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Dear Friends and Colleagues

Having just started work with an Australian trade union, I have been exposed to what the labour movement has been doing to ensure that employees receive fair treatment at work. The idea of achieving fair pay for a fair days work is not just limited to trade unions but is also the goal of the Fair Trade movement.

World Fair Trade Day is held every year on the 2nd Saturday in May and this year the theme is Children and how fair trade affects them. It is well known that children in Developing Countries play a far more vital part in producing goods than those in the West. The International Labour Organisation estimates that almost 126 million Children aged 5 -15 work in hazardous conditions worldwide. Many of these kids are trapped in slavery while others are confined to their cycle of poverty that requires them to work long hours in family businesses.

The good news is that by supporting the fair trade movement and buying fair trade products we are able to help producers develop a sustainable livelihood as well as ensure that they are less dependant on the labour of their children. Fair Trade guarantees that no child needs to be trafficked or substitute work for education in the production of the products that we buy.

Biodiversity Day is another important issue that is being highlighted this month by Biodiversity Action Day. While it is not directly linked to Fair Trade, climate change directly influences the production of agricultural produce such as coffee, rice and fruit.

Climate change and biodiversity are huge issues and will not be solved over night. By taking little steps to reduce the negative impacts of climate change and improving biodiversity we can ensure that the producers in the developing world are able to develop products that are available for trade.

So, the next time you run out of coffee or feel like some chocolate I encourage you to buy fair trade products so that those who produce coffee and chocolate can get fair price for their labour.

Gabrielle Trenbath, IYPF Communications Team

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INTRODUCING NEW STAFF

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I am a professional researcher in health and development at the moment with Soul city Health and Development Communications Institute under Population Services International in Malawi. I hold a Bachelors degree in Arts Humanities from the University of Malawi, Chancellor College. I have



also undertaken several e-courses to widen my skills and capacities. I am a writer, I am a poet, I thrive in imagination but I try to strike a compromise between imagination and reality, and that has brought this

far. I am vibrant, energetic, self motivated and hardworking. I enjoy travelling, cooking, reading, writing and getting to know new things and meeting new people is a thrilling experience for me. I love life and I respect humanity. I believe that I am here for a purpose, and my purpose is to correct a wrong and make the world a better place. I believe in diversity and in the capacities of young minds in changing the world for the better, and I know together we can strive and make it.

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Progress is a graduate holding a honours degree in Computer Science from National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe, and lives in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe where he works for the United Nations World Food Programme. He has been involved in positive social and economic development at youth level since 2004.

His key interest areas include bridging the digital divide, peace, education and employment creation among others.

He has been involved in IYPF activities since 2004 and is also a member of Oxfam International Youth Partnerships, African Youth Parliament, Taking IT Global, One People Peace Campaign, African



Youth Initiative Network and African Youth Knowledge Network.

Kim Farrant, Australia
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My name is Kim Farrant and I attended the 2004 International Young Professionals Summit where I presented a workshop on "Sustainability in the Built Environment". I work as a Structural Engineer in Melbourne, Australia. As a result of my experiences at that 2004 Brisbane conference, and having talked to other IYPF members about the interesting activities that they were involved in, I was motivated to become more actively involved in environmental activism both within and outside my employment.



Whilst I have always had an interest in the environment, shortly after the conference I made the decision to embark on further study in the area of environmental sustainability. In October 2006 I returned from the UK where I completed a one year Master of Science degree in Nature, Society and Environmental Policy, at Oxford University. I studied subjects that included environmental management, corporate social responsibility, climate change and environmental policy. On the back of that experience I am now looking to use the knowledge that I have gained to be able to effect change toward more sustainable practices and I have been selected as a participant for the Victorian 2007 Future Sustainability Leaders Program.

Recently I have relocated to Melbourne (from Adelaide) with the aim of being able to work in the sustainability field, but in the meantime I have been assisting the state office of my employer to assess its environmental impact and find ways in which this impact may be reduced. I look forward to sharing with you the Australian Youth Climate Coalition's progress and the involvement that IYPF takes in the group; as well as discussing the climate change issues that Australia is facing and examining how we as an organization can contribute to addressing those issues.

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IYPF NETWORK ON FACEBOOK

We've just created an IYPF group on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, please join! If you are not on Facebook, you might be interested to join and connect!

Go to the IYPF Facebook group here: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2313389229&ref=mf

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD!

By Chuma Casius, Director

IYPF launched its 2006 annual report in March, which among other things highlighted great achievements recorded and challenges faced in the year 2006. I would encourage everyone to read the IYPF newsletter so as to obtain an appreciation of the successes and challenges of the past year. By doing so we will be in a better position to build on our successes and improve on our weaknesses. Also, for those that are interested, the annual report is available for download on the IYPF website.

Following the successful appointments to the board, the board of directors is now focusing on setting the direction of the organization. The directors have since filled the various positions except that of a treasurer and compliance working group chairperson. An interim director is in the process of being appointed also to fill this vacancy.

In an effort to promote inclusive participation and consistency there are considerations this year to make necessary constitutional amendments. One of the changes to be considered is re-organization of membership categories.

IYPF is also working on 3 major undertakings this year for our membership, viz:

- Creation of an annual member magazine;
- Adoption of a new membership management system for better management of membership information, including enhancement of new membership processing; and
- Launch of the strategic plan, with input from the general membership.

The above processes will require high participation from each and everyone – all members alike. Therefore you are encouraged to play a role in any of the above processes. For participation, please contact Cameron Neil on cameronniel@iypf.org.

NEW STAFF WANTED!

Voluntary Human Resources Intern – 2 hours per week.

Are you a Human Resources student or professional, and would like to contribute your time? Or would you just like to get involved with an awesome global network?

The International Young Professionals Foundation is currently seeking a voluntary HR intern to assist with current HR projects. These projects include updating and creating Position Descriptions, and managing online bios for all staff. If you would like to gain new HR skills and join the IYPF team, please email brittjacobsen@iypf.org with your current resume. You will need your own Internet access for at least 2 hours per week.

Partnerships Officers and Team Leader

- Further develop your relationship management skills
- Create fantastic networks in the NGO sector
- Join us in our vision to create a better world for current and future generations

The IYPF is currently seeking to appoint two Partnerships Officers and one Partnerships Team Leader to form the IYPF's Partnerships team.

These roles are exciting new opportunities for individuals with good written expression, experience or interest in social change and/or environmental movements and human and sustainable development. By developing partnerships between the IYPF and other organisations, the Partnerships Officers will gain skills and contacts within the development arenas, and will be working with some of the most dedicated individuals in these fields. Excellent internet access is a must, as is the ability to contribute voluntarily for 3-5 hours per week. For the Team Leader position, experience leading a team, particularly online, is highly desirable.

You can see the position descriptions online by following the link: www.iypf.org/employment.htm#PO.

If you would like to apply or find out more about these roles, please email your resume to Britt Jacobsen, Human Resources Officer, at brittjacobsen@iypf.org by Thursday 31st May 2007.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

THE IYPF'S IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

By Ryan Falconer, IYPF Member Projects Team

One of the most important branches for linking the IYPF with other sustainability-minded organisations, people and projects is the Implementation Team.

The Implementation Team receives applications from outside project leaders for their projects to become 'member projects'. To see more on the application procedure, follow the links at <http://www.iypf.org/member-projects.htm>. Clearly, an important function of the team, aside from administration, management and applications processing is marketing to interested parties.

For IYPF-approved projects, the Implementation Team provides support via the internet to help with project planning, promotion and implementation strategies. Particularly, the team provides:

- ❑ Project approval status so you can use the IYPF name and network
- ❑ Project Management, Financial, Commercial and Promotions advice
- ❑ Support on project team development
- ❑ Connection with skilled people and organisations
- ❑ Assistance to build relationships with partner organisations

One of the strengths of our team and the relationship we foster with member project leaders is we can link them up with useful and informative resources including funding sources that we ourselves cannot offer. The Business in Development (BiD) Challenge, for example, is an international business plan competition for entrepreneurship and development. We are pleased to say that one of our member projects, "Barefoot Power", won the BiD challenge in 2006.

Applications for member project status have been coming in fairly slowly, probably reflecting the slow progress that has been made on advertising our accreditation and support services externally. Moreover, in recent times we have experienced reasonably high turnover of staff so we are working hard to consolidate and introduce fresh blood (and hopefully ideas!) into the team, including our self-promotion.

Some of our key goals for the coming months are to turn our yahoo group into a tool the team can use for support services and member project leaders can use as both a database and a link to the people in the team. Furthermore, we aim to get all our team using our Taking It Global project as a forum for mutual support and discussion.

In addition, we are aiming to reinvigorate our external communications to get more member projects on board, thereby adding to our sustainability community!

Please check our website for more information, and to download the project proposal template. Please email your inquiries and project proposals to memberprojects@iypf.org.

THE BUSINESS IN DEVELOPMENT (BiD) CHALLENGE - GET YOUR IDEAS IN!

The Business in Development (BiD) Challenge is an international business plan competition for entrepreneurship and development. It offers entrepreneurs worldwide the opportunity to develop and execute business plans that improve living standards in developing countries. The 2007 version of BiD challenge will look for profit and poverty reduction proposals. In last years edition, there were 16 prizewinners. The entrepreneurs received between 5,000 Euro and 15,000 Euro to start their businesses. In its web site www.bidnetwork.org you will find in 4 steps how to write a business plan.

Barefoot Power, a company that is part of the IYPF network, and one of our approved Member Projects, participated in this process and came third overall, and highly recommends this business plan development process to IYPF members who seriously wish to prepare plans to reduce poverty. Even if you do not make the finals, the BiD Network can help raise considerable interest for your plans (contact www.barefootpower.com if you need further suggestions). By submitting it already you are exposed to potential partners, investors and experts that are already part of BiD Network. For more on the IYPF Member Projects and how we can help you with your idea, see www.iypf.org/member-projects.htm.

"I cannot say whether things will get better if we change; what I can say is they must change if they are to get better."

- G. C. Lichtenberg"

PARTNER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

YOUTH MICROENTERPRISE CONFERENCE

Making Cents International is excited to announce the global Youth Microenterprise Conference will take place in Washington, DC September 10th-11th, 2007 at the Cafritz Conference Center. This interactive event is designed to develop strategies and identify synergies to meet the needs of youth entrepreneurs. It will bring together international development practitioners, policy makers, members of the private sector, youth, and other experienced professionals in fields including education, microenterprise development, and youth entrepreneurship. Participants will share experiences, best practices, and ideas on how most effectively to reduce the poverty, vulnerability and unemployment many youth experience around the world.

You are invited! As space is limited and Early Bird registration ends May 25, 2007, we encourage you to register as soon as possible. Final registration ends August 10, 2007. For complete details on how to register, please visit: www.ymeconference.org/registration.asp.

There are also many other ways for your organization to be actively involved in the conference and have an opportunity to highlight its achievements. Your organization is welcome to participate in the exhibit area, advertise in the conference program, and sponsor various activities related to the conference. The following website contains information on these options: www.ymeconference.org/exhibit_opportunities.asp#top. The deadline to reserve a booth or advertise is July 31, 2007.

We look forward to your participation!

Please visit the following website for information on registration, session options, keynote speakers, and sponsors: www.ymeconference.org. Please do not hesitate to contact Whitney Harrelson at whitney@makingcents.com or 202-783-4090 if you have any questions.

PARTNER PROFILE: TAKINGITGLOBAL

Learn more at www.takingitglobal.org

"I wonder...If young people were actively engaged in all aspects of society, and thought of themselves as community leaders, problem-solvers, role models, mentors and key 'stakeholders'...how would the world change?" Jennifer Corriero (printed on "THE WAY I SEE IT #48" Starbucks Coffee Cup)

In a world that is increasingly global and interconnected, there are many threats that face our common humanity such as global poverty, war and conflict, HIV/AIDS and environmental degradation. Being at the intersection of key global trends, TakingITGlobal supports young people in being a force for change both in the present and in the future. Recognizing the need for young people to be co-owners in their own development process, TakingITGlobal leverages the power of social networks and digital media as a tool for learning, collaboration, dialogue and action.

TakingITGlobal.org aims to be the online destination for young people globally who want to make a difference. Young people under the age of 25 comprise 50% of the world's population, with the majority living in the developing world. Empowering youth as engaged learners and socially responsible citizens will contribute towards addressing many community development outcomes including improved health, reduced crime and violence, increased levels of literacy and employment. Many of the current generation of youth will be entering a workforce demanding new skills including technology literacy, creativity and cross-cultural perspectives. TakingITGlobal is contributing to a world where young people everywhere have the opportunity to grow up with the support and encouragement needed to develop their talents and knowledge, while contributing to shaping a more sustainable world.

"TakingITGlobal can be seen as the deluxe version of international youth dialogue. This vast website is home to a set of interrelated online projects that offer young people connections, resources, opportunities and choices. Lots and lots of choices... For a young person seeking a portal into global issues or a chance to talk with peers from around the world, this site is a dazzling launching pad." Youth as E-Citizens Report, Center for Social Media, American University.

IYPF COMMUNITIES

YOUTH FIGHTING CORRUPTION

www.transparency.org/news_room/in_focus/2007/youth_and_corruption

Around the world, young people are fighting for a more just world, by taking action against corruption, making oaths, attending concerts to support anti-corruption work, and creating their own organizations to promote political transparency and social responsibility.

Transparency International (TI) recognizes the force and power that young people harness in tackling corruption. They are, after all, the next world leaders.

This past November, TI witnessed how young people from around the world are committed to the fight against corruption when they signed the Guatemala Declaration on Young People's Engagement as part of the 12th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Guatemala. The declaration sets the anti-corruption agenda for 2007 and highlights the important role of young people's participation in decisions and activities promoting the anti-corruption agenda.

In addition, TI joined forces with AIESEC - the world's largest student organization - to educate students on issues of transparency and ethics, and to provide mutual support in the development of the organizations and networks, through reciprocal advice and support. Through both its local and international work, TI engages, educates and empowers young people to get involved and take action on corruption issues, recognizing that lasting change must come from youth. To visit the site and find out about ways to become involved, opportunities and news on TI's youth projects, visit:

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IS A MUST FOR REALIZING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/youth/discussion/default/showDiscussion.do?id=4042?intcmp=929>

"We will have time to reach the Millennium Development Goals - worldwide and in most, or even all, individual countries - but only if we break with business as usual. We cannot win overnight. Success will require sustained action across the entire decade between now and the deadline. It takes time to train the teachers, nurses and engineers; to build the roads, schools and hospitals; to grow the small and large businesses able to create the jobs and income needed.

So we must start now. And we must more than double global development assistance over the next few years. Nothing less will help to achieve the Goals." United Nations Secretary General.

Youth play a key role to help make the Millennium Development Goals a reality in campaign after campaign around the world. Please share your experiences about youth involvement in the MDGs by visiting the following link:

Hot off the press...

DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT!

The next International Young Professionals Summit, IYPS 2008, is set to take place in Manchester, England from 19th to 23rd August 2008.

An International Organising Committee has been set up, and we are keen to hear all your ideas about what we should include in this Summit. We are also looking for IYPF members who are willing to join the IYPS 2008 Fundraising Team who will raise the necessary funds to make this event a success and also hopefully secure some sponsorship to allow more members to attend.

We will soon have a blog and we are updating www.iyps.org with information on the event. In the interim, you can contact us directly via email on iyps2008@iypf.org.

**Sarah-Jo Dawson, IYPF President,
On behalf of IYPS2008 International
Organising Committee**

GLOBAL WARMING & CLIMATE CHANGE THEME

ENERGY REVOLUTION MAY COME AT ONLY A SMALL COST

www.smh.com.au/news/environment/energy-revolution-may-come-at-only-a-small-cost/2007/05/04/1177788404740.html

Marian Wilkinson and Deborah Smith, May 5, 2007

THE cost of saving the planet from catastrophic climate change will not be a major burden on the world economy, shaving only a small amount from global growth if governments act now, says a report by the United Nations expert panel on climate change.

Recommending that nations act swiftly to boost renewable energy, energy efficiency and halt deforestation, the report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, released yesterday, said the world could be on the brink of an energy revolution that would ultimately change how power was used and generated. It also found many nations already had the technical know-how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and arrest climate change but needed political action to make it happen.

"The consensus of the experts is that it actually doesn't cost the earth to save us from disastrous climate change," said the head of the World Wildlife Fund, Greg Bourne, in summing up the report yesterday. A former CSIRO climate chief, Dr Graeme Pearman, of Monash University, said the impact on a healthy economy would be small. "The cost of letting climate change happen is a lot more than the cost of mitigation."

Stabilising greenhouse gas emissions at a level that can limit the temperature rise to 2 to 3 degrees would reduce annual gross domestic product growth rates by only 0.12 per cent, the report said. But the cuts would have to be deep. Global emissions would need to be slashed between 50 and 85 per cent by 2050 from levels in 2000. But time was running out, and urgent action was required. Efforts over two to three decades would determine whether the world could avoid major impacts from climate change.

In its key findings, the UN panel's report says:

- A cost on greenhouse gas pollution caused by fossil fuels of \$US20-50 a tonne would have a big impact on cutting harmful emissions. "It could lead to a power generation sector with low greenhouse gas emission by 2050."
- This would allow renewable energy to have a 30 to 35 per cent share of total electricity supply by 2030.
- The relative high cost of nuclear power means it would provide only an additional 2 per cent of the world's electricity supply by 2030, and "safety, weapons proliferation and waste remain as constraints".
- Clean coal technology has the potential to make an important contribution by 2030.
- Improving efficiency of energy supply and use would play a key role in reducing emissions by up to 30 billion tonnes a year by 2030.

Energy efficiency, especially in homes and offices, was by far the quickest way of cutting emissions, the report says. The findings broadly support a report last year by a former World Bank chief economist, Sir Nicholas Stern, who concluded that action needed to be taken sooner rather than later if large costs are to be avoided.

Australia and the US have so far refused to adopt mandatory targets to cut their emissions and one of the UN panel's most significant findings is likely to be its conclusion that voluntary agreements on cuts between governments and industry are ineffective. They are politically attractive, the report says, but "the majority of agreements have not achieved significant emissions reductions beyond business as usual".

The final wording of the report was fiercely debated by some government representatives. China, the second largest greenhouse gas polluter, tried to resist any wording that suggested it needed to cut its emissions. Rajendra Pachauri, the chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, described the report as "stunning". "Human society as a whole has to look for changes in consumption patterns," he said. The deepest suggested cuts to emissions to keep the temperature from rising by under 2.4 degrees could cost less than a 3 per cent loss of global GDP in 2030. This would bring levels to 490 parts per million in the atmosphere.

But cheaper options for action carry more risk to the planet, the report warns. Stabilising greenhouse gas levels at around 550 parts per million would only reduce global GDP by 0.6 per cent in 2030, but temperatures could rise up to 3.2 degrees, a change that would lead to massive water shortages, species extinction and coastal flooding.

A target of around 650 parts per million and temperature rises of up to four degrees would cost about 0.2 per cent of global GDP, it says. Countries such as Australia that rely on coal and other fossil fuel exports need to plan for lower GDP growth due to falling demand and prices a point made in the last assessment by the UN panel in 2001.

TRADE & ECONOMIC JUSTICE THEME

CELEBRATING FAIR TRADE IN AUSTRALIA

By Cameron Neil

Each year since 2004, Fair Trade Fortnight has been observed in Australia and New Zealand. The Fortnight, held in the two weeks preceding World Fair Trade Day (the second Saturday in May), is a celebration of fair trade and the potential it has for Australians to invest in breaking cycles of poverty and sustainable development of producer communities in the developing world. It is also a time to promote fair trade and raise awareness amongst Australians about fair trade and encourage them to switch to buying fair trade products at home and at work.

This year, Fair Trade Fortnight runs from the 28 April to the 13 May, with events all around the country, including a tour by a coffee farmer involved with Fairtrade certification. In the ACT, fair trade supporters have signed up to run Fair Cuppa's - morning or afternoon teas in their workplace with free Fairtrade tea and coffee, designed to introduce people to Fairtrade products and encourage them to use Fairtrade tea and coffee in their workplace - and perhaps even become a Fair Trade Workplace!

Who is behind Fair Trade Fortnight and what do they do? Fair Trade Fortnight is organised by the Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand (FTAANZ). FTAANZ Inc is an incorporated, not-for-profit, member based body for all individuals and organisations interested in and supportive of fair trade. Through its members, and a small secretariat, the FTAANZ seeks to increase awareness of fair trade; help facilitate and coordinate fair trade activities; assist producers from developing countries, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, to access ANZ markets; and support the implementation of the Fairtrade certification and labelling system.

What is fair trade anyway? Fair trade is a growing international movement, which ensures that producers in poor countries get a fair deal. This means a fair price for their goods (one that covers the cost of production and guarantees a sustainable livelihood); long-term contracts which provide income security; and for many, support to gain knowledge and skills that they need to develop their businesses and increase sales.

FTAANZ works with and supports the FINE definition of fair trade which is:

"... a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions, to, and securing the rights of, marginalised producers and workers - especially in the South. Fair trade organisations (backed by consumers) are engaged actively in supporting producers, awareness raising and in campaigning for changes in the rules and practice of conventional international trade"

Why is it important? International trade has been a historical link between peoples of the world. It can be used to increase corporate profits without benefit to the wider community; or it can be used to promote intercultural understanding, grassroots development and economic justice. The advantages of current international trade practices are not visible to all people in the world. For small farmers, access to market or price information is difficult and as a result, many become increasingly dependent on middlemen and receive smaller and smaller returns for their work. In bad times, many lose their only property - their land - and thus, their livelihoods.

Similarly many plantation workers endure low pay, unsafe working environments and poor living conditions. Too often they lack the opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives on the plantation. The way that many products are produced, traded and consumed is simply unjust; which is a major cause of continuing world poverty.

Fair trade is about giving disadvantaged people power: by paying producers and workers fair prices for their work, by helping them gain the skills and knowledge they need to develop their businesses and to operate in the global economy, and by challenging unfair trading practices. It is about providing a fair go, not charity. Together we can create more awareness of international consumer power and offer Australians and New Zealanders an opportunity to make real change through supporting fair trade activities and buying fairly traded products. Please visit the following links for more information:

1. Fair Trade Fortnight 2007 in Australia and New Zealand- <http://www.fairtrade.com.au/ftf/index.html>
2. World Fair Trade Day - <http://www.wftday.org/>
3. FTAANZ website - <http://www.fairtrade.com.au>
4. Fairtrade certification and labelling - <http://www.fairtrade.net>
5. Fair Trade Organisations - <http://www.ifat.org>

TRADE & ECONOMIC JUSTICE THEME

World Fair Trade Day is celebrated every second Saturday of May, and is endorsed by the International Fair Trade Association (IFAT), the global association of Fair Trade Organisations, comprised of 300 organisations from 70 countries around the world. This year's theme is "Kids and Fair Trade". This World Fair Trade Day calls on all of us to celebrate Fair Trade Organisations, buy more Fair Trade goods through Fair Trade stores, Fair Trade catalogues and campaign groups and encourage conventional companies to sell more Fair Trade products. www.wftday.org/english/index.htm.

World Fair Trade Day
Sat. May 12th 2007

AFRICA AND THE WTO DOHA ROUND: AN OVERVIEW

By Michael Friis Jensen and Peter Gibbon (Development Policy Review)

www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/j.1467-7679.2007.00357.x?cookieSet=1

Developing countries, and especially Least Developed Countries, were promised a WTO 'Development Round' at Doha in 2001. In fact, the Round's agenda became dominated by topics and proposals of little relevance and at times threatening for some groups of developing countries, particularly those in sub-Saharan Africa. As a result, African engagement in the Round has been generally low and defensively articulated, though some fringe gains have been achieved. If and when the Round is revived, these could be complemented by a more aggressive stance on preferences. This, in turn, will need to be backed by greater exploitation of the heightened role of moral argument in international political and economic discourse.

AID FOR TRADE AND THE POST-WASHINGTON CONFUSION

By A. Melchior, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs

www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/files/Melchior_EN_08122006_NUPI_Aid-for-Trade-and-the-Post-Washington-Confusion.pdf

The paper examines some core issues related to aid for trade (AFT); starting with a brief review showing the rapid expansion of such aid in recent years. There is a well-documented need for aid related to trade institution building and the implementation of WTO agreements, and Aft may be scaled up for this purpose. Beyond this, there is uncertainty about the level of ambition for Aft, and the paper attempts to assess the scale of the problems that Aft is supposed to remedy.

An analysis of the relationship between openness and income suggests that 1/10 of the countries, representing 3% of the world population, have a "problem with trade" in the sense that openness and income are negatively correlated, and growth has been slow. On the other hand; for 28% of the countries, representing 2/3 of the world population, the relationship between trade openness and income over time is clearly positive. Hence on average, the relationship between trade and growth is positive even if there is a considerable middle ground where the relationship is not so clear-cut.

The existence of a negative relationship between trade and growth for some countries provides a rationale for Aft related to the supply - capacity of countries. For the problem countries, the "problems with trade" are the same as the "problems with growth". Hence there is no specific Aft that can solve their problems, and aid for supply-side development should therefore be provided on a long-term basis and coordinated with other aid, as suggested by the recent task force on aid for trade. The experience with Aft implementation so far suggest that such aid has to be scaled up gradually, building on existing channels and coordinating better, rather than creating a new Aft mega-facility overnight.

A third type of Aft is related to adjustment to trade liberalisation. It is argued that transitional Aft in order to compensate for preference erosion might be given. Aft related to the erosion of tax revenue may be important for some low-income countries. The paper suggests that the targeted countries should vary across different types of Aft. In order to reach the countries that are most needy in terms of supply-side limitations, the "IDA only" list or the list of lowincome countries, are better than the LDC (Least Developed Countries) list. Furthermore, non-members of WTO seem to have larger "problems with trade", and this underlines the importance of Aft related to WTO accession. The analysis provides support for the proposal by the aid for trade task force to create new funding mechanisms for aid for trade to non-LDC developing countries.

TRADE & ECONOMIC JUSTICE THEME

ASIAN FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN AFRICA: TOWARDS A NEW ERA OF COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

By UN Conference on Trade and Development and UN Development Programme

www.unctad.org/en/docs/iteia20071_en.pdf

This publication marks the completion of the project on "Needs Assessment to Attract Asian FDI into Africa", undertaken with the financial support of the UNDP/Japan Human Resources Development Fund dedicated to South-South cooperation. This Report examines the various aspects of Asian foreign direct investment (FDI) in African economies with a view to improving understanding of the opportunities, constraints and steps needed to enhance Asian FDI in Africa.

This timely report looks at both the opportunities and possible obstacles for increasing Asian investment in Africa. Asian FDI is assuming greater importance, accounting for 10 per cent of the stock of FDI in the world. Some Asian firms have grown to rank among the top transnational corporations (TNCs) in the world. This trend is likely to be reinforced in the future. The rapid economic growth and industrial upgrading currently taking place in Asia provide ample opportunities for Africa to attract Asian FDI into both natural resources and manufacturing. Indeed, such FDI in Africa is becoming an important and promising facet of South-South economic cooperation.

Against this background, this book examines the opportunities and constraints for Asian investment in African countries. This publication is based on papers prepared for the project, "Needs Assessment to Attract Asian FDI into Africa", updated wherever possible. It begins with an overview of Asian FDI in Africa and a review of major Asian economies as FDI recipients as well as sources of FDI in Africa. This is followed by studies of five African countries that help to identify common features as well as conditions specific to each as hosts to FDI in general and Asian FDI in particular. It is hoped that this book will contribute to the formulation and implementation of concrete measures to bring greater Asian investment to African countries, and strengthen development cooperation between the two regions.

FAIR TRADE WAGE GUIDE PROJECT

www.fairtradewageguide.org

The World of Good: Development Organization is committed to strengthening the Fair Trade standards in the handicrafts sector. The innovative Fair Trade Wage Guide is a project aimed at empowering artisans and buyers by giving them user-friendly access to wage information. The web-based tool enables users to verify that the compensation paid to their artisans meets fair wage standards. The development and dissemination of the Fair Trade Wage Guide will generate a new level of standardization for the Fair Trade handicrafts sector. The World of Good is currently developing the tool.

PRICING FARMERS OUT OF COTTON: THE COSTS OF WORLD BANK REFORMS IN MALI

Oxfam Briefing Paper, 15 March 2007

www.oxfam.org/en/policy/briefingpapers/bp99_cotton_mali

With global trade talks stalled at the World Trade Organization, rich-country cotton subsidies remain unabated, hurting poor cotton farmers. World Bank led reforms to privatize the Malian cotton sector, including the adoption of a new price-setting mechanism, are further exacerbating the dire conditions in cotton-producing communities. A minimum level of price stability is vital for income security in the cotton sector and to prevent further slides into poverty. The wider donor community should provide adequate funds to finance a cotton-sector support fund, as well as invest in rural extension services and sustain capacity building of farmers to enable them to maximize their returns from new market opportunities.

BIODIVERSITY THEME

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2007: BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

By Sarah-Jo Dawson, IYPF President

May 22nd marks the 2007 International Day for Biological Diversity, with the theme of Biodiversity and Climate Change. The last two editions of this IYPF newsletter have focused on Climate Change and now our thoughts should turn to the impact that this has on earth's ecosystems and species.

According to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) published last year, "climate change now poses one of the principal threats to the biological diversity of the planet and is projected to become an increasingly important driver of change in the coming decades".

With the average global temperature rising 0.6°C since the mid-1800s, some of the many observed changes, with obvious impact on habitats and ecosystems, in the 20th century include

- A rise in global mean sea level of 10-20cm
- A 40-60% in available water in the large catchment basins of Lake Chad, Niger and Senegal
- The retreat of 70% of sandy shorelines
- A 92 and 82% loss of ice mass on Mounts Kenya and Kilimanjaro
- A 2/3 reduction in volume of Switzerland's glaciers
- A 4% reduction in arctic ice thickness in late Summer / early Autumn

With predicted increases of 1.5-5.8 °C by 2100 further massive changes to ecosystems are predicted. For example it is predicted that Australia's Great Barrier Reef could lose 95% of its living coral by 2050 due to changes in ocean temperature and chemistry.

According to the Convention on Biological Diversity "the links between biodiversity and climate change run both ways: biodiversity is threatened by climate change, but proper management of diversity can reduce the impact of climate change".

Consequences on species as a result of climate change include changes in distribution, changes in reproduction times, changes in increased length of growing seasons for plants and ultimately increased threat of extinction. In fact, the extinction of golden toads and Montverde harlequin frogs has already been attributed to climate change.

However, protection of diversity can help combat the effects of climate change.

- the conservation of habitats can reduce the amount of CO₂ released into the atmosphere. Currently deforestation is estimated to be responsible for 20% of human-induced CO₂ emissions
- conserving certain species such as mangroves and drought resistant crops can reduce the disastrous impacts of climate change effects such as flooding and famine
- the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity can strengthen ecosystem resilience, improving the ability of ecosystems to provide critical services in the face of increasing climatic pressures

For example, studies in North Africa have shown that the planting of a biologically diverse "green belt" can in some instances hold back desertification effects.

It is essential that we all try to do our part to combat the loss in biodiversity as a result of climate change, whether by trying to reduce our own environmental footprints, taking part in workplace energy conservation projects, lobbying governments and policymakers, or by actively taking part in direct species or habitat conservation projects.

For more information see

<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/outreach/awareness/biodiv-day-2007.shtml>

<http://www.unep-wcmc.org/resources/sites/biodiversity.html>

BIODIVERSITY THEME

MAKING SURE TOMORROW'S BUSINESSES VALUE BIODIVERSITY: ANALYSING THE GAP BETWEEN BIODIVERSITY AND CORPORATE STRATEGIES

By Jean-Philippe Renaut

Diversity helps make systems more resilient to crises, and helps create solutions to unforeseen events. Tomorrow's managers of leading companies need to recognise that human, social, economic and ecological diversity all contribute to business success.

The undercapitalised issue

To what extent do we see acknowledgement of these links in today's companies? The answer, worryingly, is to a very limited degree. Around the world, even leading companies have been slow to report on their dependency on biodiversity, let alone on the business case for conservation.

At SustainAbility Ltd., our latest sample of best sustainability (or *extra-financial*) reports worldwide is a case in point [1]. We found only 3 companies, out of the Top 50, that explicitly pointed to biodiversity as one of their priority concerns. These were the Brazilian cosmetics company *Natura*, New Zealand utility *Water Care* and British-Australian mining company *Rio Tinto*.

However, we noted that leading companies are starting to change the focus of their corporate responsibility strategies from risk-management to value creation. While it is still crucial for a company to focus on its license to operate and decrease the risk of litigation, the spotlight is now opening out to embrace wider *value creation*. In the process, business leaders are reviewing their companies' capacity to innovate, their access to intellectual capital, and the competitiveness of their business model in a world increasingly focusing on sustainability issues.

Biodiversity still remains an under-capitalized issue. Corporate brains are far from making the connection between biodiversity and long-term value creation.

Hope in the future

Hope comes at both ends of the business scale spectrum. At one end, we have the giant companies that are referred to as "universal investors". This tag, borrowed from the financial sector, suggests that such companies rely on so many customers, suppliers and partners to operate and grow that they have a genuine interest in the overall health of the systems within which it operates—and the resources to act.

At the other end of the spectrum we see growing interest in the world of social and environmental entrepreneurs, who focus on finding solutions to social and environmental problems without a priority to earn immense profits [2]. The best known of these entrepreneurs have won Nobel Peace Prizes; Wangari Maathai in 2004, for her work on African green belts and reforestation; and last year Muhammad Yunus and the Grameen Bank, for his work on microfinance. These entrepreneurs are more likely to find local solutions to local biodiversity menaces.

Transforming markets

Our hope is that by working to reinforce such thinking and actions at either end of the business spectrum, we can progressively drive the agenda—and a sense of urgency—deeper into the business world and higher up boardroom agendas.

The battle to gain attention may be close to being won, it seems, but the war to ensure that the concerns translate into the necessary business and market transformations has only just begun.

[1] www.sustainability.com/insight/research-article.asp?id=458

[2] www.sustainability.com/growing-opportunity

This article is adapted from an article written by John Elkington, Founder and Chief Entrepreneur, and Jean-Philippe Renaut, Analyst at SustainAbility Ltd.

OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

MAKING GOVERNANCE GENDER RESPONSIVE

Dear Colleagues and Friends, Greetings from the Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP) Institute for Gender, Governance & Leadership!

We are pleased to invite you to a training session on "Making Governance Gender Responsive (MGGR)", which will be held on June 24-30, 2007 in Manila, Philippines. The course is designed for parliamentarians, middle and senior level government executives and officials, women and men in local governments, political parties, research and training institutes and civil society organizations and non-government organizations who are leading or participating in governance reform initiatives in their respective countries.

The objectives of the training are as follows:

- To enhance understanding of Gender and Development (GAD) and governance concepts;
- To gain appreciation of gender-related and governance issues and concerns;
- To identify gender biases in governance;
- To acquire skills in identifying and analyzing gender biases and concerns through case examples of strategies and practices to address gender biases;
- To identify gender biases in the participant's sphere of influence
- To implement a Change Management Approach; and
- To formulate Action Plans: Institutional and Individual

The course is composed of modules developed to enhance the participants' understanding of the link between gender and governance as well as increase their awareness of gender biases in governance. This is the seventh (7th) time that we are offering this course in the last three (3) years.

The six (6) batches of MGGR trainings were successfully held last February, June, October of 2004 and January, October 2005 and February 2007 at the CAPWIP Institute for Gender, Governance and Leadership (CIGGL) located at Hostelling (HI) Manila, 4227-4229 Tomas Claudio Street, Baclaran, Paranaque

City, Philippines. These trainings were attended by participants from different countries in Asia, Pacific, Africa and Europe. In all the six (6) trainings that we have conducted, the participants have continually rated the training highly and useful for their organizations. This training course has been revised and redesigned based on the feedback from previous trainings.

The course has been expanded to a six-day course (originally designed for 3 days) and the course is now heavy on case studies and field trips. The training is offered and designed for a small group of about 25 to 35 participants. The registration fee for the six-day training is US\$1,600 for single room accommodations and US\$1,350 for twin room sharing accommodations (two persons in one room).

The training will be held on June 24-30, 2007. However, the participants will be requested to be in Manila the day before, June 23, 2007 and leave Manila only on July 1, 2007. These extended stays are already included in the fee.

Let us join hands in promoting gender responsive governance through transformative leadership and citizenship. We are looking forward to your participation.

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THE WOMEN PEACEMAKERS PROGRAM

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice
University of San Diego, California, USA
Fall Residency: September 17 - November 10, 2007

2007 Women PeaceMakers Program application period: April 2 - June 1 2007

The Women PeaceMakers Program involves learning, teaching, and taking the time to narrate a personal, unique story of peacemaking. Along with scheduled time when the Woman PeaceMaker will work in small groups and/or one-on-one with her peace writer, there will be programs in which she will share with others her experiences from her respective country and conflict setting with others. She will learn from and explore new skills and ideas with fellow PeaceMakers.

Through better understanding of individual human rights advocacy and peacebuilding work, the program seeks to build greater cross-cultural understanding, and to document the challenges and successes of women who have been involved in peacemaking efforts.

Those who are accepted into the Fall 2007 program will be expected to spend eight weeks at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) at the University of San Diego in San Diego, California. Over that time, their experiences will include the following:

- Collaborating with a Peace Writer and film team to document personal stories through writing, video, and audiotape.
- Sharing experiences of peacemaking and human rights advocacy with the IPJ community of students and faculty through small group discussions and "Conversations With" that are open to the general public.
- Participating in and lending expertise to a PeaceMaker Summit in which many of the past Women PeaceMakers will join the present PeaceMakers to share knowledge and new challenges on the frontlines. Participants will document their best practices in a three day San Diego-based summit will take place on October 24-26.
- Learning and networking through roundtable discussions, Women PeaceMakers will meet with local and national women leaders involved in human rights, political action, and peacemaking efforts, forming networks and

gaining resources to be called upon for international peacemaking and post-conflict planning processes.

- Renewing personal commitments to their work and taking time to reflect in a safe and nurturing environment that promotes new learning and an authentic exchange of ideas.
- Additional activities may include visiting local governmental and nongovernmental organizations, guest lectures, and other public engagements.

The Women PeaceMakers Program encourages applicants to seek supplemental funding from local sources, although the funding provided by the IPJ for those selected will be sufficient for the full eight weeks.

There is no cost for participation in the Women PeaceMakers Program. The program will provide fellowships to four qualified applicants. This funding is to be used for local transportation (airfare to and from San Diego); and housing, which will be provided at the Casa de la Paz, "The House of Peace," on the campus of the Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego. The Casa de la Paz is a private residence adjacent to the Institute for Peace & Justice that overlooks Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Invited Women PeaceMakers will have the opportunity to rest and reflect in this beautiful, peaceful, and supportive setting.

RYUTARO HASHIMOTO APFED AWARDS FOR GOOD PRACTICES

www.iges.or.jp/en/apfed/award/

APFED is pleased to invite all eligible organisations that have made contributions to the promotion of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific to apply for the 2007 Ryutaro Hashimoto APFED Awards.

The applications that satisfy the eligibility requirements and that qualify by means of a peer-review will be registered in the APFED database. After a comprehensive evaluation process, winners will be presented with monetary awards. These awards are the Gold Prize (1xUSD 20,000), the Silver Prizes (2xUSD 7,000) and the Incentive Prizes (5xUSD 2,000).

The deadline for applications is 16 June 2007.

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THE 5TH AFRICA RESOURCE BANK MEETING

Theme: POSITIONING AFRICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Date: 11- 14 November, 2007

Venue: Tanzania

Promoting business and creating wealth is the way out to fight poverty, disease, hunger and other social problems in Africa. For the last four years, the Inter Region Economic Network (IREN) has brought together like-minded Africans and friends of Africa keen on the future of this continent for the Africa Resource Bank (ARB) Meeting. Launched in 2003, ARB is an annual event that aims at promoting ideas that will enhance economic freedom and wealth creation in Africa. The past four brainstorming sessions focused on Building Africa through Trade, Property Rights in the African context, Conquering Poverty in Africa through Business and Turning African People into a Resource.

The theme for the 5th Africa Resource Bank Meeting is 'Positioning Africa in the 21st Century'. Scheduled for 11-14 November, 2007 in Tanzania, the event will bring together economists, academicians, policy makers, businessmen, farmers, think tanks and other organizations interested in Africa's development. This event is for those who believe in Africa, the people of Africa and the power of market economics.

Contributors are requested to write a 15,000 word paper providing an in depth analysis of factors that have impeded Africans from taking advantage of cultural interactions with other communities outside Africa with specific emphasis on the broad topics below. Only essays/papers that offer concrete solutions to Africa's predicaments will be accepted.

An 800-1000 word abstract should be submitted by May 31, 2007. Selected entries will be notified by June 30, 2007 and expected to submit full papers by October 1, 2007. The ideas must be original and not published elsewhere. The successful authors will be part of the panelists who will make a 15 minute presentation each, followed by an intensive discussion in the question answer session during the meeting. For each selected paper and presentation, a cash award of \$1000 will be given.

The topics of discussion are as follows:

- Rewriting Africa's History
- The West and the Future of Africa
- The Emerging Powers and the Future of Africa -(China, India, Brazil, Malaysia)
- The 21st Century Africa

To participate, send the following on or before September 28, 2007 to the address below:

- A brief bio /CV
- Your vision for Africa (Not more than 200 words)
- The registration form (Download Form)

There is a registration fee is USD300 for each participant. All Cheques are to be made payable to Inter Region Economic Network.

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COMMONWEALTH OPEN FORUM (UGANDA) JUNE 17, 2007

<http://events.takingitglobal.org/13907>

This year the Commonwealth heads of government meeting is to take place in Uganda. The Open Forum gives young people an opportunity to discuss and present to these leaders the issues that affect them. The organizers of the Open Forum hope the Forum will help the world leaders and governments to recognise that youth want development regardless of their religious, political and educational backgrounds, through the presentation of pertinent issues both for Ugandan young people, and for young people representing the other commonwealth countries.

ABOUT IYPF

What is the IYPF?

The International Young Professionals Foundation (IYPF) is a not-for-profit organisation based in Australia that has been working in the fields of human rights, poverty eradication, environment and social capital, within the broad context of sustainability since it was founded in October 2001.

The IYPF's vision is "a global community of young professionals creating a better world current and future generations through local and global action". The IYPF sets out to achieve this by informing, inspiring and equipping young professionals as sustainability practitioners and social change agents. Young professionals are those aged 18 – 40, typically in the early stages of their careers.

During its first four years, the IYPF has made waves in international circuits, through attendance at events such as the World Summit for Sustainable Development, the Youth Employment Summit and the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meeting 2002, and has support from a range of international leaders and heads of state. The IYPF is governed by an international board of six outstanding young professionals and is growing an impressive list of patrons on its Advisory Council including the President of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations, the Chair of the Commonwealth Engineering Council, the Executive Director of the Youth Employment Summit, and the Director of Friends of the Earth (Hong Kong). The IYPF's board engages a team of over 30 talented and dedicated young professionals to run the operations of the company on a voluntary basis.

Specifically, the objects of the Foundation outlined in its constitution are:

- To promote and encourage the work done by young professionals in effecting positive global change.
- To facilitate the implementation of projects developed by members to address the issues of concern in the global community, which are consistent with the objects of the company, including the raising of funds where necessary.
- To further the networks formed during the International Young Professionals Summit 2001 and provide an ongoing platform for organisation and convening of future events and Summits and projects.
- To promote recognition of, mobilise and enhance the capacity of Young Professionals internationally to provide leadership and take action on global issues
- To undertake research and advocacy in regards to issues identified by members as vital to the creation of a preferred global future.

To achieve its vision, the IYPF's mission has it working with existing young professional social entrepreneurs and change agents, as well as reaching out to educate, inform and inspire others to use their power, privilege, skills and abilities to create a better world for current and future generations.

How You Can Help

Join our team

www.iypf.org/employment.htm

If you are interested in developing yourself professionally through volunteering your time to assist the IYPF achieve its vision, contact IYPF's Human Resources Officer, Britt Jacobsen, on brittjacobsen@iypf.org.

Become a member

www.iypf.org/membership.htm

Become a paid or associate member and help IYPF develop a worldwide network of young professionals who catalyse positive change in their lives, communities, organisations, and ultimately the world. Review the information online for benefits and how to join.

Spread the word

Use information from our website, including introductory PowerPoint presentations on the IYPF, IYPF membership application forms and information, and this and past newsletters, to encourage others to become members. Get people to sign up to receive the newsletter for free each month through the website.

Help others become members

www.iypf.org/payments.htm#donations

The IYPF maintains a Membership Donations Trust fund to assist young professionals who wish to be IYPF members but who cannot afford the full fees.

Share opportunities and resources

www.iypf.org/IYPF-campaigns.htm

Join your regional online community and share development opportunities, sustainability, and social change resources with other young professionals. You can also join topical communities on sustainability and social change issues, including globalisation, fresh water, poverty eradication, HIV & AIDS, Downshifting, Education and ICTs.

Support

www.iypf.org/member-projects.htm

IYPF has a number of endorsed projects and supports its members to turn their ideas into successful projects and ventures. The IYPF regularly receives new project proposals and there are always opportunities for young professionals to get involved.

Got something to say?

We're always searching for passionate and dedicated writers to contribute news of events, resources, articles and stories relevant to young professionals who are creating a better world for current and future generations.

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