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Dear colleagues and friends,

We would like to share with you some of the latest work of the Global Environmental Governance Project. For further information and updates please visit our website:

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Global Environmental Governance Forum

Forum on Global Environmental Governance convened several generations of environmental leaders, including all Executive Directors of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in June 2009

The [GEG Forum: Reflecting on the Past, Moving into the Future](#) took place from June 28th to July 2nd, 2009 in Glion, Switzerland and brought together the past, present and future architects of the international environmental institutions to connect generations and inspire renewed environmental leadership. Eighty participants from twenty-six countries gathered to rediscover the past, analyze the present and imagine the future of global environmental governance.



Report

The Forum report [Global Environmental Governance in the 21st Century: Way Ahead Wide Open](#) is now available on our website. Based on the main points of discussion at the Forum, the report crafts a vision for moving forward and proposes an Agenda for Action that outlines concrete, practical and realistic steps essential to building momentum in the reform process.

Emerging Leaders

Thirteen [Emerging Environmental Leaders](#) from around the world had been recruited through a competitive application process to participate in the GEG Forum. They were joined by five [Catto Fellows](#) of the Aspen Institute. Each Emerging Leader had made a personal commitment to advance global environmental governance and expand the impact of the Forum.



GEG Film

Documentaries

The Global Environmental Governance Project has produced two documentaries to date: [Global Environmental Governance: Way Ahead not Closed](#), which features the historic reunion of all five successive Executive Directors of UNEP, and [Quest for Symphony](#), a 16-minute "white paper" on global environmental governance in images. A number of short videos from the Forum are also online. If you would like a DVD of either film please write to info@environmentalgovernance.org with your mailing address.

Emerging Leader on "Eco Show" in Kenya



Philip Osano, a Doctoral Candidate at McGill University, and one of the GEG Emerging Leaders, was a special guest for "Eco Show," a TV program of Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) in September 2009. The topic was Global Environmental Governance. "Eco Show" can be viewed online [here](#).

GEG Network

Facebook

The Global Environmental Governance Project has presence on the social networking site [Facebook](#). [Our Facebook page](#) seeks to connect people interested in environmental governance and is accessible to anyone with a Facebook account. You can become a fan and will be apprised whenever we post a news item.

Current News

Consultative Group of Ministers or High-Level Representatives on International Environmental Governance Meets in Rome

The second meeting of the Consultative Group of Ministers convened October 28-29 in Rome to think through options for international environmental governance reform. This session succeeded the group's [initial meeting in Belgrade](#), Serbia in June 2009. The process was launched at the 25th session of UNEP's Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum in February 2009 taking over from the informal consultations on the topic carried out in the UN General Assembly from 2006 to 2008.

Among the key conclusions of the Group are that any governance reform should be based on the 'form follows function' principle, that the environmental governance debate must take place in the context of sustainable development, and that incremental and transformational reforms can be discussed simultaneously. The Consultative Group is expected to present a set of options for improving international environmental governance to the UNEP Governing Council at its eleventh special session in Bali, Indonesia, in February 2010.

Among the outputs of the Rome meeting is an [article in The Guardian](#) by its co-chairs - the environment ministers of Italy and Kenya - calling for renewed environmental architecture and possibly a World Environment Organization.

Events

Aspen Forum on Global Environmental Governance

In collaboration with the Aspen Institute Italia and the Aspen Institute Inaugural Class of Catto Fellows, the [Aspen Institute Energy and Environment Program](#) convened forty experts from governments, NGOs, and academia to promote and advance leadership and innovation in global environmental governance. The [International Forum on Global Environmental Governance](#) took place at the Embassy of Italy to the United States in Washington, DC, on October 27-28, 2009.

London School of Economics "International Court for the Environment" Debate

Would an International Court for the Environment benefit the global environmental law system? To stimulate discussion on this topic, the London School of Economics (LSE) is hosting a debate on the role an International Court could play in international environmental law. Former Director of LSE and Professor Emeritus Lord Anthony Giddens will lead the discussion, with input from other prominent scholars. Work of the [Centre for the Study of Global Governance](#) will be introduced before the panelists debate various aspects of a proposed ICE. The event will take place in the New Academic Building, Wolfson Theatre London on Sunday, November 14, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. To register and reserve your free tickets, please [click here](#).



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We would be grateful for your input, ideas and comments on our posts and publications.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Ivanova".

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