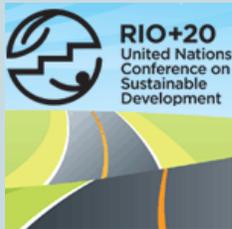




## The Road to Rio+20



The UN Conference for Sustainable Development, or the Rio+20 Conference, attracts world leaders and thousands of attendees from all sectors: private, government, public and more. *'The Future We Want'* is the theme of this event and we are sending a team to showcase our work and deliver crucial training to attendees who then take the learning back to their own countries.

Within this newsletter, we highlight some of the key programmes that are attending Rio +20, what we are planning and what we are hoping to achieve at this global event.

### Dear Reader,

We are delighted to send you the Spring Newsletter of the [United Nations Institute for Training and Research](#) (UNITAR). In this issue, we provide information about what UNITAR's key programmes are doing 'On the Road to Rio+20'.



Your feedback counts! We are enthusiastic to find out what you think about this e-Newsletter, its content and its relevance to you, our loyal readers. Please send us your comments or feedback to: [communications@unitar.org](mailto:communications@unitar.org).

Happy reading!

### Testimonial



*"It's these sorts of seminars that can lead to new ideas and solutions"*

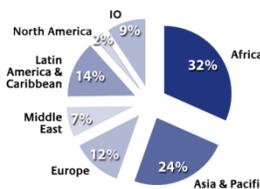
Ambassador Woolcott, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations in Geneva, Chair-designate of the 2012 PrepCom for the 2015 NPT Review Conference

### Green Economy: New e-Learning course



This UNITAR and UNEP partnership e-course has been designed for a wide audience. It aims at enhancing participants' knowledge of different concepts and facets of

### 'All-time high!' UNITAR reached out to more than 50,000 beneficiaries in 2010-11



In 2010-2011, we delivered 435 events across the world, reaching out to 50,609 beneficiaries. This represented an

all-time high. Ninety-four per cent of respondents voiced overall satisfaction with the events.

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### Green Dreams campaign gains ground ahead of Rio+20

Campaigning for a Sustainable Future through 'Dream-Catching', the Green Dreams campaign is an open call for youth to speak out through films of their own creation. These messages are separated into 14 categories and then are sent to local decision makers, to encourage them to take action for more local green growth.



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### African negotiators gear up for Rio+20

Three months prior to the Rio+20, negotiators met in the New York and agreed to unite for a common goal. The

the green economy, as well as global, national and sector-specific challenges and opportunities to advance low-carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive development.

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## New Partnerships



German Government pledges a US\$ 1.6 Million grant, to support the project for "[Enhancing the Capacity of African Peacekeeping Training Institutions through the Training of Trainers \(ToT\)](#)."

Meeting the increasing demand for skilled labour and business creation in the Tunisian green sector, through a signed [Memorandum of Understanding](#), between UNITAR and UNOPS – the United Nations Office for Project Services.

## Announcements



A 'Rio to Rio' chemical safety success story is being told at the Rio+20 Conference. [Read more](#)

UNITAR and World Trade Institute (University of Bern) are offering an executive level e-Learning course on [Trade, Energy and Climate Change](#) from 16 April to 18 May 2012.

UNOSAT released the electronic version of its 2011 BRIEF which is dedicated to [Satellite Applications for Human Security](#).

[Peacekeeping training courses](#) with no cost are being offered in India this summer.

workshop provided participants with the chance to build consensus, and implement a vision for sustainable development in Africa.

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## A strong governance framework is critical for advancing sustainable development



"Any institutional framework must strike a balance between the three pillars of sustainable development and must provide adequate provisions for effective participation of stakeholders."

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## UNITAR Events at Rio+20

More events are being organized prior and during the Rio+20. Our website will be updated as the conference approaches.

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## Online Catalogue and Virtual Learning Environment



UNITAR offers more than 400 events per year. Check out our [e-Learning courses](#) and other [UNITAR events](#) in our Online Catalogue.

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