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MEIA Events

Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion Street

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

Presented by: Transport Canada

This breakfast learning session will provide a general overview of Transportation of Dangerous Goods regulations including recent amendments.

Click [here](#) to register

Remediation and Prevention

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

The goal of this conference is to connect innovative research with environmental professionals, fostering the progression of knowledge and strengthening business relationships. It is recommended for engineering firms, environmental consulting firms, government and regulatory bodies, energy companies, students, university professors and others.

Some of the topics to be covered include:
Phytoremediation and photoinduced toxicity of environmental contaminants
Bioaugmentation of trichloroethylene (TCE)
Soil vapour intrusion mitigation systems
Case Study: IKO site remediation
The true cost of remediation - incorporating sustainability and internalizing externalities

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

A draft agenda will be posted here soon.

Registration and Breakfast: 8:30 A.M

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

Click [here](#) 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 Career Fair

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
University of Manitoba

Manitoba Environmental Industries Association and its Student Chapter in collaboration with the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg and the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, are pleased to promote a new career-development initiative, "Bridging Professionals of Today with those of Tomorrow". This annual networking event will bring together professionals from across diverse environmental industries with extremely motivated and skilled students who are advancing into the environmental professions. The event promotes professional development opportunities, an exchange of knowledge of the rapidly growing industry, and discussions of career opportunities.

The First Annual Event is being held at the University of Manitoba on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

As an organization with a focus on the environment, we invite you to host a booth at this exciting event.

Further information about the event will be sent out in the New Year. However, we are asking that representatives who are willing to set up booths reserve this space by January 11, 2010. To do so, please contact our event organizer, Deborah Tardiff, Education and Training Coordinator with Manitoba Environmental Industries Association at dtardiff@meia.mb.ca or phone (204) 783-7090.

Please forward this invitation to anyone else who you feel may benefit from this opportunity.

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

Golf Tournament

May 27, 2010
St. Boniface Golf Club

Save the date!

Thank you Golf Tournament Sponsors!

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Food and Beverage



Click [here](#) for information on sponsorship opportunities.

Enercan West

November 25, 2010

The MEIA is hosting the bi-annual Enercan West conference on November 25, 2010 at the Fort Garry Hotel.

Interested sponsors are asked to call the MEIA office at 783-7090

MEIA News

Emerging Issues Conference Presentations

The MEIA Emerging Issues conference was held on November 26, 2009 at the Fort Garry Hotel.

The day was a resounding success with wonderful presentations from very knowledgeable speakers. Many of these may be viewed by visiting the MEIA website at www.meia.mb.ca

A big thank-you to our organizing committee: Dave Howes, chairperson, Ash Raichura, Annette Woodroffe, Brian Dempsey, Mike Gilbertson, Vicki Latter, Michelle Michalchuk, and Aileen Madden. Wonderfully done!

Thank you to the following sponsors of MEIA's 2009 Emerging Issues Conference!

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Holiday Office Hours

The MEIA office will be closed from Friday, December 18, 2009 until Monday, January 4, 2010. Happy holidays, everyone!

General News

Local Interest

Premier Commits Manitoba to Move Toward Cap-and Trade Legislation

Public to be Consulted on System to Reduce Greenhouse-gas Emissions in Manitoba

COPENHAGEN, Denmark: December 15, 2009

Premier Greg Selinger today committed the provincial government to moving forward with legislation enabling the creation of a cap-and-trade system to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions in Manitoba. He said the system will be subject to public consultations in 2010.

"Manitoba is playing a constructive role in focusing on commitments, goals and targets that we and other leading sub-national governments can take," Selinger said. "Market mechanisms like cap-and-trade will play a large role in the global effort to address climate change in a cost-effective manner. Cap-and-trade legislation will complement Manitoba's participation in regional climate-change strategies like the Western Climate Initiative and Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord."

Selinger made the announcement at the Climate Leaders Summit 2009, sponsored by The Climate Group, being held in Copenhagen today as a side-event to the UN Conference on Climate Change. Selinger was invited to participate along with 60 other climate-change leaders from sub-national and local governments, and innovative climate-solution businesses from around the world.

"The Climate Leaders Summit provides an opportunity to share practical strategies related to clean-energy development, low-carbon technology and regional co-operation on climate change," said Selinger. "These are areas where Manitoba has taken an early leadership role and they are vitally important for creating new green economic opportunities for the future."

As part of the Climate Leaders Summit, Selinger is also hosting a round-table discussion titled *Power to the People: Our Clean Energy Future*. The session involves close to 20 government and business participants, speaking on the policies that promote renewable energy development and expand clean-energy technology solutions.

"This panel discussion between business and government leaders will demonstrate how government and industry can work together to build a low-carbon economy of the future," said Selinger. "These discussions will help to create momentum at the UN Conference and motivation for committed long-term actions to reduce emissions."

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

Red River College wins Excellence in Sustainability Award

Red River College's leadership in developing sustainable new technologies has been recognized by the Province of Manitoba with a 2009 Excellence in Sustainability Award for Research and Innovation.

Through its Applied Research & Commercialization program, the College has engaged in several projects focused on sustainability in the building, construction and transportation sectors. Much of this research has centered on testing new technologies that bring environmental and economic benefits, such as:

- * Evaluating the thermal properties and performance of a prototype of the double curtain wall that was used in construction of Manitoba Hydro's new headquarters.
- * Converting 10 standard hybrid cars into plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and monitoring their performance in a cold weather climate, in partnership with the Province of Manitoba.
- * Integrating a new engine/transmission combination into a bus chassis for Motor Coach Industries to meet heightened emission standards in the United States.
- * Cold weather testing of a hydrogen-powered transit bus, including compressing the hydrogen, and maintaining and refueling the vehicle.
- * Using spent cooking oil to produce biodiesel for College vehicles, and soap to be used as hand and equipment de-greaser.

"Red River College is committed to working with industry and public-sector partners to further Manitoba's economic growth and climate change goals through the development of innovative green technologies," said Ray Hoemsen, RRC's Director of Applied Research & Commercialization. "We're proud to have those efforts recognized by the Province of Manitoba and the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development with this award."

To support its sustainable research agenda, the College and its partners have invested in the development of new facilities, like the Centre for Applied Research in Sustainable Infrastructure (CARSI) and the new Heavy Equipment Transportation Centre (HETC). These centres will be key resources in Manitoba's efforts to develop new technologies that enhance environmental, economic and social well-being.

Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology is Manitoba's second largest post-secondary institution with more than 32,000 full-time, part-time, and apprenticeship enrolments.

Source: www.mbchamber.mb.ca/2009/12/red-river-college-wins-excellence-in-sustainability-award/

Premier and Conservation Minister to Attend Copenhagen Climate-change Conference

December 11, 2009

Premier Greg Selinger and Conservation Minister Bill Blaikie will join world leaders, policy makers, industry leaders, scientists and environmentalists from around the world at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen.

"Manitoba is a leader in clean-energy technology, energy efficiency, boreal protection and the fight against climate change," said Selinger. "The Copenhagen conference will provide a forum to share best practices and reinforce the important role that sub-national governments are playing to address global warming."

The premier said Manitoba is making great strides in protecting the province's natural resources most vulnerable to climate change: boreal forests, lakes, rivers and polar bears.

Selinger noted the province continues to invest in energy efficiency and all forms of renewable energy production. These investments reduce Manitoba's greenhouse-gas emissions and also contribute to lower emissions outside the province when Manitoba exports its clean hydro power to replace fossil-fuel energy in other jurisdictions.

Manitoba has been active in the battle against climate change, participating in the Western Climate Initiative, Midwest Greenhouse Gas Accord, Climate Registry and the Western Governors Association.

Selinger said the Copenhagen conference is not only an opportunity for world leaders to develop a global climate-change agreement but also for provincial and state governments, such as Manitoba, to develop partnerships that reduce carbon emissions locally and regionally.

"Manitoba has been at the forefront of improving public understanding and developing public policy on climate change," said David Runnals, president of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

"Copenhagen can be a turning point in the global fight on carbon emissions," said Charles Loewen, board member of the IISD and CEO of Loewen Windows. "It's important for Manitoba to participate in Copenhagen to be a strong voice for combating climate change and advancing Manitoba's clean-energy interests."

While in Copenhagen, Selinger and Blaikie will meet with federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice, other participating premiers and ministers, as well as a number of other leaders from the United States and around the world.

The Manitoba team will consist of Selinger, Blaikie and three experts. The carbon footprint of the trip to Copenhagen will be offset with the purchase of 53 trees to be planted.

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

Manitoba And South Australia Sign Mou On Climate Change, Water Management During UN Conference

COPENHAGEN, Denmark : December 15, 2009

Premier Greg Selinger and South Australian Premier Mike Rann announced here today an agreement for renewed co-operation on climate-change adaptation and water-resources management priorities that are important to both Manitoba and South Australia.

"The Province of Manitoba and the State of South Australia have a long-standing, beneficial relationship and this is a further positive step to collaborate as leading sub-national governments on climate change," Selinger said.

"This agreement will build upon an already productive partnership between South Australia and Manitoba. Given our shared commitment to tackling climate change and addressing issues related to water management, it provides a valuable opportunity to further share our experiences, knowledge and expertise," said Rann. "Collaboration of states and regions across the world is a critical part of the global effort to speed a transition to a low carbon future."

Selinger and Rann are in Copenhagen for the United Nations conference on climate change. Both premiers are actively involved in events such as the Climate Leaders Summit that will promote action by sub-national governments around the world to address climate change.

The memorandum of understanding signed by Manitoba and South Australia provides a general framework to work together and share expertise on:

- reducing flood hazards,
- developing strategies to cope with long-term droughts, And
- community capacity building and ecological goods and services programming to provide resilience to future climate-change challenges.

Manitoba and South Australia share a history of collaboration on economic and social priorities and signed an MOU in 2006 to strengthen their respective biological and life sciences sectors and ensure further collaboration in biotechnology, renewable energy, sustainable development, climate change and Aboriginal economic development.

Source: www.mbchamber.mb.ca

Province Commits to New Boreal Peatlands Stewardship Strategy: Selinger

Kaskatamagan and Kaskatamagan Sipi Wildlife Management Areas
(WMA) Added to Protected Areas

December 9, 2009

On the eve of the Copenhagen climate-change summit, Manitoba is announcing two new protected areas with significant carbon stores and committing to a new boreal peatlands stewardship strategy, Premier Greg Selinger announced today.

"We are adding almost 400,000 hectares in the boreal tundra transition area to our protected land base," Selinger said.

"Kaskatamagan Wildlife Management Area is 259,530 hectares and is home to the western Hudson Bay sub-population of polar bears from July to November and caribou in the summer. The Kaskatamagan Sipi WMA protects 133,820 hectares of wilderness in the boreal Arctic tundra transition zone and is recognized as a globally significant bird area."

For a couple of weeks each year, beluga whales, polar bears and caribou can all be found along the coast at the same time, making it a unique destination for ecotourism activities such as viewing wildlife, said Selinger.

It has been estimated these two protected areas alone store approximately 179 million tonnes of carbon in their peatlands and soil, Selinger said. This is equivalent to 656 million tonnes of carbon dioxide, the same as the emissions from the entire province of Manitoba for 30 years.

Boreal areas store more carbon than any other ecosystem and are gaining increasing attention from the scientific community for the significant amount of carbon stored, particularly below the surface, Selinger said. It is estimated that Manitoba's boreal forest stores as much as 30 billion tonnes of carbon.

"We believe strongly in the role forests play in our fight against climate change and will continue to advocate nationally and internationally to ensure boreal forests are an important part of any climate change strategy," Selinger said. "Manitoba will be a leader in the preservation of boreal peatlands with a new stewardship strategy that will be developed in co-operation with stakeholders and leading climate-change non-governmental agencies."

Manitoba will pilot management practices to assess the carbon value of boreal forests, wetlands and peatlands, Selinger said.

Since 1999, Manitoba has permanently protected 1.26 million hectares of land in parks, wildlife management areas, ecological reserves and provincial forests, and by memorandum of agreement with conservation agencies, Selinger said. The province has also banned logging in 80 of the province's 81 parks.

Logging, mining, hydroelectric power development, oil and gas exploration or development, and any other activities that could significantly and adversely affect natural habitat are banned in the new protected areas, the premier said.

"Aboriginal and treaty rights will be respected in these new protected areas, which include accessing protected areas for hunting, trapping, fishing and other traditional pursuits," said Selinger.

The newly protected areas will help the province meet its commitments under the Green and Growing strategy. Both areas fall within the boreal forest and will also contribute to Manitoba's climate-change and wetland protection commitments.

These initiatives build on other recent protected areas announcements where the province:

- designated Whitemouth Bog Ecological Reserve, Whitemouth Bog WMA and Observation Point WMA adding 14,040 hectares to Manitoba's protected areas network;
- invested \$7 million in support for the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) to acquire and preserve lands over the next five years in eight areas in southern Manitoba;
- expanded Manitoba's protected area network by adding more than 2,200 hectares of privately owned NCC land under an updated memorandum of agreement with the province;
- expanded the Pembina Valley WMA by adding 129 hectares of private land, purchased in partnership with NCC; and
- expanded the Pinawa Dam Provincial Park by 168 hectares.

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

Province Moves Forward with Plan to Reduce Plastic Bag Use: Blaikie

Manitobans Asked For Input To Guide Action to Protect Environment

December 8, 2009

Manitobans are being asked for their views on the best way to reduce the impact of plastic bags on the environment, Conservation Minister Bill Blaikie announced today.

"We want to hear what Manitobans think and we want to work with shoppers, vendors and bag manufacturers," said Blaikie.

Manitoba was the first province in Canada to ban plastic bags in liquor stores and the second to set targets for packaging.

Plastic bags are regulated as service packaging under the Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation, passed in December 2008. The Guideline for Plastic Bags under the regulation establishes a target to reduce the use of plastic bags by 50 per cent within five years.

Next spring, Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) will launch a new industry program to manage packaging and printed paper including plastic bags. To meet the reduction target, the guideline requires industry to undertake measures to reduce demand for plastic bags and encourage use of reusable bags.

Manitoba's current multi-material recycling system diverted more than 70,000 tonnes of household recyclables this past year.

To strengthen plastic bag management and complement MMSM's planning, the public and interest groups are invited to participate in consultations that will focus on the following proposals:

- plastic carry-out bags sold and distributed in Manitoba contain a minimum of 25 per cent post-consumer recycled material, increasing to 50 per cent within five years;
- all larger stores that distribute plastic bags have take-back programs for recycling plastic bags;
- all plastic bags sold or distributed in Manitoba be imprinted with a message reminding users to recycle or reuse the bag; and
- all compostable or biodegradable plastic bags sold or distributed in Manitoba be required to meet national or international standards and be certified as such.

"All Manitobans have a responsibility in protecting our environment," said Blaikie. "Your views will help to shape the new packaging program as it rolls out."

Information related to the consultation will be posted at:
www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/pollutionprevention.

Sustainable Development Innovations Fund Grants Announced

December 2, 2009

36 Projects Receive over \$567,000 in Funding Support Including Conference on Caribou, Protection of Traditional Lands, Research on Bats and Skinks

Conservation Minister Bill Blaikie today announced provincial funding support of \$567,702 for 36 projects around Manitoba through the Sustainable Development Innovations Fund (SDIF).

"Manitobans are doing their part to protect the environment and improve the quality of life within their communities," Blaikie said. "The 36 approved projects are all part of the overall goal to incorporate sustainable development practices into unique and innovative activities that will protect, enhance, conserve and rehabilitate Manitoba's environment for today and the future."

The SDIF helps fund a wide range of projects from research studies and demonstrations of new technology to community enhancement and environmental awareness across a number of education, non-government and government organizations. Other targeted funding programs under the SDIF are the Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention Fund, Environmental Youth Corps, Manitoba Climate Change Action Fund and the Water Stewardship Fund.

More information on these programs is available at www.susdev.gov.mb.ca.

National

Extended Producer Responsibility

On October 29, 2009, the Council of Ministers approved in principle a Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility and a Canada-wide Strategy for Sustainable Packaging.

[Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility](#)
[Canada-wide Strategy for Sustainable Packaging](#)

Extended producer responsibility (EPR) is an environmental policy approach in which a producer's responsibility for a product is extended to the post-consumer stage of a product's life cycle. In June 2007 CCME endorsed the Canada-wide principles for extended producer responsibility.

CCME's Extended Producer Responsibility Task Group was established to provide guidance on the development and implementation of EPR and product stewardship programs, and to consider [packaging](#) as a first priority.

The EPR Task Group's mandate is to:

- identify opportunities to harmonize, make consistent where appropriate, expand, and improve EPR programs;
- develop general guidance on EPR issues;
- identify and explore opportunities to forge strategies for new EPR initiatives; and

facilitate EPR communications and information exchange among jurisdictions
Documents

[Canada-wide Principles for Extended Producer Responsibility](#)
(17 KB) (pdf)

[PN 1397 Extended Producer Responsibility Product Evaluation Tool - User Guidance \(includes xls Evaluation Tool\)](#)

[EPR Evaluation Tool](#)

For information on:

Analysis of the Free-Rider Issue in Extended Producer Responsibility Programs –
PN 1380

National Packaging Workshop, Toronto, March 12-13, 2007: Summary Report – PN
1382

National Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Workshop, September 27-28,
2006: Final Report – PN 1376

Please see the CCME website [here](#)

Business and Career Opportunities

Local

MEIA Career Fair – Opportunity to Participate

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Home Expressions 2010 Show Exhibitor information

The Home Expressions 2010 Show is always searching for new and exciting products and services to offer our show visitors to our 36th Annual Home Expressions Home and Garden Show.

Our website is found at: <http://www.homeexpressions.ca/>

There are only a handful of booths left for the Kitchen Bath & Renovation Show, if interested please go to <http://www.kitchenandbathshow.com/>

National

Director, Environmental Assessment

Saskatchewan's Ministry of Environment is seeking an energetic, motivated individual to lead the Environmental Assessment Branch in the Ministry's Division of Environmental Assessment, Lands and Aboriginal Affairs.

You will lead a team of 12 staff in implementing the Province's environmental assessment program and processes. As well, you will be a member of the Ministry's Senior Management Committee and help ensure that implementation of the environmental assessment program supports the Ministry's overall objectives for results based regulation.

The Director is expected to ensure that:

- environmental assessment processes are implemented consistently across the range of projects and developments under review by branch staff in conformity with the legal requirements of The Environmental Assessment Act;
- proponents are aware of their responsibilities and obligations;
- other branches of Environment and the government understand their role in environmental assessment and make best use of opportunities to contribute to the assessment process;
- joint environmental assessments with the federal government meet the objectives of the Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation; and
- the Minister of the Environment is provided with the appropriate information and analysis on which to base decisions about the acceptability of the environmental impacts of projects and developments subject to the Act.

In addition, the Director is expected to lead processes that result in continuous improvement of the Provinces' environmental assessment processes.

Objectives are:

- to ensure that environmental assessment processes are as efficient as possible while maintaining or enhancing their effectiveness at protecting the environment;
- to identify opportunities to cooperate with other programs of the Ministry or the government and integrate those opportunities into the structure and operation of environmental assessment processes; and
- to implement a new results based regulatory model for environmental assessment.

The ideal candidate will have outstanding leadership, coaching, organizational, interpersonal and communications skills; knowledge and practical experience with environmental protection legislation and its administration; and, a solid understanding of the history, objectives and operation of provincial and federal environmental assessment processes.

The knowledge required for this position would be obtained through a post-graduate academic degree involving studies related to environmental engineering, environmental sciences or other appropriate discipline and significant industrial experience. Experience in environmental, social or economic impact assessment with government or industry would be preferred. The skills required would typically be demonstrated over 10 or more years of progressively responsible, related experience including more than one supervisory or management role.

To apply, visit www.careers.gov.sk.ca

MAN001147, Regina, Environment

CLOSING DATE: December 18, 2009

Environmental Employer of the Year Awards

ECO Canada has teamed up with Environmental Science and Engineering Magazine for the annual Environmental Employer of the Year Awards. This partnership provides an exciting new platform for participating organizations to showcase their innovative human resource (HR) practices directly to environmental professionals.

Organizations can apply in one of two categories small-to-medium sized enterprise (SME) category (15-50 employees) or under the large organization category (over 50 employees) and have until December 18, 2009 to complete an Environmental Employer of the Year application form. Full eligibility requirements and application forms can be found at www.eco.ca/awards.

Deadline: December 18, 2009

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:

Brigitte Martin

Business Development Officer, International Trade Missions Division,
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada

Tel.: 613-944-7072 Fax: 613-995-8669 or brigitte.martin@international.gc.ca

Journalist Competition

Deadline for the Journalist Competition Extended UNEP

OzonAction is pleased to announce the extension of the deadline for the entries for the journalist competition till 31st December 2009. The competition is now open to the journalists of all ages. As the stories on Ozone layer protection and climate change unfold, UNEP would like to assess and reward Journalists talents to convey these stories effectively. Please rush your entries. Learn more at >>

http://www.unep.fr/ozonaction/ozone2climate/journalists_competition.pdf

Seeking Employment

Heather Stone - Chemical Engineer

[View resume](#) [View cover letter](#)

Nilmini Samarawickrama - Chemical Engineer

To view resume please contact the MEIA office at 783-7090

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Trade Show

Local

Safe Work Conference

January 20-21, 2010

For more information, please go to www.safetyservicesmanitoba.ca

The Manitoba Green Show

February 9–10, 2010
Victoria Inn, Winnipeg

For more information see www.landscapemanitoba.com

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

National

Linkages 2010

January 12, 2010.
Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon

The Forum provides a unique networking opportunity for technology researchers/innovators, private sector firms and investors to collaborate in developing and commercializing technology in the sustainable infrastructure domain. GLOBE 2010: Conference Outline Now Available

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.

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](#)

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 or 202-962-6630.

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