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## **MEIA**

### ***MEIA Events***

#### **Was Something Rotten in Denmark?**

February 17, 2010

Manitoba Hydro Building, 360 Portage Avenue, Rooms 603 and 604

Registration and Lunch: 11:30 am

Presentation: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

A Copenhagen Climate Meeting Assessment... Implications for Canada and Manitoba

According to most accounts the international climate change negotiations in Copenhagen failed to produce a meaningful outcome. However, the devil is, as they say, in the details and these negotiations are all about the details. COP-15 was supposed to establish the framework for the next global agreement on climate change and over 125 heads of state were on hand to ensure its success. Instead the talks collapsed and managed only to produce the weak and non-binding Copenhagen Accord.

Dennis Cunningham from the International Institute for Sustainable Development will discuss the outcomes of the Copenhagen meeting, what went wrong, what went right and what it all means for national and provincial initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Lunch will be provided.

Register [here](#)

## **Remediation and Prevention**

Thursday, February 25, 2010  
Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Avenue

Register before January 31, 2010 to take advantage of early bird rates!

The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. Concurrent sessions will be held throughout the day; closing remarks at 4:00 p.m.

Registration and Breakfast: 8:30 A.M

Click [here](#) to view agenda and to [register](#)

The 2010 conference is sponsored by:

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## **Industry Standard Emergency First Aid Course**

Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
B-390 Provencher Blvd

\*Workplace Safety and Health regulations state that an employer must ensure that a minimum number of first aiders are present during working hours at a workplace.

Workplace Safety and Health requirements: 1 person trained for every 11 employees (minimum).

The Manitoba Environmental Industries Association in conjunction with Canadian First-Aid Training offers this training at considerably reduced rates.

The full day training, from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. includes:

Emergency First Aid w/CPR Level A  
(EFA-A - CPR: Adult - 1+2 rescuers) - (Industry standard course)

Best practice - Expires after 1 year. Good for 3 years

To view all that the course includes, click [here](#)  
This \$55 price can't be beat! Register [here](#)

## **MEIA Environmental Career Fair**

Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
University of Manitoba  
3:00 – 7:00 pm

“Bridging Professionals of Today with Those of Tomorrow”

Manitoba Environmental Industries Association and its Student Chapter, the University of Manitoba, Red River College, Manitoba Green Building Council, University of Winnipeg and the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources will be hosting the first Annual MEIA Environmental Career Fair.

“Bridging Professionals of Today with Those of Tomorrow” provides an excellent career development and networking opportunity for highly skilled and motivated students from various fields of study to meet with established professionals representing the diverse career paths available in the environmental sectors in Manitoba. Students gain insight about their desired career path through an exchange of knowledge of the rapidly growing industry, as well as effective career planning strategies. Businesses and organizations will showcase their companies or associations to those entering environmental fields.

Breakout Sessions will offer participants an opportunity to provide information about their field, company or other opportunities.

We welcome the participants who will be hosting booths at the career fair, as well as all attendees, and look forward to an exciting event. If you have any questions regarding the career fair, please email Deb Tardiff at [dtardiff@meia.mb.ca](mailto:dtardiff@meia.mb.ca) or phone 783-7090.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

## **The Challenges & Opportunities of Scrap Tire Recycling in Manitoba**

Tuesday, March 16, 2010  
Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion Street

Registration & Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.  
Presentation: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m

Presented by: Brett Eckstein, Executive Director, Tire Stewardship Manitoba

Register [here](#)

## **Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
Canad Inns Fort Garry - 1824 Pembina Hwy

Keynote speaker and further details to follow.

Breakfast and registration: 7:30 a.m

(Please note that if you are not joining us for breakfast, you can attend the AGM at no cost. Please confirm your attendance with the MEIA staff at 783-7090).

Click [here](#) to register

## **Industry Standard Emergency First Aid Course**

Wednesday, May 26, 2010  
B-390 Provencher Blvd

To register, please call the MEIA office at 783-7090

## **Golf Tournament**

May 27, 2010  
St. Boniface Golf Club

Details of the 2010 tournament will be available soon. This year's event will offer opportunities to win:

Silent Auction Prizes

proceeds will go to the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation

Door Prizes (just for showing up)

50/50 Draw (that's your Mulligan!)

Register [here](#)

## **Enercan West**

November 25, 2010

The MEIA is partnering with the Saskatchewan Environmental Industries and Managers's Association to host the 2nd bi-annual Enercan West conference on November 25, 2010 at the Fort Garry Hotel. This conference will focus on alternative energy

If you are interested in participating on the organizing committee of this conference, please contact the MEIA office at 783-7090.

Interested sponsors can call the MEIA staff or click [here](#) to view sponsorship opportunities and benefits.

## **What Else?**

MEIA is planning a number of other events including:

a half day session on waste management and recycling

a half day session on recruitment and retention

If you are interested in assisting or participating in these events, contact the MEIA staff at 783-7090 or [admin@meia.mb.ca](mailto:admin@meia.mb.ca)

## ***MEIA News***

### **Interested in the MEIA?**

Do you know someone who should be on our information distribution list? Are we sending information to the proper person within your company? Please email our office at [admin@meia.mb.ca](mailto:admin@meia.mb.ca) with names and contact information and we will be sure they receive MEIA news!

## **Members Only Section of Website**

The MEIA is currently developing a "Members Only" section of the MEIA Website.

If you have any ideas on items you would like to see in a members only section, please let us know by phoning the MEIA office at 783-7090, or emailing [admin@meia.mb.ca](mailto:admin@meia.mb.ca)

Stay tuned for developments!

## **General News**

### ***Local Interest***

#### **Environment Canada Invites Youth to Participate in the Nature Matters! Contest**

GATINEAU, Que.: January 29, 2010

Canada's Environment Minister, and Minister Responsible for Parks Canada, the Honourable Jim Prentice, invites Canadians aged 9 to 35, to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010 by participating in the Nature Matters! Contest. Until February 28, 2010, young Canadians are invited to submit a video essay or a written essay that answers the question, "Why is nature important to you?"

"Enjoying and appreciating our natural environment is definitely part of the Canadian tradition, and by working together, we can also make it part of our legacy to mark this important year for biodiversity. This contest is a great opportunity to explore what nature means to them and to inspire them to action to safeguard Canada's rich diversity for future generations," said Minister Prentice.

The Nature Matters! Contest will accept submissions until Feb 28, 2010.

One grand prize winner and two runners up will be selected from each age group (9-13 years, 14-19 years and 20-35), in each of the two categories (video and written essay).

Grand prize winners will be invited to Ottawa to attend the Grand Re-opening Event of the Canadian Museum of Nature on the International Day for Biological Diversity, May 22, 2010, where their achievement will be announced.

Grand prize winning written essays will be displayed in public art panels outside Environment Canada's environmental museum, The Biosphère in Montreal. Grand prize winning video essays will be projected for visitors at The Biosphère in Montreal during 2010.

Grand prize winning and runner-up essays will be published on the website of the [Canadian Biodiversity Information Network](#), a shared public resource of our federal, provincial, and territorial governments, and will be announced through Environment Canada's network of national education and environment organizations, reaching well over one million people.

The contest is open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada only, submissions will be accepted in either French or English.

For full contest details, please visit:

<http://www.cbin.ec.gc.ca/nature/concours-contest.cfm?lang=eng>

For more information on 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, please visit:

[www.cbin.ec.gc.ca/](http://www.cbin.ec.gc.ca/)

[www.cbd.int/2010](http://www.cbd.int/2010)

Source: [www.ec.gc.ca](http://www.ec.gc.ca)

## **Arctic Ice Melt Alarms Scientists**

Local professor relates first-hand view of faster-than-expected change

February 6, 2010

Sea ice in Canada's fragile Arctic is melting more quickly than anyone expected, the lead investigator in the largest climate change study done in Canada said Friday.

University of Manitoba Prof. David Barber, the lead investigator of the Circumpolar Flaw Lead System study, said the rapid decay of thick Arctic Sea ice highlights the rapid pace of climate change in the North and forecasts what will come in the south.

"We're seeing it happen more quickly than what our models thought would happen," Barber said at a student symposium on climate change at FortWhyte Alive. "It's happening much faster than our most pessimistic models suggested."

Barber and more than 300 scientists from around the globe spent last winter on the Canadian Coast Guard research ship Amundsen in the Arctic studying the impact of climate change. It was the first time a research vessel remained mobile in open water during the winter season. The Canadian government provided \$156 million in funding for the study.

Barber said the melting sea ice can be compared to disappearing rainforests.

"If you go into the rainforest and you cut down all the trees, the ecosystem in that rainforest will collapse," he said. "If you go to the Arctic and you remove all the sea ice or if you remove the timing of the sea ice, the system will change."

That includes more invasive species moving up from the south and species that live in the Far North having to adapt to a different environment. Cyclones have also increased, which contribute to ice breakup.

Barber said before the expedition, scientists were working under the theory that climate change would happen much more slowly. It was assumed the Arctic would be ice-free in the winter by 2100.

"We expect it will happen much faster than that, much earlier than that, somewhere between 2013 and 2030 are our estimates right now. So it's much faster than what we would expect to happen. That can be said for southern climates as well."

The impact means more variability in the Earth's climate -- warm trends are warmer and cold trends are colder.

Dr. John Hanesiak, an associate professor at the U of M's Centre For Earth Observation Science, said those extremes, due to human actions and the release of greenhouse gases, might include more frequent summer droughts and more spring floods in southern climates.

"We know that we're part of the problem," he said. "There's no question about that. The models are telling us that now."

Scot Nickels, senior science adviser with Canada's national Inuit organization Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, said the impact of climate change has been significant on people who live in the North. It's changing their way of life as wildlife adapt and traditional hunting patterns change.

"There's also the need for economic development," Nickels said, adding mineral and oil exploration has also increased with changing weather. "It's a real balancing act

that has to be done. As we know in the south that's not an easy thing. It's the same up north."

Dr. Steve Ferguson, a research scientist with the Fisheries and Oceans Canada, said the thinning ice and warming water bring species from the south and the potential for the spread of disease. "There's phocine distemper that in Europe has wiped out a huge number of harbour seals," he said. "There's now evidence some of that disease is in some of the Arctic seals, so there's concern that as things warm more further north, we can see some epidemics.

"Even killer whales, for example, we now know they move into the Arctic, but they come from quite far south, so again, they're in contact with other kinds of whale species in southern areas and they're bringing something potentially up north to the Arctic."

By: Bruce Owen

Source: [www.winnipegfreepress.com](http://www.winnipegfreepress.com)

## ***National Interest***

### **Walmart Canada President to Headline Long List of Global Senior Execs at GLOBE 2010**

February 6, 2010

Walmart Canada President and Chief Executive Officer David Cheesewright tops a distinguished and dynamic list of Canadian and international business chiefs at the GLOBE 2010 conference on businesses of the environment, being held March 24 to 26 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

A full third of all GLOBE 2010's confirmed speakers are CEO level from some of the world's most environmentally involved companies. They'll gather this March to spark a dialogue about how sustainable and forward-thinking business practice can help the planet.

CEOs who will be speaking represent energy, water, financial, mining companies, and more including Toronto Hydro Corporation, Pulse Energy, Lumos Energy, Global Water Resources, Jantzi-Sustainalytics, Syncrude Canada, Pacific Carbon

Trust, Mainstream Renewable Power, Miya S.a.r.l., Cleantech Group, Mining Association of Canada, Dornoch Capital, Nexterra, and Tonbridge Corporation, among others. They'll be joined by an impressive slate of leaders from other leading companies and organizations.

Confirmed speakers include:

David Cheesewright, President and Chief Executive Officer, Walmart Canada.

As head of Walmart Canada, Mr. Cheesewright has been given a direct mandate to build on Walmart's 'For the Greener Good' campaign by decreasing waste and energy use and promoting environmentally sustainable products. Previously, as head of Walmart's United Kingdom division, Mr. Cheesewright chaired the U.K.'s Food and Industry Sustainability Strategy. In the past year he has spoken extensively with David Suzuki, winning approval for his company's commitment to renewable energy and focus on sustainable supply chains.

Nicholas Parker, Co-founder and Executive Chairman, Cleantech Group.

Mr. Parker helped introduce the cleantech concept to the investment and business community. His company has developed a worldwide network of clean technology companies and helps connect innovators with investors, capital and research services. Cleantech Group will be hosting a 'Clean Technology Day' at GLOBE 2010, where venture capitalists and entrepreneurs of start-ups who are on the supply side of technology and innovation will meet the demand side, which is major corporations and government.

Eddie O'Connor, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Mainstream Renewable Power.

Named a world energy policy leader by Scientific American magazine, Mr. O'Connor founded and led wind farm leader Airtricity before the company was sold in 2008. He has since founded a new company, Mainstream Renewable Power, dedicated to developing and operating renewable energy plants with strategic partners.

Tracey J. Noe, Senior Director of Global Citizenship and Policy, for Abbott.

Ms. Noe oversees interactions between public stakeholders Abbott - a health care organization that employs 72,000 people and sells products in 130 countries - and think tanks, socially responsible investment funds, shareholder advocacy groups and public policy organizations. Ms. Noe also leads Abbott's citizenship reporting function.

Trevor Hill, Co-founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Water Resources.

Mr. Hill and his company aim to acquire regulated water and wastewater resources in the Southwestern United States and promote reuse, reclamation and conservation of water in the arid region. The fastest growing water and wastewater

utility in the United States, Global Water has been recognized for its promotion of water conservation and environmental education.

Michael Jantzi, Chief Executive Officer of Jantzi-Sustainalytics.

Active in the social investment field since 1990, Mr. Jantzi is one of Canada's leading thinkers on ethical and socially responsible investing. An author and frequent commentator on socially responsible investing, Mr. Jantzi was the winner of the GLOBE Foundation's 2006 Capital Markets Award for Sustainable Investment and Banking.

Jonathan Rhone, Founder, President, Chief Executive Officer of Nexterra Energy Corp.

Mr. Rhone has a long track record in the energy and technology business and was named Person of the Year in 2009 by the British Columbia Technology Industry Association. He leads Nexterra, a company that develops and manufactures heat and power generators for companies and governments.

Sandra Odendahl, Director of Corporate Environmental Affairs at RBC Financial Group.

Ms. Odendahl is responsible for RBC's corporate environmental strategy, environmental credit risk policies and corporate environmental programs. She joined RBC as a resource sector analyst and also headed the bank's Environmental Risk Management Department.

David Helliwell, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Pulse Energy.

Previously an exploration geophysicist, management consultant and professional windsurfer, Mr. Helliwell leads Pulse Energy, which develops software and technology solutions that aim to reduce inefficiencies and conserve energy. Mr. Halliwell has previously worked with the Canadian government to improve the environmental performance of some 700 million square feet of office space across the country.

Booky Oren, Executive Chairman, Miya S.a.r.l.

As executive chairman of Miya, Mr. Oren leads a company that aims to help cities develop sustainable water resources, by developing effective loss management systems. Mr. Oren was previously chairman of the board of directors of Israel's national water company, Mekorot, for which he initiated a program to improve the company's technological capabilities.

Susanne Stormer, Vice-President of Global TBL Management at Novo Nordisk.

Ms. Stormer is in charge of managing Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk's triple bottom line (TBL), reflecting its ambition to be a financially, environmentally and socially responsible business. Ms. Stormer is charged with driving, accounting for, and communicating the company's performance across its TBL.

About GLOBE - GLOBE 2010 is produced by the GLOBE Foundation, an international consultancy organization in the business of the environment. GLOBE's expertise lies in project management, event development, and management and consulting in the fields of environment and energy, urban development, and corporate responsibility. The GLOBE Foundation is North America's longest operating producer of environmental events, having produced the GLOBE series since 1993.

Source: Globe-net

## **Government of Canada Works to Protect Canada's Water Through Wastewater Regulations**

BROCKVILLE, Ont.: February 9, 2010

Canada's Environment Minister, Jim Prentice today announced that a draft of proposed municipal wastewater systems effluent regulations is now available for public consultation. Once in force, these regulations will set standards for the discharge from all wastewater facilities in Canada. Over time, wastewater facilities across the country will have to meet these national standards. It will no longer be permitted to directly release raw sewage into our waterways.

"Today we are taking action to protect our environment for future generations," said Minister Prentice, "It is not acceptable that we continue discharging untreated waste into our water ways."

When finalized the regulations will be a key component in implementing the Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater that was endorsed by the Canadian Council of Minister of the Environment (CCME) in 2009.

"With new municipal wastewater regulations in development, and our ongoing commitments under the Action Plan for Clean Water, the Government of Canada is taking concrete steps to make sure that Canadians continue to enjoy water that is clean, safe and plentiful for generations to come. We are committed to continue working together with provinces, territories and municipalities to make this a reality," said Minister Prentice.

The proposed municipal wastewater regulations will provide national performance standards and give regulatory clarity on standards and rules on reporting for more than 4,000 Canadian wastewater facilities.

The Government of Canada has supported wastewater projects under the Green Infrastructure Fund and Building Canada Fund. Canada's Economic Action Plan accelerated and expanded the existing \$33-billion federal investment in infrastructure with almost \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding across Canada over two years.

Canadians can now access the draft of the proposed regulations through Environment Canada's public inquiry centre at 1-800-668-6767 (in Canada only), 819-997-2800 or [enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca](mailto:enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca).

Related documents:

[Environment Canada Makes Available Public Consultation Draft of the Proposed Municipal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations](#)

[Backgrounder - 2010-02-09]

Source: [www.ec.gc.ca](http://www.ec.gc.ca)

## **Canada Lists Emissions Target under the Copenhagen Accord**

CALGARY, Alta.: February 1, 2010

Canada's Environment Minister, the Honourable Jim Prentice, announced on Saturday, January 30, 2010, the [submission of Canada's 2020 emissions reduction target](#) under the [Copenhagen Accord](#). Canada's target, a 17 per cent reduction from 2005 levels, is completely aligned with the U.S. target, and is subject to adjustment to remain consistent. Canada's target is contingent on all major emitters associating with the Accord.

"This Government will act on the Copenhagen Accord because it is consistent with Canada's stated position on climate change and because it moves us closer to our ultimate goal of becoming a clean energy superpower," said Minister Prentice in a speech today in Calgary. "We took our first step down that road on Sunday, January 31, 2010."

The Government of Canada has consistently emphasized the importance of harmonizing our approach to climate change with that of the United States as a means of maximizing progress on reducing greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining economic competitiveness and prosperity.

We have already taken important steps to achieve this goal, including through the Canada-U.S. Clean Energy Dialogue and implementing harmonizing passenger vehicle emission standards.

Fully aligning our 2020 emission reduction target is another important step. "It is absolutely counter-productive and utterly pointless for Canada and Canadian businesses to strike out on their own, to set and to pursue targets that will ultimately create barriers to trade and put us at a competitive disadvantage," said Minister Prentice.

The Government of Canada is committed to undertaking the aggressive action required to achieve this target.

Canada will continue to work constructively to implement the [Copenhagen Accord](#) and to support the negotiations under the UNFCCC of a comprehensive, legally binding climate change agreement.

Source: [www.ec.gc.ca](http://www.ec.gc.ca)

## **Government of Canada Releases Draft Screening Assessments for Batch 8 Substances**

OTTAWA: January 30, 2010

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health and the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Environment, today released the draft screening assessment reports and risk management scopes for 14 substances assessed in Batch 8 of the Chemicals Management Plan.

"The Government has now completed draft assessments for eight of 12 batches originally identified under the Challenge component of the Chemicals Management Plan," said Minister Aglukkaq. "We are moving quickly to protect Canadians from substances that were identified as our highest concern for health, and we continue to meet all of the commitments we made to Canadians when we launched the Chemicals Management Plan in 2006."

"Canada continues to be a world leader in understanding and managing a wide range of chemical substances that are of concern in the environment. We are making real progress in the assessment of high-priority substances," said Environment Minister Jim Prentice.

Of the 14 substances assessed in this batch, two may pose a risk to human health (2-nitropropane, 2-nitrotoluene) under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA 1999) and two may pose a risk to the environment (MAPBAP acetate, DTBSBP). Although the exposure of the general population to 2-nitropropane and 2-nitrotoluene is low, the Government is proposing action so that exposure remains low.

2-nitropropane may be used in vegetable oil processing, and as a solvent in food packaging. However, it is likely no longer used in North America for these applications. It may also be used internationally as a solvent in vinyl inks, adhesives, varnishes, and in paint and varnish removers. It may also be used as a chemical intermediate which is then used in the production of pharmaceuticals and dyes and may be present in tobacco smoke. 2-nitrotoluene is primarily used in the manufacture of explosives.

Of the two substances that may pose a risk to the environment, MAPBAP acetate is used as a dye in paper while DTBSBP is mainly used as a component of some brake fluids and in the manufacture of plastics and polyurethane foams. Though human exposure to these substances is expected to be low, they have the potential to remain in the environment for a long time and DTBSBP may also accumulate in organisms and cause them harm. If the proposed conclusions are confirmed, the Government of Canada will consider options to reduce or eliminate releases to the environment from these substances.

The Government is proposing that the remaining 10 substances do not pose a risk to human health or the environment under CEPA, 1999. Four substances (1,3,5-Tribromobenzene; Tetrachloroveratrole; FAZ; and [3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]methyl]-, monoethyl ester, calcium salt (2:1)) that are no longer used in Canada may have hazardous properties if re-introduced into the country, so the Government is proposing to add Significant New Activity (SNAc) provisions under CEPA, 1999 so that they cannot be imported, manufactured or used for any new purpose without undergoing a thorough health and environmental assessment. Notices containing summaries of the draft screening assessment reports will be published in Canada Gazette, Part I on January 30, 2010. The complete draft screening assessments as well as risk management scope documents for all Batch 8 substances can be found on the [Chemicals Management Plan website](#).

Interested parties can submit comments on these documents until March 31, 2010.

Source: [www.ec.gc.ca](http://www.ec.gc.ca)

# **Business and Career Opportunities**

## ***Local***

### **Assiniboine Credit Union - Manager, Environmental Sustainability**

Good careers happen here.

Assiniboine Credit Union is a successful financial co-operative committed to financial, social, environmental and ethical responsibility. We manage assets exceeding \$3 billion generated by more than 108,000 members in Winnipeg and northern Manitoba.

Assiniboine offers competitive services and products, and works with community leaders to foster self reliance and strong, sustainable communities. We are committed to doing business in a way that contributes to the well-being of our employees, members, the communities we serve, and the environment.

In addition to being a strong financial co-operative we have been recognized nationally, provincially and locally for our leadership in corporate social responsibility.

#### **Manager, Environmental Sustainability**

Reporting to the Vice-President Corporate Social Responsibility, the Manager Environmental Sustainability plays a key role in integrating environmental responsibility and leadership into all areas of the credit union. The incumbent manages and continuously improves the credit union's environmental management system; develops, implements, and strategically coordinates environmental programs, projects and initiatives; engages employees and members to achieve environmental objectives; measures, reports and recommends action plans to improve environmental performance; and develops partnerships to position Assiniboine Credit Union as a leader in environmental sustainability. As an ambassador for our commitment to the environment, the Manager, Environmental Sustainability develops strong rapport and quality relationships internally and in the community to foster trust and credibility, and reinforce ACU's brand.

Our ideal candidate has a graduate degree in a related field such as environmental studies, environmental science, sustainable development, sustainable community planning, or sustainable business/enterprise plus at least five years of experience developing and implementing environmental initiatives. An equivalent level of education and experience will be considered. Experience implementing

environmental management systems, particularly within the financial services sector, would be considered an asset.

Assiniboine offers a flexible, challenging work environment and opportunities to grow and develop. We also offer a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits program. We are passionate about our work and consider our progressive workplace policies and practices to be a mark of our success as a responsible company. Consistent with this philosophy, we actively recruit people with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives, reflecting the community in which we live and work.

To apply, please visit our online recruitment system at [www.assiniboine.mb.ca](http://www.assiniboine.mb.ca) and click on 'Careers'. We look forward to receiving your application no later than February 27, 2010.

We appreciate all applications. However, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

## **2010 Manitoba Venture Challenge**

Applications Due: February 26, 2010

[www.umanitoba.ca/entrepreneur/outreach\\_programs](http://www.umanitoba.ca/entrepreneur/outreach_programs)

The 2010 Manitoba Venture Challenge (MVC) is a province wide competition open to new and existing businesses seeking outside investment or in need of advice in order to launch or expand their businesses. The MVC is a partnership between Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade, the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Asper School of Business, and the private sector.

Applications for the Venture Challenge are due February 26, 2010.

Further information regarding the Manitoba Venture Challenge (program outline, rules, application forms, informational flyer and important dates) can be found at

[www.umanitoba.ca/entrepreneur/outreach\\_programs](http://www.umanitoba.ca/entrepreneur/outreach_programs)

## **ECO Canada Student Award and Ambassador Program**

ECO Canada is now accepting applications for its Student Award contest.

Encourage your students to apply for the ECO Canada Student Award 2010 and they will have a chance to become one of five post-secondary students selected from across Canada to join ECO Canada's booth during the GLOBE 2010 conference and trade show, to be held in Vancouver, BC, March 24-26, 2010.

Winners will:

Receive the title of Student Ambassador 2010

Present a poster outlining their environmental research during the 3-day conference

Receive \$1,000 in cash to cover all, or part of their travel and accommodation expenses

Gain access to the speakers' sessions at the conference

Conditions of Award:

Participants are responsible for organizing and paying for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

How to apply?

Complete an application form online at [www.eco.ca](http://www.eco.ca) ("Student" section). To apply, log in (or sign up) as a "Student" and follow the links.

Applicants will be required to submit a 250-word description of their poster and arrange for a reference letter to be sent to ECO Canada no later than February 8, 2010.

## **Capturing Opportunities Awards Celebrate Community Volunteers, Achievements, Corporate Partnerships: Struthers**

Nominations Now Being Accepted For 2010 Awards

January 19, 2010

Capturing Opportunities, Manitoba's rural business forum, will honour the achievements of volunteers and corporate partnerships that benefit Manitoba's rural communities in April, Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Minister Stan Struthers announced today.

"Manitobans know who the movers and shakers are in their communities, the go-to people who can be counted on to get things done and which companies offer support to community activities," said the minister. "These are the people and companies who create the success stories that benefit our rural and northern communities. This will be the opportunity to give them the official recognition they so richly deserve."

The annual Capturing Opportunities forum will take place at the Keystone Centre in Brandon on April 22 and 23. Capturing Opportunities awards are presented at the celebration banquet at the Keystone Centre on Thursday, April 22.

Nominations are now being accepted for the four award categories:

- Outstanding Community Leadership - for individuals who have made significant and notable contributions for the betterment of their community or region, who have served as a catalyst for positive action and exhibit the highest standards of community leadership, dedication, ability and innovation.
- Economic Development Innovation - for organizations or municipalities whose actions illustrate innovation in community development, build on the resources of the community, respond to challenges and opportunities, and demonstrate outcomes in rural economic development.
- Rural Youth Achievement - for individuals, associations or municipalities whose activities enable youth to take action on their concerns.
- Economic Development Innovation Corporate - for businesses whose corporate actions illustrate innovation in community economic development through co-operation with community partners, build on the resources of the community, respond to changes, challenges and/or opportunities, and demonstrate outcomes in rural economic development.

Award winners will receive a commemorative artistic glass award and \$1,000 to contribute to a community organization of their choice.

"Our province is proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of community participants of all ages and from all walks of life, organizations, municipalities and businesses that use their leadership, communication and organizational skills, energy and enthusiasm to bring about the positive changes that make their communities and regions a better place to live and work," said Struthers.

Nomination forms are available at any GO office, by contacting the Capturing Opportunities office at 1-800-933-9863 or online at [www.capturingopportunities.ca](http://www.capturingopportunities.ca).

Nominations will be accepted until noon on Thursday, April 1.

Source: [www.gov.mb.ca](http://www.gov.mb.ca)

## **Deadline Approaching for First Intake of Applications for the 2010 Environmental Farm Action Program**

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In continued support for agricultural producers willing to undertake environmentally beneficial projects in their operations, applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Environmental Farm Action Program (EFAP).

EFAP is part of the federal-provincial Growing Forward suite of agriculture programs announced last year to support agricultural producers in reducing environmental risks and providing real environmental benefits through changes in practice to improve the management of Manitoba's agricultural resources.

More than 1,200 applications were received for the 2009 program.

The deadline for the initial intake of applications for the 2010 fiscal year is February 1. Additional intakes will be scheduled throughout the year.

Applicants for EFAP must have completed an Environmental Farm Plan or an Equivalent Agri-Environmental Plan and have received a valid Statement of Completion. Statements of Completion are considered valid for a period of five years from the date of issue.

The Environment Suite of the Growing Forward agreement is a four year commitment from Canada's federal and provincial governments towards assisting producers to continue to implement sustainable agriculture practices, building on the success of the Agricultural Policy Framework (APF) which expired in 2008. The EFAP will operate for four years concluding with the end of Growing Forward on March 31, 2013.

Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, is investing \$1.3 billion towards the agriculture and agri-food industry in Canada.

Further information on Growing Forward programs is available at any GO office throughout the province or on-line at:

[www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/growingforward/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/growingforward/index.html).

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## ***International***

### **Canada Trade Mission to Greece and Turkey - May 2010**

The Government of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) is organizing a trade mission to Istanbul, Turkey, and Athens, Greece in May 2010. A formal letter of invitation will follow shortly.

Following closely on the heels of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games, Canada's profile will be prominent on the world stage making this an ideal time to showcase Canadian capabilities in key sectors throughout Greece and Turkey. This mission will help raise Canada's commercial profile with key decision makers and potential clients. Canadian companies will also benefit from the new Canada-Turkey and Canada-Greece Double Taxation Agreements.

The mission will focus on an array of opportunities in the following sectors (please see attached market overviews for more information):

In Greece the focus will be on Agriculture and Agri-Food; Aerospace and Defence; Clean Energy; Environment; and Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

In Turkey the focus will be on Aerospace; Clean Energy; Environment; ICT; and Mining.

**Aerospace and Defence:** Greece holds promising opportunities in aircraft and aerospace systems. Opportunities in Turkey abound in both civil and military aircraft - in corporate-use fixed and rotary wing aircraft; and in parts and accessories for civilian and military aircraft, including engines and landing gears.

**Agriculture and Agri-Food:** The food industry in Greece is one of the most profitable and fastest growing sectors with significant export potential. Turkey has a strong processed and value-added agri-food sector. Current Canadian agri-food trade includes lentils, canola seeds, wheat, corn, food industry residues, hatching eggs, bovine semen, and pet food.

**Clean Energy:** With strong growth in domestic demand in both countries, there are many opportunities in wind power, solar power, photovoltaic panels, hydrogen fuel cells, biomass, hydro and nuclear technology. The Turkish government is implementing financial incentives to attract investors in this sector.

Environment: Both Turkey and Greece have taken measures to deal with serious environmental challenges resulting in new business opportunities. In the Greek market there is strong growth potential in waste management and environmental equipment and services. The Turkish market offers opportunities in air and water purification technologies, waste water treatment, solid waste disposal, environmental impact studies, and waste containment and handling for mining industries.

ICT: These markets are rife with opportunity in equipment and services in software, hardware and wireless technology.

Mining: Turkey is among the richest countries in the world in terms of mineral deposits. Ever since the implementation of a new Mining Law, enacted in 2005 and designed to liberalise the business environment in the sector, mining exploration licenses, and FDI, have shown significant growth.

This trade mission will help you access the many opportunities in these important markets by actively promoting your technologies and expertise. We will build on Canada's world-renowned reputation in these priority sectors to increase both our growth potential and partnerships. A conference call for interested companies to learn more about the opportunities in these markets will be organized in February 2010. Details will follow early in the New Year.

Those of you who have been on previous Canada trade missions will be familiar with their tremendous value to Canadian companies. Trade missions provide various networking opportunities and access to key local businesses and government contacts. Such opportunities will impact your current and future business endeavours considerably.

We are seeking Canadian companies with the expertise and capacity to provide needed services and/or products to the Turkish and Greek markets.

To receive an invitation package to participate in the trade this mission, please complete the attached form and return it to me by email or fax:

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## **Upcoming Conferences/Events/Trade Shows**

### ***Local***

#### **Manufacturing Week 2010**

Presented by Canadian Manufacturing and Exporters, Manitoba  
March 23–26, 2010

March 23: Manufacturing and Trade Conference 2010  
Discovery Hovercraft Finals; Discovery School Tours  
March 24: Job Fair  
March 25: Gala Awards

#### **Better Buildings Conference**

Manitoba Chapter, Canada Green Building Council  
April 13 – 14, 2010

Find out about:

The newest and most up-to-date information on Sustainable/Green Buildings with a focus on Manitoba

How to incorporate innovative design, technology, and operational best practices in your building project

Enhanced building performance

How being environmentally conscious can positively impact your bottom line

Tips and tools for greening your workplace

Registration opens in January 2010. Visit us at: [www.betterbuildings.org](http://www.betterbuildings.org)

### ***National***

#### **Soils Engineering For Practical Applications (1.2 CEUs)**

## Global Innovative Campus

February 25-26, 2010  
Hilton Winnipeg  
1800 Wellington Avenue

For more information, see <http://www.gic-edu.com/coursedetail.aspx?id=420>

## **Globe 2010**

International Conference and Trade Fair on Business and the Environment

March 24-26, 2010  
Vancouver, Canada

Our high-level program features over 200 expert speakers and 50 educational sessions on topics relating to: corporate sustainability, energy priorities, climate change and carbon management, sustainable finance, water, clean(er) technology, and building greener cities.

In addition to the conference, a closely integrated Trade Fair will showcase over 450 eco-efficient technologies for emissions reduction, alternative energy, transportation systems, and more.

You will be in very good company at this world-leading event, joined by 11,000 attendees from 70+ countries representing some of the most forward-thinking organizations from around the world who will converge at GLOBE to network and discuss the business case for sustainability.

For further information on GLOBE 2010, please visit the event website:  
[www.globe2010.com](http://www.globe2010.com).

Register for the conference by Friday, March 5th and save \$200.  
[Click here to view the GLOBE \\*UPDATED\\* Preliminary Program](#)

## **Project Delivery - A Successful Strategy from Concept to Completion (1.2 CEUs)**

Global Innovative Campus

April 22 – 23, 2010  
Hilton Winnipeg  
1800 Wellington Avenue

For more information please go to <http://www.gic-edu.com/coursedetail.aspx?id=435>

### ***International***

#### **Next Generation Bio-Based Chemicals Summit**

February 8-10, 2010  
Westin San Diego, San Diego, CA

For more information click [here](#)

#### **Green Building Convention 2010**

February 18 – 20  
Pune, India

An international convention focused on sustainable development and eco-friendly construction, scheduled to be held at the Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre, Pune, India, from the 18th to 20th February, 2010.

GBC'10 is an initiative designed to promote the concept of Green Buildings in the design, construction & operation of building projects and serves as a platform to showcase the latest products & innovations in the industry. The event also proves to be an ideal forum for exploring new business opportunities and for dissemination of knowledge in the quest to deliver sustainable development & green architecture.

## **Energy Transitions in an Interdependent World Conference**

February 25 & 26  
University of Sussex

The Sussex Energy Group at SPRU (Science & Technology Policy Research), University of Sussex is organizing and hosting an international conference to discuss and debate emerging research agendas in energy social science.

The conference will be held at the University of Sussex, near Brighton, on the 25th and 26th February 2010 and is open to academics, policy makers, industry and non-governmental organizations working in the field of energy transitions. We welcome abstracts that outline theoretically robust and empirically informed contributions to one or more of the following themes:

low carbon energy innovation; secure and resilient energy systems; the politics of sustainable energy transitions.

Further details including the full conference call and application guidelines are available from the conference website:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/conference>

<<https://exchange.lse.ac.uk/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/conference>>

## **World Bioenergy 2010**

May 25-27, 2010  
Jonkoping, Sweden

Conference and Exhibition on Biomass for Energy

For more information, click [here](#)

## **Water in Mining 2010**

II International Congress on Water Management in the Mining Industry  
Santiago, Chile  
June 9 - 11, 2010

The theme is "Protecting Water Quality: Reconstituting the Natural World".  
For additional information, please contact:  
Olga Cherepanova, Event Coordinator [wim@wim2010.com](mailto:wim@wim2010.com)  
or visit the website at [www.wim2010.com](http://www.wim2010.com)

## **Air and Waste Management Association's 103rd Annual Conference & Exhibition**

Energy and Environment

June 22 - 25, 2010

Exhibition: JUNE 22 – 24  
Calgary Telus Convention Centre  
Calgary, Alberta

For more information, please visit, [www.cpans.org/ACE 2010](http://www.cpans.org/ACE 2010)

## **World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing**

June 27 – 30, 2010  
Washington, D.C.

The World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing will bring together scientists, industry and government leaders, and academia from around the globe to exchange ideas about the growing biotechnology industry.

Attendees will enjoy presentations various topics including biotechnology for climate change, cellulosic biofuels, renewable chemical platforms, energy from algae, specialty chemicals, food ingredients and more.

This unique conference will feature dynamic plenary sessions, international networking opportunities, and business partnering meetings. Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are available; please contact us at [worldcongress@bio.org](mailto:worldcongress@bio.org) or 202-962-6630.

For more information, please go to: <http://bio.org/worldcongress>