



The Canadian Environmental Network Announces Major Biodiversity Initiatives for 2010

Announces biodiversity theme for its 2010 Annual Conference and a new website dedicated to the International Year of Biodiversity

(Ottawa ON, February 3, 2010) The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) today announced two important initiatives to promote the International Year of Biodiversity and the organization's Annual Conference on the Environment.

The theme of this year's RCEN Annual Conference will be "Conserving Biodiversity Pays: The Values of Ecosystem Services". The event will take place in Montreal, QC, from September 17th-19th, 2010.

Speakers at the event will explore important questions related to biodiversity and the values of ecosystem services, present examples of successful interventions that have led to the survival of species and habitats and will discuss the priority areas where practices, policies, strategies, and programs must be developed.

The 2010 theme was selected by members of the network to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity. Although speakers and additional event details have yet to be finalized, a description of the conference's theme can be found at: <http://www.cen-rce.org/AGA/2010/index.html>.

International Year of Biodiversity Website

In addition to the 2010 Conference, the RCEN is pleased to announce the launch of a dedicated RCEN website for the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB).

The site features a regularly updated news feed, updated via Twitter, with the latest IYB-related information from Environment Canada, the Convention on Biological Diversity and other notable organizations. Other features include a list of educational resources and materials, including those produced by the RCEN, such as its Biodiversity Best Practices Handbook.

Visit the IYB website at <http://www.cen-rce.org/iyb2010/index.html>.

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