



AGENDA

Green Week September 15-19, 2008

Objective

The week of September 15-19, 2008 marks the OAS's historic first "Green Week" to promote energy conservation, use of renewable energy, and better practices of agriculture and coastal zone management in the small island developing states to adapt to climate change, and hemispheric actions to minimize carbon emissions and protect forests.

Achievements and lessons learned will be presented on strategic issues such as Sustainable Agriculture and Forests, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Water Resources and Coastal Areas, and Energy Efficiency. OAS advancements through its *10 Steps to Commit* program will demonstrate how OAS facilities have become more energy efficient, retrofitting the buildings to help reduce energy consumption and recycling with a view towards saving 20% in annual energy and recycling 70% of our waste.

PROGRAM

15 September 2008

Aztec Garden

9:30 a.m. Tree Planting Ceremony
(Chair of the Permanent Council, Secretary General, Member States, Invited Guests)

Hall of the Americas

9:45 a.m. **Introductory Remarks**

- H.E. Jose Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, OAS
- H.E. Nestor Mendez, Ambassador, Chair of the Permanent Council and Permanent Representative of the Government of Belize to the OAS

10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: **Sustainable Development in the Americas:
Accomplishments and Lessons Learnt**

- a. Introductory Remarks by the Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, **Cletus I. Springer**
- b. Presentation by Chief, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Mitigation Program, Department of Sustainable Development – **Mark Lambrides**
- c. Presentation by Chief, Land Resources Program, Department of Sustainable Development, **Richard Huber**
- d. Presentation by Deputy Chief, Integrated Water Resources Management Program, Department of Sustainable Development – **Enrique Bello**
- e. Interactive Discussion—permanent representatives and audience participation

11:45 a.m. Closing Remarks

- Ambassador Nestor Mendez, Chair of the Permanent Council and Permanent Representative of Belize to the OAS
- Assistant Secretary-General, Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin

For additional information please see: <http://www.oas.org/dsd>

This program will be webcast.

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