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the Earth will take care of us.

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National news

Cool Green

Addis Ababa, Capital- In celebration of the World Environment Day, Eminence Social Entrepreneurs is holding an event at Ethio-Cuba Friendship square in Addis Ababa starting from June 5th to 12th 2012. It will draw from this year's Environment Day theme, "Green Economy: Does it include you? To promote current environmental issues and showcase environmentally ethical and eco-friendly technologies that can contribute to the Green Economy in Ethiopia. The Exhibition is organized in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa Environmental Protection Authority and other organizations. It is open to the public and will feature an exhibition, seminars and workshops teaching about sustainable solutions. There will also be music, documentaries and other entertainment.

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MDGs: Water sparkles, sanitation suffers

Addis Ababa, Capital- The fifth edition of the United Nations Environment Program's Global Environment Outlook (GEO-5) came out in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on June 6th and in Addis Ababa on June 7th at the African Union Conference Center. The GEO-5 reports on the state of global environmental trends in area like the atmosphere land, water and biodiversity. The study also includes a global scorecard on internationally agreed to environmental goals. The report identifies policy responses that different regions could implement to support sustainable development. The lack of reliable and consistent longitudinal studies and data taken over time is a major obstacle to increasing the effectiveness of policies and programs, many of the important drivers of environmental change or even their impact are not well monitored. Because reasons for climate change are not well documented nations need to continue monitoring the impact that human beings are making on the Earth, the report argues. The GEO-5 was celebrated along with World Environmental Day.

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International news

Global forum to collate research on sustainable consumption, production

scidev.net (June 13, 2012) - RIO DE JANEIRO A new global forum, meeting for the first time this week (13–15 June), will gather scattered research on sustainable consumption and production from countries across the world, as well as from journals, reports and grey literature, to consolidate existing findings and discuss the agenda for future research. The Global Research Forum on Sustainable Consumption and Production also hopes to forge new research partnerships to help tackle difficult issues relating to consumption and production. There's a lot of science, technology and innovation to be researched on sustainable production and consumption.

(For more information visit <http://www.scidev.net/en/agriculture-and-environment/news/global-forum-to-collate-research-on-sustainable-consumption-production.html>)

Why Are Some People Greener Than Others?

ScienceDaily (June 12, 2012) - Differences in attitudes and cultural values could have far-reaching implications for the development of a sustainable global society, according to an analysis to be published in the International Journal of the Sustainable Economy. Rune Ellemose Gulev of the University of Applied Sciences Kiel, Germany, has explored the cultural values associated with sustainability that

makes some people more inclined to adopt what might conventionally be considered as sustainable attitudes and behavior. Asking what promotes sustainable attitudes in different people has until now been a question to which little scientific insight has been applied. In order to explore the various biases and the ethical stance taken by individuals Gulev has collated a set of values and attitudes from different demographic groups throughout Europe. These have then been contrasted with what are considered to be sustainable behaviors by definition. In the face of climate change, rising sea levels, melting icecaps, the depletion of natural resources, the destruction of rainforests, species extinction and many other environmental concerns, the notion of sustainability is high on the agenda. If we are to address the environmental issues then finding alternative ways to maintain or improve our lifestyle without further damaging the environment is essential to progress. The concepts of gender and income inequality, literacy rates, education possibilities, life expectancies and poverty alleviation must also be incorporated into the sustainability equation. Taken holistically, the results provide clear indication that some attitudes and values in people do facilitate sustainable behavior and that these attitudes and values can be fostered to create greater sustainable behavioral practices

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