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Global 500 Updates 2007

Special issue: Science and innovation in Africa: new strategies for economic growth edit by Calestous Juma (1993 Laureate)

International Journal of Technology and Globalisation 2(3/4) 2006 is a special issue: Science and innovation in Africa: new strategies for economic growth, edited by Prof Calestous Juma, elected a Fellow of the Royal Society last year. The papers are revised versions of chapters that were first published by The Smith Institute in a volume entitled, Going for Growth: Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa. [[The original essays can be downloaded.](#)] The papers underscore the role of science, technology and innovation in development in general, and in international cooperation in particular. They signal the growing interest in making the transition from short-term, relief-based activities to long-term development, based on building competence at all levels of science.

Norway To Host World Environment Day 2007

This year, the international World Environment Day (WED) celebrations will take place in Tromsø, Norway. UNEP invites individuals and communities around the world to commemorate this important United Nations day. In support of International Polar Year, the WED theme selected for 2007 focuses on the effects that climate change is having on polar ecosystems and communities, and the ensuing consequences around the world. The slogan is Melting Ice - A Hot Topic? By posing the question "Ask a polar bear, ask a farmer, ask an island, ask an insurer, ask an indigenous person, ask yourself!", we wish to stress that climate change is an issue for everyone. From the arctic to the tropics, from the poorest to the most affluent, we all have something to lose. For many of us, we can also make a choice to become part of the solution instead of part of the problem by consuming less energy and making climate friendly choices in our daily lives. For more information on the day, visit the WED website at www.unep.org/wed/2007.

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MELTING ICE - A HOT TOPIC?



ask...



a polar bear



a farmer



an islander



an insurer



an indigenous person

yourself!



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Latest News from Globetree (2000 Laureate)

Dear Marilyn

The program with the 50 children of Globetree from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Sweden together with the 50 children from the Tree Theatre Group of Malaysia became a great success! All 100 children performed Our Uniting Water Ceremony and made the audience sing Let us Join – You Can Count on US! – directly after the



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speech of the Vice President of Kenya. The Minister of Environment from Sweden, Kenya and Algeria participated in the dialogue under the Children's Tree together with the Ambassador of Malaysia and many mayors. The Connected Dreams Sculpture of the Future Vessel at the WorldCiC in Stockholm was the welcome for all delegates at the entrance of the United Nations, Nairobi. Also the program of the UNEP Governing Council Meeting was called Connected Dreams. All became a wonderful success! We also had a meeting at the Mayors Parlour of Nairobi where the 5 hosts of the World Championship in Cooperation met and discussed future cooperation. Deputy Mayor of Nairobi, Cllr. Ferdinard Ndungu Waititu was the host of the meeting. Deputy Mayor of Kampala, Ms Namayanja Florence, who received the Glass Trophy at the Globe Arena from the Lord Mayor of Stockholm 2006 was there – host of WorldCiC 2008 and reported on the planning for the event which will take place around the World Environment Day 2008. The Mayor of Morelia, Mexico, Mr. Salvador López Oruna – host of WorldCiC 2010 – will send a delegation to Kampala next year and will start the preparations for the WorldCiC 2010 already this year. Mayor of Nairobi has agreed to be the host of WorldCiC 2012 and he will set up a Globetree Secretariat at the Nairobi City Council as soon as possible. He wants that secretariat to support Kampala WorldCiC. Mr. Jes I. Izaidin, leader of the Tree Theatre Group Malaysia became very interested in the vision and work of the WorldCiC and he will bring the idea to the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur. He is convinced the Mayor will take the WorldCiC to heart and host the event 2014. We had a very good meeting and all are determined to support one another! Imagine 5 cities of the world working together to support one another! I was deeply touched in my heart when we closed the meeting 5 hours later! Marilyn – The World Championship in Cooperation has started its odyssey over the Globe and the message is urgent – the world needs to work together over all boundaries of age, cultures, nations, professions and interests to tackle the problems the world face today! Lots of love to you Marilyn and all around you! Kajsa

Update from Anne Mearns (1998 Laureate)

Anne Mearns Update My main Concentration at present are: 1. We declared Conservancies (protection of natural ecosystems) at grasslands, wetlands and other natural areas. People in these areas take action to protect species, stop pollution and protect the natural environment. I have formed a hospital conservancy and two school conservancies. If you are interested in . What is a conservancy? I will forward you information on that. 2. Writing of resources materials, environmental education materials for nursery schools, pre- primary, primary schools and High schools. 3. Protection of wetlands and wetland species . birds, amphibians, and all wildlife and plants. 4. I have lectured in Sept 2006 at the University of Windhoek-



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Namibia - 3rd Year Students on - What is wetlands? How to protect wetlands? Threats to wetlands. ETC. Was a great success - Must do it again in Sept 2007. 5. WE have a great problem our Local council wants to establish a dumping site in a wetland, it will effect ground water and life of thousands of people, also effect bird, and plant species, loss of important Agr Ground. I established a presssure group and we will do eveything to stop this action. 6. I would also like to published an anthology of poems Nature through the eyes of our Youth. I am looking for funding to published this booklet. It will be send to youth all over the world. I trust and believe I will have success.

Regards Anne Mearns - South Africa.

SOS Rhino April Newsletter - in honor of Annelisa Kilbourne (2003 Laureate)

SOS Rhino Review April 2007 Welcome to the SOS Rhino Review, a newsletter about rhinos from SOS Rhino. You'll find links to interesting articles here as well as updates on our efforts to save rhinos all over the world. Let us know if you'd rather not receive this newsletter. And now, let's go to the rhino news. 1. Feature Stories 2. World Rhino News 3. Donor Appreciation 4. Find It On Our Web Site 5. Frequently Asked Questions 6. How You Can Help 7. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions 8. About Us Full Stories Are Available Via Web Links 1. Feature Stories **Saving Our Children's Forest** (In conjunction with World Forestry Day on March 21 and World Water Day on March 22) In 2005, there were just under four billion hectares of forests worldwide and deforestation had continued at an alarming rate of about 13 million hectares per year, mainly involving the clearing of land for agriculture. On top of that, on average, 104 million hectares of forests are destroyed each year by forest fires, pests or climatic events such as droughts and floods. These were some of the significant findings of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005 conducted by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Forests are some of the most valuable eco-systems in the world as they represent over 60 percent of the world's biodiversity. They are also significant in both ecological functions and in protecting Earth's freshwater resources. Many products of economic value can be harvested from forests besides being 'home' to native inhabitants. Despite their phenomenal importance, deforestation is slowly wiping out forests from the Earth's surface and accelerating global warming. Read the entire article on Bernama.com website [here](#). 2. World Rhino News **Pulling species from the brink** There are only thirteen northern white rhinos left in the world. The species is hovering on the brink of extinction. But three men are pushing forward the frontiers of science to try to save them. Read the entire article on BBC's website [here](#). **Conservationists keep rhinos from becoming jambiyas** No rhinoceros roams the wilds of Yemen, yet this country and that animal are intimately entwined, in a relationship that has put the rhino at great risk of



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extinction. The connection between Yemen and the dwindling herds of rhinoceros can be found hanging from the belts of Yemeni men. Read the entire article [here](#). 3. Donor Appreciation SOS RHINO wishes to acknowledge the following individuals, organizations, and foundations for their generous support of our programs. Their support comes in many forms: donation of their expertise and time, funds for specific programs and equipment, and donation of products. THANK YOU! Click [HERE](#) to view the list of our donors! 4. Find It On Our Web Site **SOS Rhino and Tabin Wildlife Reserve announce the Rhino Survey Expedition in Borneo** The Rhino Survey Expedition in Borneo is a 7 Day, 6 Night program that combines a comfortable stay at the charming Tabin Wildlife Resort with a survey program where participants will join SOS Rhino Borneo's Rhino Protection and Survey staff deep in the jungles of Tabin Wildlife Reserve, in search for signs of the elusive Sumatran rhino in its natural habitat.

http://sosrhino.org/programs/sumatran_visit.php 5. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) 1. TRUE OR FALSE: Javan rhinos can be found in captivity today. 2. How far do rhinos usually travel in a day? 3. In the dry season, how far will rhinos travel to seek water? 6. How You Can Help [Adopt a rhino, doc or keeper. Buy a t-shirt, hat, or video](#) There are only 300 Sumatran rhinos left on Earth. Without direct help from generous humans, they may never be seen again. We urge you to give what you can in the form of a donation – protect a rhino or adopt a rhino, doc, researcher, keeper, or purchase one of SOS Rhino's products: a T-shirt, hat, or video. Visit today, and give from your heart. [Contribute to the "SOS Rhino Annelisa Memorial Fund](#) SOS Rhino has established memorial fund in Dr. Annelisa Kilbourn's name to help continue her work dedicated to the survival of the Sumatran rhino in Malaysia. Contributions can be made by clicking the button below or mailed directly to SOS Rhino (checks should be made out to "SOS RHINO") 680 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611. attn: Annelisa Fund. 312.335.0868, fax 312.335.0076. Inquires emailed to info@sosrhino.org. **Volunteer** SOS RHINO is looking for volunteers interested in helping us in our efforts to save the Sumatran rhinoceros. Our Borneo Team is studying the demographics of the remaining animals in Tabin Wildlife Reserve to determine when patrol units, habitat protection, or translocation may play a role in the rhinos' survival. [Read more:](#) 7. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions 1. FALSE. Throughout history from 1600 onward there have been only 22 Javan rhinos in captivity. The last known specimen in captivity was housed at a zoo in Adelaide, Australia from 1886 to 1907. 2. In Africa, it is said that when food and water are abundant, rhinos have no incentive to travel, so they stay in their favored localities. Rhinos in Africa are said to have a home range of about 12 sq. km, which means they would not travel more than a few miles each day. 3. Asian rhinos do not have a major problem in obtaining water, and travel to find food or partners. In Africa during the dry season, depending on the sources of water, the range increases from 12 sq. km up to 20 sq. km. Rhinos don't need to drink everyday, and cycles of about six days have been recorded. 8. [About](#)



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Us SOS Rhino is a non-profit, international foundation dedicated to preserving the five rhinoceros species in their natural habitats. Our conservation programs combine research, education, marketing and advocacy, all working collectively to achieve sustainable results. Through diverse stakeholder support, SOS Rhino develops and funds rhino conservation and awareness programs appropriate to individual countries, providing these countries with the information and tools to build lasting rhino conservation. It is our goal to secure a place for this ancient animal in tomorrow's world.

Network of Grass Roots Environment Prize Winners Celebrates Two Decades of Achievements 20th Anniversary of Global 500 Laureates Acknowledged on

World Environment Day 2007

Nairobi, 5 June 2007--An international network of award-winning environmentalists celebrates its 20th anniversary today with many of the individuals concerned still actively campaigning and contributing towards the goal of a sustainable world. The Global 500 Roll of Honour, launched in 1987, numbers such luminaries as Professor Wangari Maathai, the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner and noted primatologist Jane Goodall among its number. Its 20th anniversary--along with the 15th anniversary of the Global Environment Forum--falls on World Environment Day which is annually celebrated around the globe on 5 June including in the 2007 host country of Norway. Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary General and UNEP Executive Director, said: "WED is about empowerment and so is the enduring legacy of the Global 500 award. The extraordinary individuals, who over the years have been named laureates, continue to shape the environmental landscape within their communities and across Continents. I congratulate them on their achievements of the past and their successes in the future". "In a globalized world of increasing environmental challenges and opportunities, the Global 500 winners serve as beacons catalyzing action and devising creative solutions to the sustainability issues of our age," he added. The Global 500 Roll of Honour for Environmental Achievement was originally intended as a five-year programme but was extended for over seventeen years, ending in 2003. A total 734 adult and youth awardees became winners. Many continue to devote impressive portions of their lives to such global concerns as climate change, deforestation, ocean pollution, dumping of toxic waste, and the conservation of biodiversity. For example Professor Maathai is patron of UNEP's Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign launched at last year's climate convention conference in Nairobi; Khadijah Abdul Raman was integral to the success of our 2005 UNEP Youth Conference in Malaysia, while Jane Goodall is a much-valued partner in UNEP's Great Apes Survival



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Project. Another Global 500 Award winner, Ian Kiernan, continues to collaborate closely with UNEP through Clean Up the World , helping to influence attitudes and behaviors around the globe. At the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, the Laureates established the Global 500 Environmental Forum, making it possible for Laureates to support and communicate with one another. It provides a vehicle for bringing Laureates together to share experiences and solicit support. The Forum also serves to raise awareness about the pressing environmental issues that countries and regions face. The Global 500 Forum has kept alive the important resource the Global 500 Laureates represent. **For More Information Please Contact** Nick Nuttall, UNEP Spokesperson, on Tel: +254 20 7623084 or E-mail: nick.nuttall@unep.org

Laurel Springs School Connects Students and the Environment with Kids4Earth Course

Laurel Springs School and the UNEP Global 500 Forum announce Kids4Earth, the first online environmental curriculum for grades six through eight.

OJAI, CA (PRWeb) June 5, 2007 -- Laurel Springs School, the leader in personalized distance learning education for preK-12 students, and the UNEP Global 500 Forum today announced Kids4Earth, the first online environmental curriculum for grades six through eight. This integrated core science curriculum offers students the opportunity to learn about the environment, take action on a wide range of ecological and preservation issues, and become citizens who are aware of and connected to life on Earth. Kids4Earth was written by Laurel Springs with support from members of the UNEP Global 500 Forum. Each of the 36 lessons focuses on the work of the Global 500 Laureates who have won international recognition for their achievements in bringing about environmental awareness and change. "Kids4Earth, an online educational tool for children, fits well with UNEP's mandate to educate and empower individuals to take a stand on behalf of the environment," said Eric Falt, the UNEP Director of the Division of Communications and Public Information. "The course, with weekly lessons and environmental activities, unites the technology of the Internet with concerns for the environment. It also provides children with role models of real people who have been acknowledged by UNEP as examples of global stewardship or leadership. We welcome this initiative." Students study a wide range of environmental issues as they relate to life, physical and earth sciences. Environmental pioneers like Jane Goodall and Globetree Foundation share their stories and experiences and through their journeys, students explore the planet and its plants, animals and people. The mission of Kids4Earth is to "empower children individually and collectively to help restore the Earth and become its



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responsible stewards." Kids4Earth ensures that students are informed and empowered to take action on a wide range of environmental activities. Working closely with the UN Global 500 Forum, the United Nations Environmental Programme, the Learning Springs Learning Corporation, and the Laurel Springs Educational Foundation, Laurel Springs School aims to offer the course to children around the world. Laurel Springs has long been involved with charitable activities, and bettering the environment has remained a top priority for the school. Laurel Springs School is an accredited private school offering personalized distance learning programs for kindergarten through high school students. With more than 4,250 students in 50 states, as well as students in 43 countries, Laurel Springs makes use of web-based communication tools, a standards-based curriculum, and personalized instruction to give each student an educational experience that is best for them. Under the guide of its director, Marilyn Mosley Gordanier, Laurel Springs has garnered such awards as the President's Environmental Youth Award, the United Nations Global 500 Award, and the Earth Prize. Gordanier herself was a key presenter at the UNEP's International Children's Conference on the Environment in Malaysia in 2006. Laurel Springs has decided to take the next step and offer a Kids4Earth course as part of its regular curriculum. It was developed by Laurel Springs director and Global 500 Forum president, Marilyn Mosley Gordanier and co-authored by Laurel Springs teacher, Beverly Mills in response to a perceived need for a socially conscious online environmental curriculum after numerous requests from parents and teachers. "Never before has a school put together an online program like this one. The objective is to create strong leaders with a taste of activism for the environment," said Marilyn Mosley Gordanier, executive director and founder of Laurel Springs School. Kids4Earth gives students the opportunity to do ecological volunteer work and receive "eco-credits" for their good job. At the end of the course students are given their own "Eco-hero" certificate to commemorate their tasks and honor their future as protectors of nature. To keep the class interesting and informative, each lesson is broken up into different parts, including a theme (such as "Temperate Rainforests" or "Becoming an Environmental Detective"), a geographical location, and a Global 500 Laureate (e.g., a person such as Jane Goodall or an organization such as Greenpeace), and an eco-activity. By examining the work of Global 500 "eco-heroes," the course encourages students to become "eco-heroes" themselves and pursue environmental action in their own community. About Laurel Springs School Laurel Springs School, an accredited private school, delivers personalized K-12 distance-learning programs with a commitment to academic and creative excellence. Established in 1991, Laurel Springs School is the leader in distance learning education for kindergarten through high school. Each Laurel Springs student receives personalized, one-to-one instruction. With a student population of more than 5,000 – comprised of students from all 50 states and 43 countries – Laurel Springs makes use of web-based



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communication tools, a standards-based curriculum, and personalized instruction to offer students a top-notch home education experience, no matter where they live.

Argentina / TELENOCHE PRESENTÓ LA SERIE DE INFORMES DE TV SOBRE "REFUGIADOS AMBIENTALES"

· Por primera vez la televisión emite una producción dedicada íntegramente a las consecuencias sociales del cambio climático en el planeta. · La primera entrega de los documentales conducidos por Sergio Elguezábal estuvo dedicada a las inundaciones que se abatieron sobre Santa Fe en 2003 y 2007, como una seria advertencia para los años futuros. **para ver el video completo:** <http://www.proteger.org.ar/doc664.html> Buenos Aires, 11 junio 2007.- Durante dos meses "Telenoche" –el noticiero más visto de la televisión argentina, conducido por María Laura Santillán y Santo Biasatti– presentará una producción documental inédita y contundente: "Refugiados ambientales - Los exiliados del mundo", un trabajo de Sergio Elguezábal y la realización del equipo de producciones especiales de "Telenoche". La serie de informes se emite además por "TN Ecología", los sábados en los horarios de 10.30 y 17.30 y los domingos 19.30. El primer informe, dedicado al tema del cambio climático y a las inundaciones de la ciudad de Santa Fe, recogió dramáticos testimonios de quienes perdieron todas sus pertenencias, medios de trabajo e incluso sus viviendas. Elguezábal dijo que el desastre acaecido en Santa Fe en 2003 –que volvió a repetirse en marzo de 2007-, constituye "la mayor tragedia ambiental de la Argentina". Por su parte Jorge Cappato, de la Fundación Proteger, aseguró en el documental que lo ocurrido "es sólo una muestra gratis de lo que sucederá nuevamente" de continuar haciéndose oídos sordos a las advertencias sobre el cambio climático y sus efectos –como grandes inundaciones y prolongadas sequías- agravados por los desmontes y la degradación de las cuencas hídricas de la mano de la expansión de los monocultivos como la soja a gran escala. Por primera vez la televisión argentina emite una producción dedicada íntegramente a las consecuencias sociales que está empezando a producir el cambio climático en el planeta. Las personas se ven obligadas a abandonar no sólo sus hogares sino también la misma tierra que los vio nacer debido a desastres naturales que arrasan con todo: inundaciones, extremas sequías, aumento del nivel del mar, huracanes, por nombrar sólo algunos –dijo Elguezábal. Según estimaciones oficiales en 2010 más de 50 millones de personas serán "refugiados ambientales" –una nueva categoría de refugiados y excluidos, de acuerdo a la definición de Naciones Unidas. El trabajo de Elguezábal y el equipo de producciones especiales de "Telenoche" es de una dimensión inusual para un noticiero, ya que demandó un año de preproducción y tres meses de viajes alrededor del mundo. Islas Maldivas, los Emiratos Árabes, Guatemala, Panamá, islas Tuvalu en la Polinesia, Alaska y las



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provincias argentinas de Córdoba, La Pampa y Santa Fe, son algunos de los epicentros de las historias que "Telenoche" dará a conocer a lo largo de más de 10 capítulos. Con esta apuesta "Telenoche" vuelve a poner el acento sobre uno de los temas más candentes que nos toca vivir y que, según Naciones Unidas, es junto al crecimiento de la pobreza el principal desafío del siglo XXI.

NYTimes.com: In Sudan, an Animal Migration to Rival Serengeti

(Perez Olindo - 1988 Laureate)

My New venture has taken me to South Sudan to Retrain the Former Combatants of South Sudan Peoples Liberation Army to the Civilian Role of National Parks Rangers!

With a good look at the Pictures in the New York Times, the Global 500 Laurets can have a pictorial Tour|with me in South Sudan from the confines of their Homes or Offices!

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/12/science/12migr.html?ex=1182312000&en=9a6a32989eb3cb5c&ei=5070&emc=eta1> I think that, it is a Great way to visit Africa at the touch of a finger! It also updates our Members as to what I am upto!

Best Regards, Perez M. Olindo Perez Olindo <perezolindo@yahoo.com>

Update Regarding Amazon Region - Gert Roland Fischer (1989 Laureate)

During the last week I visit as consuiter in a Amazon region, in the State of Mato Grosso, in a small City named SORRISO, with 65.000 inhabitants, 25 Yares old. These county (minicip) is the biggest soya beans producer - 600.000 hectares, al of them, exported to USA and European Community mainly to the Neederland . This soya plantation ist sprayed by airplain with the dangerous pesticides - more of them imported ilegaly from Paraguay, whos legislation alow the clorine pesticides, There pesticides classified by PAN - Pesticides Action Network as THE DIRTY DOZEN more of them cancer and mutations cases in human beans and animals.

<http://www.panna.org/> Information collected in this area, show that the soya growers use more than 6 quilos pesticides per hectare (10.000m²) Brazil is the second bigger pesticides consumer in the World. Multinationals companies spray on the environment every Year more than 250.000 ton copromising the production



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costs over two billion USD. A lot of these pesticides, return to the American and European consumers as contaminated food. I am a consultant of tree NGOs that wrote Environmental Education programs to promote better regulations and information to the soya bean growers. All of the Amazon region soya growers, destroy the Rain Forest to plant soya, with lower worker hands because the plantation and growing will be done with machinery. I think that in the ONU-UNEP Environmental programs must find Financial support to minimize impacts on the air, soil, water, consumers and workers. Please contact me if you have a good information about this. We look for CDM - Clean Development Mechanism on climate change and Kyoto protocol.

Sincerely Yours Gert Roland Fischer G500-89 livro PERITOS E

Anwar Fazal (GLOBAL 500 laureate-1988) receives the "Gandhi, King, Ikeda Peace Award"

MALAYSIAN ACTIVIST RECEIVES GANDHI-KING-IKEDA PEACE AWARD Anwar Fazal, a leading Malaysian civil society activist has been awarded the Gandhi-King-Ikeda Peace Award from Morehouse College, a leading Black American University in Atlanta, Alabama. The Civil Rights activist Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was an alumni of the college, which also holds his archives. The citation described that the award was for Anwar's "innovations and tireless endeavors to advocate for the welfare of consumers and the protection of the environment not only in Malaysia, but throughout the world." Anwar was described as "a giant in the effort to preserve the health and well being of the inhabitants of our planet." Anwar Fazal was a former President of Consumers International and a key founder of several global citizens network around hazardous substances, consumer rights and public health e.g. Pesticides Action Network (PAN), Health Action International (HAI), International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN) and the World Alliance of Breastfeeding Action (WABA). He currently chairs the Taiping Peace Initiative, the Malaysian Interfaith Network and is a Director of Citizens International. This prestigious award was created to celebrate the lives and work of three men from three different cultures and countries has been recognized internationally. Mohandas Gandhi's civil disobedience and nonviolent demonstrations won greater freedom and ultimately independence for 400 million citizens of India after three centuries of British rule. Dr. King's commitment to peace and justice inspired the American movement for civil and human rights, giving voice to the hopes and dreams of the dispossessed throughout the world. Dr. Daisaku Ikeda's work as a leading Buddhist philosopher, author, educator, humanist, founder and social activist has led to the non-violent democratization of Japan's feudalistic social structures intercultural and interfaith dialogue and cooperation for global peace. The award was conferred upon Anwar Fazal for his "prolific work to protect the health and welfare of



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consumers worldwide" and also for his endeavors to promote social ethics, human rights and environmental protection." He was described as having "wonderfully embodied the noble virtues of the individuals for which this award was named." Anwar Fazal was conferred the award in Penang , Malaysia by Dr.Lawrence Edward Carter Sr.,Dean, Professor of Religion, and College Curator and Founder, Gandhi Institute for Reconciliation Further information on Anwar Fazal can be obtained from www.anwarfazal.net Further information on Morehouse College can be obtained from www.morehouse.edu/aboutmc/chapel/index.html
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YAWA Attends International Polar Year Meeting in Cambridge

(2001 Laureate)

I have just attended the International Polar Year meeting in Cambridge for two weeks, from the beginning of June. It has been a very productive meeting and I have been given the role to lead the IPY Global Community to create awareness of the life in the polar regions to communities in the non-polar regions, vice versa. The first thing I am going to do is to organise in Malaysia the Ice Station Antarctica Exhibition to Malaysia and Asia with the Natural History Museum and the National Science Centre. Secondly, we are promoting our activity to curb global warming through our project 'Keep Planting Trees' as an activity to be adopted globally through the IPY Global Community Programme. Thirdly, to build a global network for the IPY Global Community to contribute any activity towards understanding IPY, climate change and global warming. On receipt of information of activities with pictures to us, we will give a climate balloon that will appear on the virtual IPY Portal website.

Its coming along and full information will be released by September when we will launch the IPY Global Community Programme, when we meet in Sweden. This is truly exciting for me and for YAWA. Right now, I am making as many contacts for organisations to make a contribution that will make a huge difference to the world.

I am also hoping to invite the G500 Forum members to contribute... I have already written to Sir David Attenborough and most wonderfully he has replied to me. As he is so busy, he was not able to meet me whilst I'm in London. I hope he will agree to act as our mentor if we produce an Eco-documentary on climate change Malaysia, in which Aishah and Adam would like to work on it. Marilyn's wonderful to be able to do what is important to us all... however small, its a big contribution, anyhow. Take care, Warmly Khadijah Abdul Rahman yawa_35@streamyx.com



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“Turtles In Trouble”, An Animated Training DVD Has Been Produced by Medasset (1987 Laureate) and the Marine Conservation Society

“Turtles in Trouble” ANNOUNCEMENT

A short animated training DVD for UK tour representatives and another for tourists in the Mediterranean has been produced by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS UK) with MEDASSET's cooperation. The DVD was funded by the Travel Foundation and produced by Juniper Blue animators. The Travel Foundation is distributing the DVD at Mediterranean holiday destinations through dedicated workshops to teach tour reps about sea turtle-friendly actions they and their customers can take to mitigate tourism impacts on turtles and nesting beaches in the Mediterranean.

“Turtles in Trouble” can be viewed at

<http://www.mcsuk.org/marineworld/turtles/turtles+and+tourism>.

Calestous Juma Awarded Honorary Degree (1993 Laureate)

News from the Kennedy School Office of Communications and Public Affairs
Calestous Juma Awarded Honorary Degree Calestous Juma, director of Science, Technology, and Globalization at Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs has been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Ghana's University of Education, Winneba. He has been honored for his “illustrious and inspiring role as an internationally-recognized authority and leader in the application of science and technology to sustainable development in both developing and developed countries.” The degree was awarded at the University's 12 th commencement attended Ghana's President John Kufuor and several cabinet ministers. Professor Juma delivered a commencement lecture on “Economic Growth as Social Learning: Africa in the Age of Rapid Technological Change” in which he challenged African universities to align their missions to community needs while maintaining high academic standards. Professor Juma also presented to President Kufuor an advance copy of Freedom to Innovate: Biotechnology in Africa's Development, a report of the High-Level African Panel on Modern Biotechnology of the African Union (AU) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) which he co-chairs. President Kufuor is the current chairperson of the African Union. The 14-member panel was set up by African heads of states to provide “independent and strategic advice on developments in modern biotechnology and its implications for agriculture, health and the environment”.



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Proposed letter to the new Australian Prime Minister regarding Kyoto Protocol (Verna Simpson, 1999 Laureate)

Dear Colleague Laureates

You may remember that almost four years ago, I wrote to you and asked you to sign a letter to our Prime Minister, John Howard, about land clearing in Australia. That joint letter worked very well indeed, and broad-scale land clearing is now prohibited in Australia. I would like you to consider again, adding your name to another draft letter to whoever the new Australian Prime Minister (election is on November 24th) urging them to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and in particular effectively deal with the issues of "avoided deforestation" in any new post-Kyoto Protocol. Getting Australia to take the lead in this region is critically important, and a letter from as long a list of Laureates as possible to the new PM, will help give the required impetus, especially mixed with some good Australian media. I very much hope that you will consider adding your good name to this important note. I will need to have your response by November 26th, two days after the election and a week before the Bali Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting begins. Please contact me at any time if I can provide you with any further information. For a copy of the letter, please e-mail me at: Verna Simpson <verna@hsi.org.au>. I very much look forward to hearing from you. Thanks and my very best wishes Verna ----- Verna Simpson **Global 500 Laureate** Director Humane Society International Ph: (02) 99731728 Fx: (02) 9973 1729

Laurel Springs School (1990) wins Environmental Award from the North American Association of Environmental Education

Laurel Springs K-12 Distance Learning School Since 1991, LSS has maintained a clear focus on environmental education, creating a culture for its students that promotes stewardship and activism. LSS actively supports global environmental movements through its involvement in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the UN Global 500 Forum, partnerships with NGOs, and its charitable foundation. Marilyn Mosley Gordanier, LSS Founder and executive director, is the driving force behind the school's commitment to teaching sound living through practicing environmental awareness. In 1991, her environmental studies class was awarded UNEP's Global 500 Award for their video project which motivated youth around the world to "make a difference" in protecting the



Linking the members of UNEP's Roll of Honour for Environmental Achievement

environment. This led to LSS' induction into the UN Global 500 Forum of Laureates in 1992. The Forum promotes and connects Laureates and their work with millions of people worldwide. A frequent featured speaker at environmental youth conferences, Ms. Mosley has served as volunteer UN Global 500 Forum President for the past four years. In 2000, LSS created Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs) to accompany its mission statement, stating that each LSS student shall become a "global citizen," respecting all people and the environment. Furthering its commitment, LSS formed a chapter of the National Honor Society, focusing on education and activism related to climate change. Members complete the online Leaders4Earth environmental course and 56 hours of service and leadership. Wishing to broaden environmental education to include students worldwide, in 2003, LSS began developing a unique 36-week online course, Kids4Earth, for 10-14-year-old students. Global 500 Laureates around the world enthusiastically contributed to the course's creation. Based upon the work of these award-winning, grassroots environmentalists, the course covers a wide range of environmental issues. It encourages investigation, awareness, and action. In endorsing the course, Eric Falt, Director of Communication for the United Nations Environment Programme said this: "Kids4Earth, an online educational tool for children, fits well with UNEP's mandate to educate and empower individuals to take a stand on behalf of the environment. The course, with weekly lessons and environmental activities, unites the technology of the Internet with concerns for the environment. It also provides children with role models of real people who have been acknowledged by UNEP as examples of global stewardship or leadership. We welcome this initiative." To launch Kids4Earth internationally, in 2006, LSS students and teachers developed a plan to offer the course for free international distribution to underserved students through the Laurel Springs Educational Foundation (LSEF). The foundation hopes to reach 50,000 students by the year 2010.