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- 1) UN Climate Change Conference in Bali

The conference has met for two weeks and finally decided a compromise on the extension day after all. Please find the five page paper titled as "Bali Action Plan" on the website of the UN Climate Secretariat. Afterwards the so-called Ad Hoc Working Group has decided about the future working plan. This text you also find on the website as "Review of work programme, methods of work and schedule of future sessions".

http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop_13/items/4049.php

In Bali the Climate Alliance has presented the campaign "ZOOM - Kids on the Move for the World's Climate 2007". As representatives for all 128,000 participating children students

of the Sunrise School in Kerobokan handed over the 1,457,039 in Europe collected "Green Miles" to the UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer. Furthermore also the environment ministers of Germany and Austria have been impressed by the overwhelming result of the campaign and the students of the Sunrise School.

<http://www.local-climate-protection.eu/zoomnews.html?&L=0>

Within a side-event the project "Local Governments Climate Partnership", partnerships between cities from Japan, USA and Germany, has been introduced of the Climate Alliance, the Heidelberg Ifeu Institute and the Nagoya University. The local climate protection activities attracted a lot of interest on the conference. Short descriptions and first results of the project you may find in a CLIMAIL Europe.

<http://www.climatealliance.org/buendnis/climail-2007-2-en.htm>

2) Climate Star 2007 - Awarded cities and municipalities

From a total of 26 nominated cities and municipalities, 13 municipalities have been awarded for their commitment in the field of sustainable mobility and climate protections with a Climate Star 2007.

Awarded cities and municipalities:

Alcalá de Henares (ES), Alpine Pearls (5 countries, 21 municipalities), Baden (AT), Baden (CH), Essen (DE), Esslingen am Neckar (DE), Ghent (BE), Karlstad (SE), plan-b Mobil (AT, 6 municipalities), Sheffield (GB), Stockerau (AT), Wieselburg an der Erlauf (AT), Zwischenwasser (AT)

<http://www.local-climate-protection.eu/562.html?&L=0>

3) Adaptation to climate change

The Climate Alliance has handed over a comment to the Green Paper of the EU about adaptation to climate change. The comment and background information you will find on the website of the project Amica.

The EU project Amica (Adaptation and Mitigation - an Integrated Climate Policy Approach) has finished. Results and tools developed in the framework of the project you also will find on the website. A summary offers the newsletter CLIMAIL Europe.

<http://www.amica-climate.net/news.html>

4) Covenant of Mayors

In the EU Energy Efficiency Action Plan a priority task is the establishment of the "Covenant of Mayors". The Climate Alliance was together with other networks involved to further develop this initiative with the European Commission. More information please find on the homepage of the Climate Alliance in the members only section under "Climate Alliance News".

<http://www.mitglieder.klimabuendnis.org/index.php?id=20&L=1>

5) EU Green Paper on urban mobility

The Climate Alliance will work out a statement to the EU Green Paper on urban mobility. Soon you will get a first draft. The closing date of the EU is the 15 March 2008.

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/clean/green_paper_urban_transport/index_en.htm

Climate Alliance events

6) Sustainable Energy Week

29 January - 2 February 2007

The Climate Alliance will be represented on the Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels. During the whole week a virtual ice block bet will take place. Furthermore, the campaign "ZOOM - Kids on the Move 2007" has been nominated for the Sustainable Energy Award. Now, we only can keep our fingers crossed!

<http://www.eusew.eu/eusew2007/index.cfm>

7) International Annual Conference of the Climate Alliance

1 - 4 April 2008 in Aachen (DE) and Heerlen (NL)

Under the motto "Local climate protection crosses borders - together we do better" we would like to invite you already today heartily to our 16th Annual Conference and General Assembly in Aachen and Heerlen. A plenary topic will be whether the European and national climate protection targets set impulses to act on the local level. The topics addressed in workshops will be adaptation to climate change, procurement, urban development, transport and energy bridges between North and South. Furthermore we again invite to a workshop for politicians, this time with the theme "Climate Protection as a Chance for Local Economy".

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Rainforest news

8) Peru: Oil companies enter uncontacted tribes' territory

Two oil companies have been given the green light by the Peruvian government to explore for oil in a remote part of the Amazon inhabited by uncontacted tribes. The decision comes after a Peruvian government spokesperson suggested the uncontacted tribes do not exist, claiming there was 'no firm proof' of their presence. But the Ecuadorian government has revealed plans for a bi-national agreement with Peru to protect the indigenous, which live near the Peru-Ecuador border.

<http://www.survival-international.org/news/2702>

9) Guyana: Fine for illegal logging

The biggest timber company in Guyana Samling is being fined a total of 470,000 US Dollars for illegally logging tropical rainforests and has to stop immediately its activities in three illegally rented concession areas of 230,934 hectares. This enacted the Forest Commission of the South American country.

Rainforest protectors and representatives of indigenous peoples welcomed the imposed sanctions against Samling, but criticized that the improper use of a compounding procedure only intended for minor offences involving forest products of small value.

The Malaysian woodcutters had procured themselves over agreements with local businesses access to over 400,000 hectares tropical rainforest illegally and the authorities from Guyana conned with wrong declarations about royalties and taxes.

<http://www.bmf.ch/en/news/?show=78>

Information

10) New European mobility project e-TREAM

e-TREAM is a STEER project of the EU Intelligent Energy Europe Programme, combining the experience of Energy Agencies in nine European countries to address mobility issues such as the need to reduce energy consumption in transport, and to promote alternative fuels and more sustainable transport modes. Long-term benefits will include the increase of sustainable mobility, reductions in costs, health-threatening pollution and noise levels in urban settings and increased public awareness of the need for action.

<http://etream.team-red.net/index.php?id=129&L=0>

11) Climate Change Performance Index 2008

Sweden again ranks in first position in the current Climate Change Performance Index. However, even those at the top of the class - Sweden achieved two thirds of the total score - only achieve average grades. The average evaluation of climate policy of all 56 countries equals 3.9 on a scale of one (very good) to five (very poor). Significant European states such as Germany, Hungary and the United Kingdom were able to maintain their 'leading position' in the ranking. But it is particularly remarkable that Mexico, India and Brazil represent some major emerging economies in top flight.

<http://www.germanwatch.org/klima/ccpi.htm>

Events

12) Energy Efficiency in Shipping and Clean Air in Port Cities

22 January 2008 in Lübeck, Germany

http://www.baltef.de/events_e.php?WEBYEP_EDIT=no7230%3E

13) World Sustainable Energy Days

5 - 7 March 2008 in Wels, Austria

<http://www.esv.or.at/esv/index.php?id=1660&L=1>

Call for Papers

14) MeetBike - European Conference on Bicycle Transport and Networking

3 and 4 April 2008 in Dresden, Germany

http://tu-dresden.de/die_tu_dresden/fakultaeten/vkw/ivs/meetbike?set_language=de&cl=en