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The ESSD Advisory Service handles 300 queries a month

Did you know that the ESSD Advisory Service handles an average of 300 queries a month. Of these, 60 percent come from external clients such as NGOs, private sector, academic government agencies, and other international organizations. The remaining 40 percent are internal. Recently, external clients have been increasingly interested in ESSD's cross sectoral issues such as linkages between environment and poverty, environment and health, community driven development issues, and water resources management. Other frequently asked questions include queries on environment guidelines, agricultural project information, environmental indicators, how the Bank works with NGOs and private businesses, and specific emission standards for Bank projects. You can contact the ESSD Advisory Service—to locate project documents, reports, publications, data, and other resources, and to connect you with the right specialists—at: [eadvisor@worldbank.org](mailto:eadvisor@worldbank.org)  
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Safeguard Policies Help Desk and CDD Help Desk launched in the ESSD Advisory Service

The ESSD Advisory Service has expanded its services with two new help desks. The Safeguard Policies Help Desk provides assistance to Bank staff who want advice on addressing safeguard issues in particular situations. Send your requests to: [safeguards@worldbank.org](mailto:safeguards@worldbank.org). The Community Driven Development (CDD) Help Desk connects you with the right information on CDD issues and guides you to appropriate CDD experts: [cddhelpdesk@worldbank.org](mailto:cddhelpdesk@worldbank.org).

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ENVIRONMENT

Upcoming World Bank Environment Week (events spread throughout June)

June is Environment Month in the World Bank...so please mark your calendars. This year

environment week will be spread throughout the month of June, rather than concentrated in a compact time—to offer people more flexibility to choose events that fit their calendars:

*Monday, June 4, 2001*

- Joint OED/ENV Global Workshop
- Launch Environment Activities—Preston Auditorium—Keynote address: Dr. David Suzuki

*Tuesday, June 5, 2001*

- Day 2 of the Joint OED/ENV Global Workshop
- A Call to Action Day—Public Service for the Environment

*Wednesday, June 6, 2001*

- Quality of Life and Why Environment Matters (with our Health Sector colleagues)
- Keynote address: Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Dir.Gen., WHO (to be confirmed)
- Biodiversity and Livelihoods—Enhancing the Quality of People's Lives (with our RLE colleagues). Speakers include: Prof. Dan Janzen; Prof. Jeff Waage and Dr. Guy Preston

- Investment Climate and the Environment—Keynote address: Vinod Thomas
- Wednesday, June 13, 2001*

- Climate Change—Examining the Market Approach
- Thursday, June 14, 2001*

- Climate Change and Vulnerability (with our Energy colleagues and Disaster Management Facility)
- Perspectives for Biodiversity Conservation in the 21st Century—Speakers and panelists include Jim Wolfensohn; Tom Lovejoy; Peter Seligmann, Chairman, CIBC World Financial; Gordon Moore, Chairman, Intel; Michael Eisner, Chairman, Disney; and actor Harrison Ford

*Wednesday, June 20, 2001*

- Corporate Sustainability Workshop—Perspectives from the Financial Sector (by invitation only). Keynote address: Ray Anderson, Chairman and CEO Interface
- Monday, June 25, 2001*

- Building on Partnerships for Environmental Sustainability (showcasing World Bank partnerships and partners)

*All activities are open to Bank staff except the Corporate Sustainability workshop which will be invitation only.*

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**Update on the World Bank's follow-up of the World Commission on Dams (WCD)**

Since the WCD final report launch in London, November 2000, where World Bank President Jim Wolfensohn warmly welcomed the report, there has been considerable follow-up, both internally and externally by the Bank. The report has been reviewed and discussed with senior management and in three meetings at Board-level. A Bank Group wide Task Force has been formed to prepare an action plan. In-country consultations

were conducted with seven client country governments for soliciting responses to the report; inputs have been received from NGOs, professional organizations, and governments; and the IFC met with financiers about WCD's recommendations. At the V Stakeholders' Forum in Cape Town in February, World Bank representatives expressed the World Commission on Dams Report has made a great contribution in framing many the major issues in the contentious and broad-ranging dams debate. The Bank will use Report as a valuable reference and benchmark to inform its decision-making process v considering projects that involve dams. The Bank will continue to support dams that a economically well justified and environmentally and socially sound, and will work with borrowers who want to learn and improve their technical, economic, environmental, a social practice. The Bank will continue to disseminate and discuss the World Commissi on Dams Report with its borrowers and other stakeholders, and intends to continue playing a leadership role in promoting social and environmental safeguard policies in i activities.

The Action Plan activities planned are:

- working with borrowers for moving 'upstream'—with emphasis on both strategic-project-level options assessment with regard to dams;
- effectively implementing the World Bank's existing safeguard policies;
- continued support to borrowers in improving the performance of existing dams;
- continue to stress institutional reform for more efficient use of water and energy
- develop a more proactive and development-oriented approach to international waters; and
- continue to support innovative approaches for dealing with complex dam-relatec issues.

'Spearhead-funds' in support of such operations have generously been provided through the Bank/Netherlands Water Partnership Program (BNWPP).

Attached, please find the ninth and final issue of the WCD newsletter, DAMS.



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#### What's new with the Prototype Carbon Fund

A year after its launch on April 10th, 2000, the Prototype Carbon Fund's (PCF) deal flow double its capacity to purchase emissions reductions, and it has revised its portfolio development strategy to accommodate larger numbers of operations. In the last two months, the PCF has issued letters of intent to purchase greenhouse gas emissions reductions to the value of about \$33 million. Operations include displacing coal, oil or from a Municipal Waste Gasification-Power project in India, a sustainable fuelwood an charcoal project in Brazil, a small run-of-river hydropower project in Chile, a windpov project in Patagonia, a distillery waste biomethanation project in Nicaragua, a sugar c bagasse co-generation project in El Salvador, a geothermal power project in Guatemala and a series of small and micro hydropower and windpower projects in Cost Rica. These will be among as many as 12 projects presented to PCF Participants Committee for clearance in June. This next round of projects will also expand the PCF's Eastern Euro

Joint Implementation project beyond Latvia—its first emissions reductions purchase deals. New Eastern European projects will include deals to improve energy efficiency in hospitals, schools, and orphanages in Belarus; and to substitute coal and oil with wood waste to generate electricity and heat in the timber industry in Bulgaria. For more information, please see the website: [www.prototypecarbonfund.org](http://www.prototypecarbonfund.org).

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#### Clean Air Initiative launched in Asia and ECA

The Clean Air Initiative expanded to the Asia and ECA regions in early 2001. Since its initial launch in December 1998 in the LAC and Africa regions, the Clean Air Initiative has been improving the air quality of cities in developing countries and transition economies through technical assistance, capacity building, and raising awareness. The program is managed as a partnership between WBIEN and relevant sector units—urban, environment, transport, and energy—in the participating Bank regions. The four existing regional networks of the Clean Air Initiative are managed by steering committees and work through partnerships with cities, private sector companies and development agencies. The Clean Air Initiative aims to become the global public window for many of the Bank activities in urban air quality management, including lending operations in urban development and transport, energy reform and environmental management, research and health and environment, sector work, and knowledge management. For more information visit the website: [www.worldbank.org/cleanair](http://www.worldbank.org/cleanair) or e-mail: [clean\\_air@worldbank.org](mailto:clean_air@worldbank.org)

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## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Rural Week 2001 a success!



**Rural Week 2001**  
... and Info Fair 2001

With seventy percent of the world's poor living in rural areas, *Rural Week 2001* (April 26) showed how rural programs can be a major factor in addressing the needs of the rural poor by improving food security, facilitating agricultural growth, ensuring sustainable use of natural resources, and creating a positive environment for non-farm economic activities. Mr. Wolfensohn opened the two-day program, and Robert Thompson, Director of Rural Development, presented the draft rural strategy along with Olivier Lafourcade, Mexico Country Director, and Gerard Doornbos, President of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. The Regional Rural Action plans and short synopsis of regional consultations were also presented on the first day. The second day included an address by ESSD Vice President Ian Johnson and by Lowell Catlett—a futurist in food and economic issues. *Rural Week 2001 Parallel Sessions*—16 sessions—covered a cross section of topics on how agriculture and rural development interventions can reach the rural poor, including: climate change and natural resource management; food chain management and market orientation, and the poor; what it takes for a flourishing private sector in rural areas; WDR, PRSPs, PRSCs—Bank acronyms or unrealized potential for poverty reduction and evolving roles of research and extension performers.

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Future Harvest launches "Women Feed the World" web page  
 Women produce 60- to 80-percent of the food in most developing countries, and their role in farming continues to grow. As the ancient African proverb wisely states, "*Without women we all go hungry.*" On International Women's Day, Future Harvest launched a web page dedicated to women farmers, foresters, fishers, and herders, highlighting how women overcome long odds to feed their families, promote peace, and gain livelihood in developing countries. To read more about the women who feed the world, visit: <http://www.futureharvest.org/people/women.shtml>.

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**Wastewater irrigation-economic necessity or threat to health and environment**

Using wastewater to irrigate crops, a common practice in developing countries, may be perfectly safe in one location and have disastrous consequences in another. The issue, researchers say, is whether to treat wastewater as a manageable resource or simply ignore it and hope for the best. Future Harvest reports on this growing trend. For the full story, visit <http://www.futureharvest.org/earth/wastewater.shtml>.

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## SOCIAL

**Milestones of SDV's Small Grants Program**

In fiscal 2000, the Small Grants Program, which is administered by the NGO and Civil Society Unit, has provided \$2.3 million in funding to NGOs through 57 Country Offices to promote policy dialogue and enhance partnerships with key development players. The Program is partnering with the Development Marketplace to organize forums on civic engagement in Thailand, Ukraine, and Peru in June. In addition, it is supporting the *United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance*.

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**Strengthening Civic engagement in Public Expenditure Management in PRSP countries**

The NGO and Civil Society Unit has embarked on a 6-month design of a project aimed at improving government-civil society engagement in public expenditure management in countries developing poverty reduction strategies. The project is exploring the creation of a multi-stakeholder partnership of donors (DFID, DANIDA), the Bank, and NGOs, and is being developed by a design team led by the Unit. The goal is to set up institutional arrangements for civic engagement in public expenditure management, create country-level core groups of trainers and practitioners, and enhance participatory budgeting skills among civil society institutions.

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## SAFEGUARD NEWS

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**The Safeguards conversion process**

Central to its support of sustainable poverty reduction are the Bank's environmental and social safeguard policies. Designed to prevent and mitigate undue harm to people and their environment, the policies are a cornerstone of good business. One of the elements of the Bank's efforts to further strengthen safeguard policy implementation in fiscal 2001 is the conversion of the operational policies from the operational directives (OD) form to an Operational Policy/Bank Procedures (OP/BP) format—clearly distinguishing between mandatory 'policies' and 'procedures' and non-mandatory 'good practice'. The policy conversions help remove ambiguities in the current policy statements, and reflect important lessons from past implementation. To further ensure compliance in its operational work this past year, the Bank appointed regional safeguard coordinators; established a safeguards help desk ([safeguards@worldbank.org](mailto:safeguards@worldbank.org)); and revamped and upgraded the safeguards training and dissemination program.

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**REGIONAL NEWS**

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**Africa****Fertilizer micro-dosing boosts crop production in the Sahel**

In the 1982 film classic "The Gods Must Be Crazy", a Coca-Cola bottle was used to symbolize the impact of technology on life in an African village. Research shows, however, that it's not the bottle that is important, it's the cap. In Niger, farmers are using Coca-Cola bottle caps to apply tiny doses of fertilizer to their crops, thereby doubling production of millet, and, experts hope, reversing a 50-year trend of declining crop yields and growing soil degradation. For the full story, visit

<http://www.futureharvest.org/growth/coke.bkgnd.shtml>.

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**East Asia & Pacific****East Asia forest law enforcement and governance meeting**

A planning meeting held in Jakarta, April 2-3, was the first of a series of initiatives leading up to the East Asia and Pacific Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Regional Ministerial Conference in September 2001. Senior government officials from countries in East Asia, sponsoring partner organizations, private sector representatives, and regional and international NGOs participated in this technical meeting to prepare for the Ministerial Conference. The meeting discussed issues of forest law enforcement at the national and regional levels and identified issues to be included in the agenda of the Ministerial Conference.

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**Participatory approaches in development projects**

Applying participatory methods is improving project performance in China, and will likely increase in the future, according to participants at the "Workshop on Application of Participatory Approaches in Development Projects" in Beijing, March 29-30. At the workshop, members of the PRA Network from Sichuan, Yunnan and Guizhou provinces presented case studies to representatives from central government ministries and

institutes showing that participatory methods have enhanced decision-making and development outcomes in projects from many different sectors, and can be useful throughout the project cycle—from planning to performance monitoring. The workshop occurred at a time of growing interest in participatory methods and social assessment in China. A workshop summary paper is to be published by July 2001.

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#### Researches boost Chinese Sweet Potato Production

Where in today's market can you double your return on an environmentally sound investment? Try China's sweet potato fields. Last year, tens of thousands of Chinese sweet potato farmers cashed in on a high-tech method that not only increased production by third or more, but required no additional pesticides or fertilizer.

For the full story, visit [http://www.futureharvest.org/growth/china\\_sweet.bkgnd.shtml](http://www.futureharvest.org/growth/china_sweet.bkgnd.shtml)

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#### South Asia

##### Conflict Resolution for Natural Resource Management Workshop - Bhopal, India

WBIEN and the Indian Institute of Forest Management jointly organized a course on conflict resolution for natural resources management, held April 2-6 in Bhopal, India. The course provided participants with tools to help them address conflict situations related to natural resource use, identify existing capacity, and build networks for more effective resolution of conflict situations. Participants included forest officers, academics, and representatives from nongovernmental and voluntary organizations involved in community-based natural resource management or forest management. This is one in a series of planned events being held in close collaboration with regional partners on "Consensus Building and Conflict Resolution for Natural Resources Management." A similar workshop was held in Indonesia from March 27-31, 2001 and WBIEN is planning a similar learning event for Sub-Saharan Africa later in the year.

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#### Dhaka office celebrates international Women's Day

The Dhaka office celebrated International Women's Day on March 13, 2001 with a panel discussion. The meeting was chaired by Fred Temple, Country Director, who said that the World Bank celebrates Women's Day, both in Washington and other country offices, to support the advancement of women. He pointed out the Bank's efforts to reduce gender gaps in human development, especially in education and health; create economic opportunities for women through credit and savings programs; and promote good governance in public institutions by establishing equal voice and rights for women and men. Two leaders of Bangladesh women's movement also spoke at the occasion—Ms. Khushi Kabir, chairperson of Association of Development Agencies of Bangladesh, and Rokia Rahman, President of Women Entrepreneurs Association.

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#### Structural Adjustment in Bangladesh

The Second National Forum of Structural Adjustment Participatory Review Initiative

THE SECOND NATIONAL FORUM ON STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PARTICIPATORY REVIEW INITIATIVE (SAPRI)-Bangladesh was held in Dhaka, March 13-15, 2001. SAPRI was launched in Washington in mid-July 1997 by bringing together civil society, governments, and the I in a joint review of structural adjustment policies. The countries participating in SAPRI are Bangladesh, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Hungary, Mali, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. SAPRI-Bangladesh was initiated in 1997, in partnership with the government and NGOs review the impact of structural policies in Bangladesh. The SAPRI committee organized nation-wide meetings with stakeholders and disseminated the findings in First Forum in 1998. SAPRI undertook research in different sectors and disseminated the findings in the Second Forum. A large number of policy makers, including the Ministers of Finance, Planning, Commerce; parliamentarians; government officials; civil society representatives; and Bank staff participated in the forum.

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#### Improving Urban Air Quality in South Asia

Air pollution is common to growing metropolitan areas in South Asia. Two-stroke engine vehicles are ubiquitous in South Asian cities, where they constitute approximately half the total vehicle population—60 percent in India—and contribute significantly to urban pollution. Until recently new two-stroke engines emitted as much particulate matter as four-stroke engines of similar size. When considering vehicle age, maintenance, lubricant and fuel quality, two-stroke engines in South Asia probably emit particulate matter at an even higher factor. The serious health effects of this polluted air, breathed by 350 million people, make urban air quality management an important policy concern. A new report published by the South Asia Environment Unit in December 2000, addresses the technical, economic, and policy issues related to controlling air pollution from two-stroke engine vehicles and pulls together some of the lessons learned to date across South Asia. Two immediate simple solutions—using the correct type and concentration of lubricant and carrying out regular maintenance—would significantly reduce emissions from two-stroke engines while saving drivers money and ultimately improving air quality.

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#### Bangladesh tackles air pollution through awareness raising campaigns

A large fraction of air pollution in Dhaka arises from transport related emissions, particularly from two stroke engine 3-wheeler vehicles—popularly known as baby taxis. With funding from ESMAP, a two pronged program was undertaken to promote proper maintenance and use of 2T lubricant in these vehicles to reduce air pollution. The first part of the program consisted of training 400 auto-mechanics and holding an auto-clinic offering free vehicle inspection, minor servicing, emissions measurements, and medical examination to one thousand baby-taxi drivers. The second part of the program was a seminar on lubricant and gasoline quality, attended by over 100 participants from the energy, environment, and transport sectors, including government representatives, oil marketing companies, vehicle marketers, vehicle drivers, vehicle owners, and the traffic police. Responding to the growing recognition of the importance of using 2T oil and the consensus that the use of straight mineral oil in vehicles should not be allowed, the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation issued a notification in January 2001 prohibiting the

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation issued a notification in January 2001 prohibiting the sale of straight mineral oil for use in two-stroke engine vehicles and setting API TC or JASO FB as minimally acceptable standards for 2T oil by March 2001.

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#### Unleaded gasoline introduction goes smoothly in Bangladesh

On July 1, 1999, the Government of Bangladesh executed the landmark decision of providing only unleaded gasoline in the country. Recent measurements by different agencies have confirmed that gasoline dispensed at pumps in Bangladesh is now free of lead. Ambient lead levels in air has also declined considerably according to a report set to be published. The problem of airborne lead pollution in the capital city Dhaka was identified as early as 1980. In 1995, the need to address lead pollution was highlighted by different government agencies, environmental and health advocates, and international organizations—such as the World Bank. Growing public pressure led the government to take steps to lower lead levels in 1998, and then to eliminate lead in gasoline altogether. By going lead-free virtually overnight, Bangladesh has become a model for other countries in the developing world that are working to eliminate the harmful pollutant from gasoline.

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#### Environmental Management framework for Uttar Pradesh, India

The state Uttar Pradesh and the World Bank are undertaking an 'Environmental Management Framework' (EMF) in its multi-sectoral program for poverty reduction efforts to help the government monitor the environmental impact of the State's economic reform and growth path over coming years. The EMF will help identify the highest priority environmental issues in the state, promote appropriate policies and management strategies for consideration by the state government, and support capacity-building efforts to help it achieve its priority environmental goals.

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#### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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#### A New Unit in RDV

- Funke Oyewole is now on board in RDV as the Senior Program Officer of the Commodities Risk Management (CRM) Group—a unit new to RDV.
- Also joining the CRM Group is Angie Wahi, Program Assistant.
- June Remy has moved from CRM to ESDVP to work with Odin Knudsen.
- Maggie Wu is now working full time with the CRM group.
- The Policy/Strategy Cluster and others will now be supported by Joyce Sabaya (5 of her time).

#### PUBLICATIONS

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**Maurice Strong asks "Where on Earth Are We Going?"**

The World Bank InfoShop hosted Maurice Strong, a senior advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and former senior advisor to the President of the World Bank, for his discussion on his new book, "Where on Earth are We Going?", on April 26th. His book reveals Strong's role in the political and environmental activist movements, and talks plainly about what remains to be done. Strong provides a historical context by which to judge our progress in the struggle to save the planet from environmental degradation, and lends insight into where we are heading. Strong served on the board of directors for the United Nations Foundation—a UN-affiliated organization established by Ted Turner's historic \$1 billion donation—and is also a director of the World Economic Forum Foundation, Chairman of the Earth Council, former Chairman of the Stockholm Environment Institute, and former Chairman of the World Resources Institute. He has owned several companies in the energy and resources sector, including the Power Corporation of Canada, Ontario Hydro, and Petro-Canada (the national oil company). He is currently the chairman of Technology Development, Inc., which funds research in the groundbreaking field of applying nanotechnology towards creating energy sources that are both affordable and eco-friendly. Autographed copies of "Where on Earth are We Going?" are available at the InfoShop.

## TRAINING

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**World Bank Institute core courses**

The website [www.worldbank.org/wbi/corecourses](http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/corecourses) describes the core courses of the World Bank Institute. The site has a general description of core courses and a page for each course with a description, the target audience, the next scheduled event, and the contact information. In the area of Environment and Natural Resources the core courses include Water Policy, Policy and Institutional Reform for Sustainable Rural Development, and Environmental Economics for Development Policy.

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**Executive Workshop on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement**

One-day executive workshops on the Principles of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement were offered on three occasions (January 25, February 8, and March 13) and attended by a total of 62 Bank staff. The workshops were organized by WBIEN, in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Participants were introduced to definitions of compliance and enforcement, basic principles, and approaches found useful by various countries in developing their own enforcement programs. The course provided participants with the tools to design effective compliance and enforcement programs, to empower Bank staff to assist client countries in this task and to discuss strategies for designing effective programs with limited resources—a continuing challenge for all the Bank's clients. The course was taught by USEPA instructors, and participants included staff from the regions, DEC, and the legal department.

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## UPCOMING SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

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**Perspectives on Community Driven Development**

**Time:** May 2nd - 2:30-5:30

**Venue:** Room MC 7- W150

**Chairperson:** Steen Lau Jorgensen, Director, Social Development

You are invited to attend the CDD session at the ABCDE on May 2nd . Topics discussed include:

- Community Based Targeting Mechanisms for Social Safety Nets
  - Participatory Development in the Presence of Endogenous community Imperfecti
  - Can good projects succeed in bad communities? Collective Action in the Himalaya
  - Local Knowledge vs Local Accountability? Decentralized Targeting of an Anti-Pov
- Program

Copies of these papers are available at:

[http://essd.worldbank.org/rdv/RDVWeb.nsf/CBRD/CDD\\_ABCDE](http://essd.worldbank.org/rdv/RDVWeb.nsf/CBRD/CDD_ABCDE)

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**Hunger, malnutrition and the PRSP**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 30, 2001

**Time:** 2-5 pm

**Location:** I-800

A joint seminar hosted by PREM, RDV, and HNP.

Hunger and malnutrition are the daily reality of poor people worldwide. These are issues that are often raised in participatory and statistical poverty assessments yet they are difficult to incorporate in poverty reduction strategy processes. Come to this free seminar to discuss ways to use this dimension of poverty as an entry into the design of pro-poor policies and programs. Simon Maxwell, Director of the Overseas Development Institute London, will set the scene, by exploring the role of food and nutrition policy in poverty reduction strategies. This will be followed by a discussion on available tools and approaches to integrate food security into poverty analysis and by a discussion of nutrition considerations for the preparation of poverty reduction strategies.

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**Environmental Economics for Development Policy**

A 2-week course at the World Bank from July 16 through 27th, 2001. As in the past, the course presents a concise 2 week overview of major environmental economic and policy issues (organized into some 40 modules), covering both micro and macro aspects. The course co-directors are Maureen Cropper and John Dixon, and the faculty draws on both Bank staff and outside experts. There is a charge for the course (no scholarships are available from WBI). You can find detailed information on the course including the application form on the website: <http://worldbank.org/wbi/eedp/>

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## CALENDAR

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... April

**29-30 World Bank Spring Meetings**

Sponsor: World Bank

Venue: World Bank HQ

**May****1-3 International Task Force (ITF) on Commodity Risk Management Meeting**

Sponsor: World Bank, co-hosted by Common Fund for Commodities and the Economic &amp; Social Institute of Vrije University

Venue: Amsterdam

**21-25 CGIAR Mid-Term Meetings**

Sponsor: CGIAR

Venue: Durban, South Africa

**29-30 ESSD European Forum**

Sponsor: World Bank

Venue: Paris, France

**31-1 Norwegian Trust Fund for Sustainable Development**

Sponsor: Norwegian Government

Venue: Oslo, Norway

**June**

... 5 World Environment Day

**World Bank Environment Week (events spread throughout June)**

Sponsor: World Bank

Venue: World Bank HQ

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