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**OVERVIEW OF HIGH-LEVEL AND OTHER RELEVANT EVENTS SCHEDULED
TO TAKE PLACE AROUND THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE**

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This paper provides an overview of high-level and other relevant events scheduled to take place prior to or immediately after the Belgrade Conference in 2007. The information included in the paper is based on Internet searching as well as input received from partners in the “Environment for Europe” process.

Overview of high-level and other relevant events scheduled to take place before the Belgrade Conference

Date/Venue	Title	Organiser(s)	Web link	Key themes of the agenda	Expected outcome
2007					
17-19 January 2007 Geneva, Switzerland	1 st meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe	http://www.euro.who.int	Review and adopt the work programme for the period 2007 - 2009 and agree on legal documents, particularly the Rules of Procedure and the compliance regime.	
22 - 24 January 2007 New Delhi, India	Delhi Sustainable Development Summit	The Energy and Resources Institute	http://static.teriin.org/dsds/2007/index.htm	The 2007 edition of the DSDS will therefore be focused on assessing the achievements, disappointments, and lessons from seven years of action towards the attainment of the MDGs. DSDS 2007 will specially focus on exploring the natural resource dimensions of sustainable development. The incessant depletion of natural resources, both a cause and consequence of varied forms of human deprivation, will be examined at length during the deliberations.	
23 – 27 January 2007 Chiang Mai, Thailand	International Dialogue on Science & Practice in Sustainable Development	Unit For Social and Environmental Research (USER); The Initiative of Science and Technology for Sustainability (ISTS); The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS); and the Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI)	www.sustdialogue.org	Subtheme of the conference is "Linking Knowledge with Action". Aims to foster effective collaborations between scientists and practitioners to advance the practice of sustainable development, through knowledge sharing and promoting national, regional and international actions and implementation.	
5 - 9 Feb 2007 Nairobi, Kenya	24 th Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum	United Nations Environment Programme	http://www.unep.org	Policy issues: Emerging policy issues, coordination and cooperation with the United Nations system on environmental matters, international environmental governance, water policy and strategy.	

				Follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.	
26 - 28 February 2007 Lusaka, Zambia	3 rd Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations implementing and/or funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	UNEP - CBD	http://www.biodiv.org/meetings/default.shtml	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	
26 Feb - 2 Mar 2007 New York, USA	Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development	Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)	http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/index.html	There will be parallel interactive discussions on the themes of Energy for Sustainable Development ; Industrial Development ; Air pollution/ Atmosphere ; and Climate Change .	
28 February - 3 March 2007 Wels, Austria	European Energy Efficiency Conference: World Sustainable Energy Days	The Energy Agency of Upper Austria	www.esv.or.at www.wsed.at	The one-day conference will be held within the framework of World Sustainable Energy Days 2007. Other conferences alongside this event will be the "World Sustainable Energy Days", the "Energy Future 2030 Conference", the "Rural development and sustainable energy seminar" and the "European Pellets Forum".	
1 - 2 March 2007, Lusaka, Zambia	4th meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity	http://www.biodiv.org/default.shtml	Consideration of a possible quality control mechanism for the Roster of Experts and the operational modalities of such a mechanism. Other measures for improving the effectiveness and use of the Roster of Experts.	
5 - 7 March 2007 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	3 rd meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)	http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/default.asp	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	
12-21 March 2007 Buenos Aires, Argentina	Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention Fifth session	UNCCD	http://www.unccd.int	Review of the third national reports of affected country Parties to the UNCCD	
15-17 March 2007 Germany	G-8 Environment Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change and Biodiversity			Climate Change and Biodiversity	
27 - 29 March 2007 Curitiba, Brazil	Mayors' Meeting on the Contribution of Cities to the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	http://www.biodiv.org/meetings/default.shtml	Mr. Carlos Alberto Richa, the Mayor of Curitiba, took the initiative to invite a number of mayors of cities around the world to share their experiences and contribute to the Convention's 2010 target to significantly reduce the rate of	

				loss of biodiversity	
12 – 27 April 2007 New York, USA	UNFF7	United Nations Forum on Forests	http://www.un.org/esa/forests/bureau-unff7.html	Non legally binding instrument on forests	
23 -27 April 2007, Montreux, Switzerland	High-Level Panel of a Special Session on "Global Environment and International Environmental Conventions"	European Space Agency and ENVISAT Symposium Secretariat	http://www.biodiv.org/events/default.aspx?org=unep%2fscbd&lg=0	The main objective of the ENVISAT Symposium is to present the results of the ESA EO (Earth Observation) missions in exploitation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing a forum for investigators to present results of on-going research project activities using ENVISAT, ERS and ESA Third Party missions data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviewing the development of applications and services • presenting the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security Service Element (GSE) • presenting the use of EO in support of International Environmental Conventions http://www.envisat07.org/01	
30 Apr - 11 May 2007 New York, USA	15 th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development CSD-15	CSD-15	http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/index.html	The second implementation cycle under the thematic clusters of Energy for Sustainable Development ; Industrial Development ; Air pollution/Atmosphere ; and Climate Change continues at CSD-15 with the Policy Session, when the Commission will decide on measures to speed up implementation and mobilize action to overcome obstacles and constraints, and to build on lessons learned.	
4 May 2007 Bangkok, Thailand	26 th Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	IPCC	http://www.ipcc.ch/calendar2007.htm Event Type: Forum, Summit and Meetings	For more information contact: Rudie Bourgeois, IPCC Secretariat; tel: +41-22-730-8208; fax: +41-22-7 30-8025/13; e-mail: IPCC-Sec@wmo.int	
8 – 12 May 2007 Port Moresby Papua & New Guinea	42 nd International Tropical Timber Council (ITTO)	International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)	http://www.itto.or.jp/live/PageDisplayHandler?pageId=219	Thematic Programmes for Project Financing under New ITTA	

15 – 19 May 2007 Tampa, USA	World Environmental & Water Resources Congress	American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) World Headquarters	www.asce.org	Intended that participants will share insights from research and case studies to generate best practices for the future with focus on habitat restoration. Topics include: environmental process; irrigation and drainage; planning and management; river restoration; international issues; eco-hydraulics and eco-hydrology; and, groundwater hydrology, quality and management.	
29 – 31 May 2007 Hong – Kong, China	International Conference on Climate Change	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)	www.hkie.org.hk/ICCC2007	Conference aims to provide a platform to explore the scientific, technical and socio-economic issues relevant to climate change and its impacts. Will also discuss and propose mitigation, adaptation and implementation measures. Four main thematic issues will be: scientific and technical issues; socio-economic issues; vulnerability to climate change; and, options for action.	
June, 2007, Sweden	3rd International Expert Meeting on the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)	UNEP - Division of Technology, Industry and Economics	http://www.biodiv.org/events/default.aspx?org=unep%2fscbd&lg=0	For more information: unep.tie@unep.fr Phone: +33 1 44 37 14 65	
3 – 15 June 2007 The Hague, Netherlands	14 th Conference of the Parties on CITES Convention	CITES Secretariat	http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/index.shtml	Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention: Review of Resolutions and decisions, compliance and enforcement issues, trade control and marking issues, exemptions and special trade provisions, species trade and conservation issues.	
17 – 21 September 2007 Canada, Montreal	19 th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	UNEP – Ozone Secretariat	www.unep.org/ozone	Intergovernmental meetings, with significant presence of private sector, NGOs and scientific community. Will also observe 20th anniversary of the Protocol.	
1- 9 November 2007 Madrid, Spain	8th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (COP- 8)	UNCCD	http://www.unccd.int/	Exact dates and city of location in Spain have not yet been determined. Delegates will review a number of institutional items, amongst which will be an assessment of the 2006 International Year of Deserts and Desertification. Other items include a review of the implementation of the	

				Convention, programme and budget for 2008-2009 and an assessment follow-up to the WSSD.	
5 – 7 November 2007, Warsaw, Poland	5th Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe	Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)	http://www.mcpfe.org/	General Declaration Wood and energy (resolution) Forest and water (resolution) Monitoring of sustainable forest management in Europe (major report of which we (ECE/FAO) are co-authors with the Liaison Unit	Consensus on broad lines of pan-European forest sector issues, better information, "message" to other sectors, notably energy and water higher profile for forest issues.
5 – 10 November 2007 Yokohama, Japan	43 rd International Tropical Timber Council (ITTO)	International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)	Web: http://www.itto.or.jp/live/PageDisplayHandler?pageId=219	Thematic Programmes for Project Financing under New ITTA	
3 – 14 December 2007, Bali, Indonesia	13th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC & 3rd Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol	UNFCCC Secretariat	www.unfccc.int	Will continue the annual process of dialogue and debate over the commitments made and failures to meet targets within the UNFCCC process. The post-Kyoto agreement will be dominating the agenda as well as the necessary commitments yet to be made by a small number of nations unwilling to take responsible steps in this, intended, global process.	