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### United Nations World Environment Day 2010 ENERGY GLOBE – The world award for sustainability

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- 10:00:01 Many Species. One Planet. One Future - the humanity on our planet is of central importance. Instead of taking whatever we want, we urgently need to find a new way together - humans AND nature. We are obliged to save the basic elements of our life, our nature and our planet - earth, fire, water, air and youth.
- 10:00:44 Logo Energy Globe
- 10:00:52 Today, the eyes of the world are focused on Rwanda, the country that became the center of international attention due to its 1994 genocide in which an estimated 800,000 people were killed. Since then the nation has recovered and is now considered a role model for developing countries. In 2009 Rwanda was labelled as Africa's biggest success story, having achieved stability, economic growth and international integration. The 'land of a thousand hills' is developing forward-looking strategies including a ban on plastic bags, nationwide environmental clean-up campaigns and the restoration of natural rain forests.
- 10:01:52 The central message of the World Environment Day - "Many Species. One Planet. One Future", is highly appropriate for Rwanda. This day is intended to be a great global celebration of positive environmental action, coordinated by the UNEP. Rwanda's combination of environmental richness and pioneering green policies is among the reasons why the UNEP is celebrating here.
- 10:02:20 The opening ceremony of the World Environment Day will be the "Energy Globe Award", in which people from around the world come together to celebrate the best developments in sustainable solutions. The goal is to present successful projects to a broad audience, for many of our environmental problems already have good, feasible solutions.
- 10:02:50 Head of the organizational team of the Energy Globe Award is Austrian Wolfgang Neumann, who has organised the event with his crew for 11 years. Each year, some 800 projects and initiatives from all over the world are submitted to compete for the awards.
- 10:03:08 STATEMENT WOLFGANG NEUMANN, GEG Agency, organizer - in German  
*Wir sind sehr stolz, dass wir hier das erste Mal mit UNEP gemeinsam eine derartig große Veranstaltung machen können, wir mit Energy Globe, UNEP mit dem Weltumweltag. Ich glaub, das ist wirklich eine ganz tolle Geschichte, in der wir der Welt zeigen können, welche guten und sinnvollen Energieprojekte es gibt.*

*We're very proud, that we're able to stage a project like this together with the UNEP. We, the producers of the Energy Globe and the UNEP with the World Environment Day. I think it's really important to show the world, what kind of good and sensible energy projects currently exist.*

10:03:26 **WATER**

10:03:27 And the winner of this years Energy Globe in the category "Water" is the Indian project - "River from the Sky".

10:03:37 **INDIEN**

Life is a heavy burden: This „Matka“ weighs 15 kilos. Neela spends hours each day fetching water for her family in one of India's driest states: Rajasthan. The solution is "Aakash Ganga", or „RIVER FROM THE SKY“. Shalesh Giri is the local project manager of this strikingly simple system: You channel rooftop rainwater from every house through gutters and pipe it to a network of multi-tier underground reservoirs - sufficient to meet the drinking needs for a full year. The original idea came from Dr. BP Agrawal, a visionary social entrepreneur with a mind for pioneering technologies.

STATEMENT DR.BP AGRAWAL

*"Aakash Ganga" philosophy is to modernize the century old traditions of rainwater harvesting in India."*

Singing and praying play a great part in implanting the idea of this new water system in the people's minds. Aakash Ganga has been built in 6 villages. 70 more are to follow: safe drinking water for 200,000! And children don't fall sick any more. Water supports life!

10:04:54 STATEMENT BP AGRAWAL, project India, „River from the Sky“ in English  
*We already have a pretty large and ambitious plan. Our aim is to implement Aakash Ganga in 100 villages providing drinking water to a quarter million people by 2013.*

10:05:07 **EARTH**

10:05:08 And Madagascar was the country that took home the award for the "Best Idea in the Category Earth".

10:05:21 **MADAGASKAR/MAURITIUS**

Mother Earth is turning pale. Huge areas were recklessly deforested. Urgently wanted: green heroes! Like Vinah Ganoo and "SEEDS OF HOPE". A trip to Madagascar in 1994 turned her into a keen nature lover, fascinated by the extraordinary natural heritage. But she was also struck by the deprivation and bleakness of the poor communities. According to her principle „Think and act“ she founded „Flora Marketing“. Today, about 2500 farmers in 500 villages have jobs: they harvest and sell seeds, and earn more than from cutting down trees! Meanwhile, 500 different plant species are being exported. It makes Vinah Ganoo happy to know that more than 100 million plants from their seeds are now growing in more than 45 countries.

STATEMENT VINAH GANOO:

*"I believe that we human beings we have the capacity to reason and we have to speak in the name of all the plant species that exist so we continue our green revolution for the coming generations."*

And her work is an invaluable contribution to biodiversity. More green for planet Earth.

10:06:43      STATEMENT VINAH GANOO, project Mauritius, „Seeds of Hope“ in English  
*Well, I'm investing in new species of plants and I'm learning to find new ways to find biofuel - plants that can be used for the future generation.*

10:06:56      **FIRE**

10:06:57      In the category "Fire" it was the Norwegian idea of a floating power plant that won over the hearts of the jury members.

10:07:08      **NORWEGEN**  
New technologies enjoy a fair wind - but what if it won't blow? "A FLOATING POWER PLANT". On the open sea there is always a breeze. And the turbines don't bother anyone. Finn Gunnar Nielsen is a pioneer in marine technology. He built the world's first-ever floating wind generator: „Hywind“ - for Norway's Statoil Company. He spent 10 years planning it. Seaborne turbines are a king's way: here the wind is the strongest and the most consistent. The steel structure is connected to the ocean floor. Its three pillars can even be anchored at a depth of up to 700 metres.

STATEMENT FINN GUNNAR NIELSEN:

*"I like to understand the basic physics of things surrounding me.  
The deeper the roots the higher the reach."*

For one year now this pilot installation has been operating off Norway's west coast, delivering green electricity from wind power. A new idea for the world's future supply of renewable energy. A wind of change.

10:08:21      STATEMENT FINN GUNNAR NIELSEN, project Norway, „A Floating Power Plant“ in English  
*The project is presently as we stand here running and we are harvesting an enormous amount of data to understand how it behaves, to improve the design and at the same time we are looking for new sights world wide in fact where we can do the next step, build more units and really on a commercial scale.*

10:08:48      There had been over 800 entries from 104 countries, so there weren't only the 15 selected main nominees but many national award winners as well. This colorful congregation of international participants was introduced to the attendees of the award ceremony.

10:09:14      **AIR**

10:09:15      And cleaner air for the future brought the win in the category "Air" to Taiwan and Jacky Lin.

10:09:31      **TAIWAN**

Over 6 billion tons of carbon were produced last year by traffic. “That’s no good!” „GREENER CARS!“ Jacky Lin had a brainwave 2 years ago, when a close friend of his died in a gas explosion. The incident triggered the development of his „HybridFuelSystem“: fuel plus water. This little box produces an oxygen-hydrogen mix, which is fed into the engine along with any kind of fuel. The cleaner combustion cuts fuel consumption by about 20%. Jacky likes to think beyond being green. He thinks blue. Blue water and clear blue skies.

STATEMENT JACKY LIN:

*“It’s hard to launch a new product but our strong will has prevailed.”*

The system is flexible enough for a tremendous variety of engine sizes, configurations and manufacturers. It’s a double victory: greater energy efficiency and fewer harmful emissions. Cleaner air for tomorrow.

10:10:35 STATEMENT JACKY LIN, project Taiwan, „Greener Cars“ in Mandarin:  
*“I cannot express how thankful we are. It really does show that the Energy Globe Foundation’s recognition of the projects is an absolutely wonderful contribution towards a cleaner and better world. In the future, we want to make our system even more effective so it can help to further reduce pollution.”*

10:10:57 YOUTH

10:10:58 And as youth is all about learning - “Learning from Nature” convinced the jury most.

10:11:07 ARGENTINIEN

Empty plates, empty stomachs. No good for studying. But this school is far away in the mountains at an altitude of almost 2.000 metres - food can only be delivered on horseback. The solution to this problem is also a welcome addition to the curriculum: „LEARNING FROM NATURE“. Going self-sufficient. The students produce their own organic fruit, vegetables and meat. Even the bees help out. The project coordinator is Ana Trabucco. Her objective: hand over an intact planet to future generations.

STATEMENT ANA TRABUCCO:

*„The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist hopes it will change. The realist adjusts the sails“*

The result is not only the experience of nature but also the understanding of entire systems and cycles. Like making compost. And above all: This is always about renewable energy, too. Wholesome school meals have enormously improved the children’s grades. Success with a future.

10:12:22 STATEMENT ANA TRABUCCO, project Argentina, „Learning From Nature“ in Spanish  
*We now want to continue with this project in other places with the help of the government.*

10:12:30 Not only the winners in the 5 categories have been chosen, but also one World Award Winner - to decide who receives this special award all those acted as jury members. The congenial Indian Project in the category water took the hearts of

the guests in a storm and so BP Agrawal has been the chosen one for something special - to name a Gorilla baby.

- 10:13:27 Kwita Izina is a Rwandan ceremony, in which a name is given to a new born baby gorilla. It has been part of the Rwandan tradition for hundreds of years. The ceremony's main purpose is to help monitor each individual gorilla and their groups in their natural habitat. It was created as a means of emphasizing the importance of protecting the mountain gorillas.
- 10:13:53 Even Hollywood Stars attended this huge environment celebration like Don Cheadle, who was nominated for the Academy Award for his role in the movie Hotel Rwanda.
- 10:14:03 STATEMENT DON CHEADLE, actor and film producer in English  
*The first time I was here was after we filmed the movie, after we filmed Hotel Rwanda, I came back, at that Christmas and I spent time with the president and he was very gracious and sent his boat to pick us out and we came to his house. I came to his house with my children and I visited the museum, a very modern museum of the Genozide and it was a wonderful experience.*
- 10:14:32 Along with the preservation of its traditions, Ruanda has already taken the first steps towards shaping a better future. And so this year there is one extra award - given to Rwanda for special achievements.
- 10:15:04 STATEMENT PAUL KAGAME, President of Rwanda in English  
*We are all interconnected and interdependend, I think the good thing happening here in Rwanda can have impact in other parts of the world. Or other parts of the world what ever happens there we end up having an affect in one way or the other in our own country. There is this interconnectedness and interdependence that we - over the time we come to understand that comes very clear of how we are dealing with environment.*
- 10:15:43 For the Energy Globe Award, the ceremony in Rwanda was a huge success!
- 10:15:50 STATEMENT WOLFGANG NEUMANN, GEG Agency, organizer in German  
*Es war die richtige Entscheidung hier dorthin zu gehen, wo eigentlich das Thema am wichtigsten ist. Wir haben die Akzeptanz von allen gefunden. Wir wollen diesen Weg gemeinsam mit der UNEP weitertragen und es gibt gerade Diskussionen ob man nächstes Jahr gemeinsam in Indien etwas macht.*  
  
*It was the right decision to come here, where the topic energy is the most important. We were accepted by everyone. We want to continue on this path together with the UNEP.*
- 10:16:02 The Energy Globe Award taking place in Rwanda, a nation considered as a role model for developing countries, is one big sign pointing in the right direction - for humankind and for nature. We must all follow, so whoever wants to take part next year can now enter their projects.  
  
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