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#### National news

#### Local control of forests brings economic, environmental and social gains

**Addis Ababa, Capital-** Governments and businesses must give local people more control over forests to maximize social, economic and environmental benefits, says a new book by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the G3 a global network whose members manage a quarter of the world' forests. The book, to be launched at IIED's Fair ideas conference in Rio de Janeiro today 17 June, makes the business case for investing in forest communities by showing that when local people control their forests they are more likely to conserve and use them sustainably.

(For more information visit [www.capitalethiopia.com](http://www.capitalethiopia.com) June 17, 2012)

#### UK Company awaiting cabinet approval to turn Koshe to energy hub

**Addis Ababa, The Reporter -** The Addis Ababa City Administration cabinet is expected to approve a grant deed of seven hectares of land to a leading waste management company, Cambridge Industries Energy, that enables it to generate 50 MW in the city's largest waste disposal site around Repi, otherwise known as Koshe. Thursday, the cabinet will set to approve the land deed in concession next Thursday. The project is said to have the backing from senior government offices including the Prime Minister's office, the Ministry of Water and Energy as well as the city administration since it supports the government's green growth strategy. Last month the Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EEPCo) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cambridge Industries, a UK company, for the project that could involve garbage collection, treatment and conversion to electricity.

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**International news**

**Anti-desertification plan gets official launch in Rio**

**scidev.net (June 21, 2012)** - RIO DE JANEIRO Organizations from Africa, Brazil and France have officially launched a scientific collaboration to fight desertification in Africa. The collaboration was discussed at the Fight Against Desertification in Africa conference in Niger in October 2011. The 'Declaration of Niamey' adopted at the conference highlighted the need for interdisciplinary research in the fields of desertification, drought and land degradation, focusing on social, economic and environmental issues. Its commitments were ratified earlier this year (March 2012), with a tripartite agreement signed at the sixth World Water Forum in Marseille, France, between Brazil's National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) of Brazil, the Institute of Research for Development (IRD) in France, and the Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW), to which 11 African countries belong.

(For more information visit <http://www.scidev.net/en/agriculture-and-environment/news/anti-desertification-plan-gets-official-launch-in-rio.html>)

**Rio summit: Little progress, 20 years on**

**British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** - On the final day of the UN sustainable development summit in Rio, UN chief Ban Ki-moon has urged governments to eliminate hunger from the world. The secretary-general said in a world of plenty, no-one should go hungry. The final phase of the summit has seen pledges from countries and companies on issues such as clean energy. But a number of veteran politicians have joined environment groups in saying the summit declaration was "a failure of leadership". And UK Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg described the outcome as "insipid". The meeting, marking 20 years since the iconic Earth Summit in the same city and 40 since the very first global environment gathering in Stockholm, was aimed at stimulating moves towards the "green economy". But the declaration that was concluded by government negotiators on Tuesday and that ministers have not sought to re-open, puts the green economy as just one possible pathway to sustainable development.

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