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Water & Global Security

Integrating Environmental Peacemaking in the Reforms of the United Nations

Date: Friday, April 22
Time: 1:15pm – 2:45pm
Location: UN Headquarters
Conference Room 2

The year 2005 is the year of the review of the Millennium Development Goals and for the reform of the United Nations to prepare it for the challenges of the 21st Century. In December 2004, the UN High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change laid out a strategy for this reform, and in January 2005 the Millennium Project presented its recommendations on how to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

The UN High-Level Panel Report highlighted the importance of including threats such as poverty and environmental degradation into the future global security system. This session of the Commission for Sustainable Development will define national and international strategies to achieve the water goals of the Johannesburg Agenda. Its outcome will influence both the Millennium Review Summit as well as the Special Session of the General Assembly in September.

The side event organizers aim at stimulating the debate of the inclusion of environmental cooperation and peacemaking in the reform agenda of the United Nations. Water cooperation in the Middle East and Eastern Africa in particular show how collaboration can work in conflicted areas and can even be a key to prevent and resolve conflicts.

Please join the presentation of current success stories and a discussion on how to strengthen environmental peacemaking within the United Nations.

Invited Speakers:

Adnan Amin, New York Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Helga Flores Trejo, Executive Director, Heinrich Böll Foundation North America

Hilary French, Worldwatch Institute, Washington DC, USA

Valerie de Campos Mello, UN Department of Political Affairs, USA

Geoff Dabelko, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC, USA

Gidon Bromberg, Friends of the Earth Middle East, Tel Aviv, Israel

Patricia Kameri-Mbote, International Environmental Law Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya