve and how civil society can influence and ensure a progressive outcome for sustainable development in the UK and internationally.

Attended by 300 delegates from a broad range of stakeholder groups, keynote speakers included the Rt. Hon. Michael Meacher MP, Minister for the Environment, John Gummer, MP, and Derek Osborn, Chair of Stakeholder for Our Common Future. Jonathon Porritt, Chair of the UK Sustainable Development Commission, chaired an afternoon session where representatives from major stakeholder groups presented their visions and expectations for the Summit.



John Gummer and Derek Osborn open the day on an upbeat note

'Sustainable development is two words which need to be carried together. We cannot ask people who are impoverished to embrace sustainability without the promise of development. We need to be practical and to do these things ourselves'

Rt. Hon. John Gummer, MP



Speakers (left) and delegates (below) at 'A Vision for Our Common Future'



It's Your Choice! Helping to Make Sustainability a Reality: A High-Level Workshop

20 February 2002, Imperial College, London



Mike Barry, Environmental Systems Manager, Marks & Spencer

170 delegates gathered at Imperial College to identify concrete actions to making sustainability in the UK a reality. The event, part of UK preparations for Earth Summit 2002, was part of the UNED-UK Committee/Imperial College Sustainable Production and Consumption Programme conceived by Stakeholder Forum Special Advisor and Imperial College Senior Research Fellow Andrew Blaza and UNED-UK Co-ordinator Charles Nouhan. An example of how multi-stakeholder processes can bring together decision-makers with their own agendas and priorities to take the first step in moving forward collectively, stakeholder groups, including a broad range of business representatives, were well represented in multi-stakeholder workshops on Food, Domestic Goods, Energy, Water and Transport.

Chaired by Mr. Blaza, who opened the event, speakers representing *the producer*, Christine Druly of Unilever, *the retailer*, Mike Barry of Marks & Spencer, and *the consumer*, Julia Hailes of ACCPE described their respective experiences with the process. They were followed by Tom Fox of IIED, speaking about the IIED *Race to The Top* project.

The workshop report, which can be found at http://www.stakeholderforum.org/conf/cons_conf/cons_conf.htm, illustrates the degree to which the UK is moving the sustainable production and consumption agenda forward, particularly in building partnerships between stakeholder groups. It is hoped that the workshop results will inform UK Government thinking as it plans UK contributions to Type I and Type II Johannesburg Summit outcomes.

'It's Your Choice!: Helping to Make Sustainability a Reality', was funded in part by grants from Biffa, Marks and Spencer, RICS Foundation, RMC Environment Fund, and Seven Trent plc. The project was recognised by the RMC Environment Fund as one of its eighteen outstanding 'Beacon' projects for the year.

"This project is part of a bigger programme to promote sustainability in production and consumption, the outcomes of which will have a major global impact. Through a participatory approach and widespread dissemination, the project will make a contribution to awareness of and commitment to issues of sustainability and the environment."

Sacha Grigg
Grants Team Coordinator, RMC Environment Fund

As UNEP's National Committee for the United Kingdom

UNEP National Committees
Annual Meeting, Geneva,
December 2001



As the National Committee for the United Nations Environment Programme in the UK, UNED-UK Committee regularly attends annual meetings of the UNEP European Regional National Committees (NC) in Geneva. During this year's session, we briefed UNEP Regional Office for Europe officials, and representatives from other NCs, on our UNEP-funded work to support NC understanding of Earth Summit 2002. This ongoing work includes the circulation of information resources, expert guidance on upcoming preparatory meetings and resources to support national preparations. Each NC has been integrated into the *Towards Earth Summit 2002* international communications networks, ensuring that each receives *Network 2002*, notification of available briefing papers, and national review resources.

UNED-UK Committee activities during this two-day meeting included taking a key role in discussions leading to an agreed vision by NC representatives for the National Committees system. It was agreed that an enlarged and better linked NC system could become one of UNEP's most visible and viable assets. Moreover representatives of European NCs, plus Brazil and Canada, strongly supported a UNEP Regional Office for Europe proposal to enhance the engagement of civil society in the work of UNEP. This includes a desire to expand the National Committee system, in particular in the less-developed world, and among the Eastern European countries with economies in transition.

Global Environment Outlook-3 (GEO-3) Launch

Further to our role as UNEP's UK National Committee, we were asked by UNEP to coordinate the launch of its third flagship report since 1997, *Global Environment Outlook-3*. Held in London on 22 May 2002 this global media event drew over 200 participants, and received widespread coverage on television (BBC 2 News Night) and in several national newspapers. The event, launched by Dr Klaus Topfer, United Nations Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of UNEP, included remarks by the Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP, UK Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

GEO-3 comes 10 years after the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and 30 years after the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment in 1972. By tracking and analysing important environmental issues over the period 1972-2002, GEO-3 provides an integrated explanation of major trends that have shaped our environmental inheritance. GEO-3 presents the 30-year retrospective analysis of environmental state and trends, and associated policy responses under themes of land, forests, biodiversity, freshwater, coastal and marine areas, atmosphere, urban areas and disasters. A special focus on human

vulnerability to environmental change highlights the increasing risks and impacts on people. The outlook section of the report, spanning the next 30 years, is presented through four scenarios. This innovative approach reveals salutary lessons for all who strive towards a more desirable future. Further details can be found on the Internet at <http://www.unep.org>.

"GEO-3 is a vital contribution to international debate on the environment. I hope it reaches the widest possible audience and inspires new and determined action."

**From the Foreword by Kofi Annan
Secretary-General, United Nations**

As UNDP Focal Point

Each year the United Nations Development Programme publishes a Human Development Report that examines global



trends in key areas of human activity. The report includes a Human Development Index, which allows comparison between the performances of countries on a range of measures of human well being. Each HDR focuses in some detail on a particular theme. For example, the 1997 report addressed poverty, and in response to this UNED-UK Committee produced a Human Development Report for the UK, 'Poverty in Plenty,' published in October 2000.

As the UNDP Human Development Report has had considerable significance during the run-up to the Johannesburg Summit, Stakeholder Forum has been regularly consulting with a wide range of individuals and organisations, in the UK and internationally, to remain informed of UNDP activities as they relate to the Summit and to inform a broad range of stakeholders of that work.

Education

The Education Task Group, chaired by Stakeholder Forum's Felix Dodds and co-ordinated this year by Anna Birney – and with funding from Oxfam and WWF-UK, and in-kind support from London's South Bank University – had an increasingly active year as it sharpened its focus on Earth Summit 2002.

Highlights of the year included Education for Sustainable Development Workshops in September and December 2001, held jointly with our partner the South Bank University Education for Sustainability Programme. Built on past joint conferences by the partners in June 2000 and June 2001, the emphasis of these workshops was on the production of a toolkit for educators, elements of which organizations can use in their work in the area of Education for Sustainable Development. The workshops also included overviews of preparations for Earth Summit 2002, production of an Education Task Group led framework for collecting examples of good practice, input to a draft framework document to review Chapter 36 of Agenda 21 and the UN CSD agreements, and agreement on how to conduct a review process in the UK. Further information about the Education Task Group and its preparations for the Johannesburg Summit can be found at <http://www.stakeholderforum.org/education/esd.htm>.

Stakeholder Forum Publications

Books

- **Multi-Stakeholder Processes for Governance & Sustainability** £18.95
Dr Minu Hemmati, Earthscan
- **Earth Summit 2002: A New Deal – 2nd edition** £19.95
edited by Felix Dodds, Earthscan
- **Poverty in Plenty: a Human Development Report for the UK** £14.95
edited by Jane Seymour and Tom Bigg, Earthscan
- **Earth Summit II – Outcomes and Analysis** £17.55
Tom Bigg and Derek Osborn, Earthscan/UNED-UK
- **The Way Forward – Beyond Agenda 21** £17.55
edited by Felix Dodds, Earthscan/UNED-UK

Reports

- **What Should Earth Summit 2002 be Trying to Achieve?** £ 3.50
edited by Jasmin Enayati
- **The Stakeholder Toolkit – A Resource for Women and NGOs** £ 7.50*
edited by Minu Hemmati & Kerstin Seliger (*free for developing countries)
- **Governance for a Sustainable Future** £10.00
A report by the World Humanity Action Trust

Millennium Papers

- **Millennium Papers Issue 6: Are Educators Ready for the Next Earth Summit?** £ 3.50
John C. Smyth
- **Millennium Papers Issue 5: The Road to Johannesburg** £ 3.50
Ashok Khosla
- **Millennium Papers Issue 4: Getting Health in a Handbasket** £ 3.50
Warren H. (Chip) Lindner, with a preface by Gro Harlem Brundtland
- **Millennium Papers Issue 3: Women and Sustainable Development – from Local to International Issues** £ 3.50
Fiona Reynolds & Jane Esuantsiwa Goldsmith
- **Millennium Papers Issue 2: Local Agenda 21 into the New Millennium** £ 3.50
Gary Lawrence
- **Millennium Papers Issue 1: Towards Earth Summit II in 2002** £ 3.50
Derek Osborn

Reports for the UN Commission on Sustainable Development

- **Perspectives on Freshwater – Issues and Recommendations of NGOs** £ 7.50
edited by Danielle Morley
- **Bio-prospecting and Benefit-Sharing** £ 7.50
Report of a UNED-UK/Novartis Workshop
- **A Review of Codes of Practice for Sustainable Tourism** £ 5.00
Rosalie Gardiner
- **Gender and Tourism – Women's Employment and Participation in Tourism** £15.00
edited by Minu Hemmati with the help of the Gender and Tourism Team
- **Sustainable Tourism and Poverty, and Poverty Elimination** £ 2.50
edited by Rosalie Gardiner and Felix Dodds
- **Gender and Sustainable Consumption – Bridging the Policy Gaps** £10.00
Shalini Grover, with Dr Minu Hemmati and Clare Flenley

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Report of the Auditors

United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Reports for the Summary Financial Statements – 30th June 2002

Statement by the Directors

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002). The information given in the attached summary statements has been extracted from the full accounts of the Association which were approved by a quorum of directors at a meeting of the UNA Board held on 7th December 2002. Copies of the full statements may be obtained from the Association's offices.

P Dyson, Director

Auditors Report to the Directors of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

We have audited the financial statements of United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the year ended 30th June 2002 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described in the Directors' Report, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper

accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 2002 and of its profit and loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Kingston Smith

*Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Devonshire House, 60 Goswell Road, London EC1M 7AD
Date: 10th December 2002*

United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

(A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June 2002

	2002 £	2001 £
Income		
Members, regions and branches	155,270	139,239
Grants (includes Stakeholder Forum £982,520 (2001: £551,037))	1,409,224	926,235
Other project and departmental income	73,816	102,579
Other income	10,598	19,659
	<u>1,648,908</u>	<u>1,187,712</u>
Expenditure		
Staff costs	723,532	567,169
Other project and departmental costs	847,682	542,630
Travel and subsistence	5,481	2,345
Office costs	30,584	23,775
Printing and publications	3,202	3,391
Other costs	29,128	29,777
	<u>1,639,609</u>	<u>1,169,087</u>
Surplus for the Year		
Transfer from Stakeholder Forum Reserve	9,299	18,625
	(4,937)	(9,190)
	4,362	9,435
General Reserve brought forward	9,900	465
General Reserve carried forward	<u>14,262</u>	<u>9,900</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2002








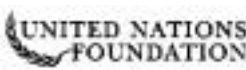
	2002 £	2002 £	2001 £	2001 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets		22,891		23,386
Current Assets				
Debtors	218,518		226,158	
Cash at bank and in hand	81,064		6,098	
	<u>299,582</u>		<u>232,256</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	289,409		231,431	
Net Current Assets		<u>10,173</u>		<u>825</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		33,064		24,211
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year		(4,554)		(5,000)
		<u>28,510</u>		<u>19,211</u>
Reserves				
General Reserve		14,262		9,900
Stakeholder Forum Reserve		14,248		9,311
		<u>28,510</u>		<u>19,211</u>

Supplementary Information to the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June 2002

Stakeholder Forum Income and Expenditure	2002 £	2001 £
Income		
Grants and sponsorship	982,520	551,037
Other project income	23,119	45,074
Membership	10,195	12,540
Core publications	4,061	226
Core conference	10,930	18,365
Other income	3,694	1,357
	<u>1,034,519</u>	<u>628,599</u>
Expenditure		
Staff costs	311,171	196,533
Other project costs	774,395	429,709
Travel and subsistence	12,804	3,103
Office costs	67,067	10,364
Publications	2,876	5,189
Conferences	1,924	4,890
Other costs	35,544	40,244
Core costs recharged to projects	(176,199)	(70,623)
	<u>1,029,582</u>	<u>619,409</u>
Surplus for the Year	4,937	9,190
General Reserve brought forward	9,311	121
General Reserve carried forward	<u>14,248</u>	<u>9,311</u>

Stakeholder Forum Sources of Funding

Stakeholder Forum have benefited from the generous support of the following organisations, all of which we thank very much.

	Grants Received £	
British Council	11,537	
British Petroleum	100,000	
Department for International Development (UK)	38,200	
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (UK)	91,356	
European Commission	37,121	
Ferguson Trust	100,000	
Government of Canada	11,984	
Government of Germany	60,171	
Government of Finland	10,430	
National Lottery (Community Fund)	94,456	
Novartis International AG	59,626	
Novo Nordisk	20,825	
Television Trust for the Environment	22,199	
United Nations	31,099	
UNA Trust	91,957	
United Nations Environment Programme	27,028	
UNFIP	122,655	
UNISDR	10,080	
World Bank	33,597	
Other grants	66,197	
Total grants received	<u>1,040,518</u>	
less: amounts for the acquisition of fixed assets	(9,109)	
increase in income deferred to the next year	(48,889)	
	<u>982,520</u>	



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