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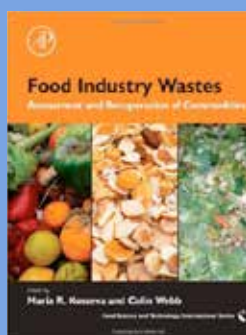
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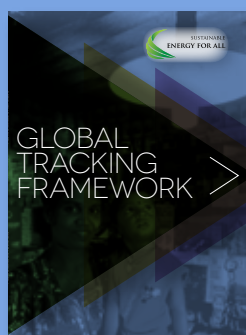
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Food Industry Wastes: Assessment and Recuperation of Commodities presents emerging techniques and opportunities for the treatment of food wastes, the reduction of water footprint, and creating sustainable food systems. Written by a team of experts from around the world, this book provides a guide for implementing bioprocessing techniques. It also helps researchers develop new options for the recuperation of these wastes for community benefit. More than 34 million tons of food waste was generated in the United States in 2009, at a cost of approximately \$43 billion.



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This book critically analyses the ways in which Africa has shifted from the periphery of global trade, international relations and politics to the center of the world stage because of its existing and potential economic prowess and the purchasing power that the continent has to offer.



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China's rate of economic development and social progress in recent decades has been extraordinarily rapid. As is generally the case when a nation industrializes and urbanizes, China's rapidly improving material standards of living have come with a greatly increased per capita demand for natural resources, and a corresponding increase in the environmental pressures associated with extracting, processing, and using these natural resources.

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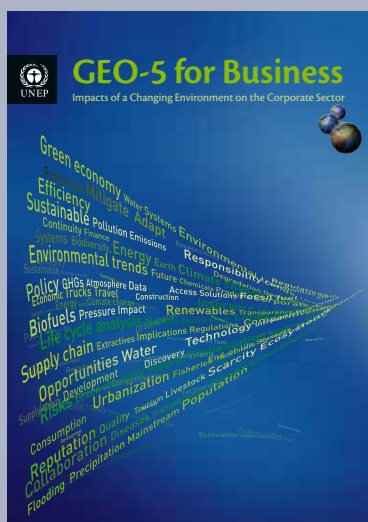
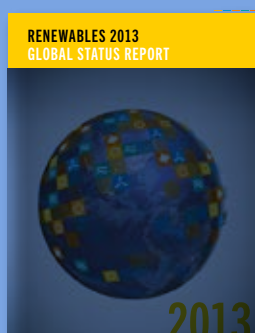
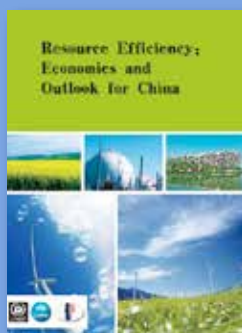
Integrating REDD+ into a green economy transition: Opportunities and challenges

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This paper outlines a rationale for integrating REDD+ within the green economy transition and initiates thinking on how this might be achieved. It brings together the existing literature to consolidate conceptual issues, presents key examples of progress, and highlights the potential challenges and opportunities of including REDD+ in the transition to a green economy. Intended to support the discussions of the Global Symposium on REDD+ in a Green Economy, held in Indonesia in June 2013, the target audience of this paper is the communities of practice both in REDD+ and green economy; this includes policy-makers, civil society organisations and academia.

Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN: The UN system's footprint and efforts to reduce it - 2012 Edition

This fourth edition of Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN is further testament to the progress that we have made towards measuring, reporting and reducing the UN's climate and environmental footprint. At the same time, we still have a long way to go. At the Rio+20 Conference in June 2012, Member States asked the UN to integrate sustainable development considerations more fully into our management practices. UN leaders are strongly moving in this direction.



GEO-5 for Business: Impacts of a Changing Environment on the Corporate Sector

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GEO-5 for Business is written for business leaders who are responsible for ensuring that risks and opportunities are understood, addressed, and turned into long-term competitive advantage for their companies. The report assesses the operational, market, reputational, and policy implications of environmental trends on 10 business sectors. It is based on information derived from existing science, business, policy, and other literature. It also includes brief real-world examples that illustrate the nature of some of these risks and opportunities.



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South South Cooperation Exchange Mechanism

The South-South Cooperation Exchange Mechanism, focusing on environment related issues, provides a platform for practitioners, governments, donors, communities and academia with a wealth of knowledge regarding replicable solutions implemented in the "south".



Reflections

Achim Steiner
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Executive Director.



UNEP is proud to be hosting the United Nation's Global South-South Development Expo 2013 at its headquarters in Kenya—the first time in the history of this event that it is taking place in the developing world.

The increasing levels of trade, cooperation and initiatives between the nations of the global South reflect the rapid geo-political changes of our time. Indeed the Expo - organized around the theme 'Building Inclusive Green Economies', and taking forward many of the outcomes of the Rio+20 Summit - will showcase how solutions to 21st century sustainability challenges are now increasingly being born and developed in the South.

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) - in which 30 developing countries will be assisted over the next seven years by UNEP, the International Labour Organization, the UN Industrial and Development Organization and the UN Institute for Training and Research - is part of that drive as is the UN Development Programme's new centre with Brazil in Rio de Janeiro announced at last year's Summit

UNEP is also assisting in building the capacity of countries, including Small Island Developing States, to make a transition to the green economy, working with CARICOM, and with the support of the European Commission. Direct support to three pilot countries is being put in place: these include St Lucia, which is evolving necessary fiscal and policy reforms across areas ranging from solar power and rainwater harvesting to sustainable bio-ethanol production.

Namibia, Nepal and Peru are collaborating under a UNEP and UN Conference on Trade and Development initiative—supported by Germany-- to maximize the economic, employment and environmental opportunities from biotrade in, for example, aromatic and medicinal plants, thus offering a lifeline to those struggling to overcome poverty in, often far flung, rural communities.

The Global Efficient Lighting Partnership is a public-private initiative involving UNEP, industry partners Philips and Osram and the National Lighting Test Centre in China.

Meanwhile, in the Middle East and North Africa, the en.lighten initiative - as it is called - is supporting 16 countries in making the switch to energy efficient lighting: it has the potential to cut energy costs by an estimated \$3 billion a year, while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

A further Green Economy initiative involving the Energy Centre in Kumasi, Ghana, is working on how best to increase exports of solar power in West Africa. And the Government of The Netherlands and the European Commission have been supporting the UN in speeding up the sharing of knowledge between countries in Africa on how a green economy can be realized within differing developmental landscapes.

It is estimated that Southern trade now accounts for 47 per cent of the global trade, with South-South trade making up at least half of this total. It represents a great opportunity for progressing the Millennium Development Goals and delivering a focused post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The Expo, to which we thank the Government of China and others for their support, affords a real opportunity for those looking for answers to pressing challenges to meet and learn from those who have already seized the opportunities that they present. As Executive Director of UNEP, I and my staff welcome you to our home here in East Africa where together we can write the next chapter in the transition to inclusive Green Economies.



South Africa - an emerging market with an abundant supply of natural resources - ranks as the world's third most mega-biodiverse country. It recognises the need to balance economic and other development goals with environmental sustainability to benefit present and future generations.

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