

# The Hague Conference on

# ENVIRONMENT, SECURITY & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

Experts predicted that environmental change was to be *the* security concern of the 21st Century. Today, however, competing crises brought on by terrorism, infectious diseases and economic instability are at the top of the security agenda. Is environment still a security concern? How does a focus on environmental security help us in coming up with practical solutions for making the world a safer and more sustainable place?

How do the various international environmental conventions relate to environmental security? Are new approaches to governance needed? Or is it 'just' a matter of better implementing the existing ones? Can new and innovative financial mechanisms and payment systems for environmental goods and services promote global environmental security? How can education, training and awareness building programs contribute to meeting emerging environmental security challenges?

These and other issues will be the focus of a comprehensive international *Conference on Environment, Security and Sustainable Development* to be attended by senior decision makers and representatives from governments, non governmental organisations, development institutions, the private sector, and academia, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, 9-12 May 2004.

### Conference Organising Committee

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## OBJECTIVES

The ultimate objective is to **promote more sustainable relationships** between people, their environment and the natural resources they depend on for their well-being on the basis of precaution, equity, efficiency and choice. This will require building understanding of the relationship between environment and security, and how this relationship affects sustainable development.

The short-term objectives, intended to be met by this conference include:

- To **define integrated science-based, diplomatic, legal, financial and educational approaches** for increasing environmental security for all, as a basis for sustainable development;
- To demonstrate the need for and **motivate policy changes** among governments, international organisations, environment and conservation organisations, the military and security community, development organisations and donor agencies, and the private sector;
- To bring together key actors in this field and **forge new partnerships** among them; and,
- To **define the framework for a multi-sector initiative** by the international community to identify and implement cost-effective tools for enhancing environmental security, thereby reducing the growing human and economic costs of humanitarian crises.

## RESULTS AND FOLLOW-UP

The conference will conclude with the presentation of a Chairman's Summary called "**Pathways to**

**Environmental Security**" incorporating action points related to each of the above objectives along with recommendations directed to forthcoming EU Presidencies and others.

Recommendations will be both policy oriented and practical, including guidelines for addressing environment and security issues in the field.

Other outputs include an annotated bibliography on environment and security and a book containing the working papers updated after the conference.

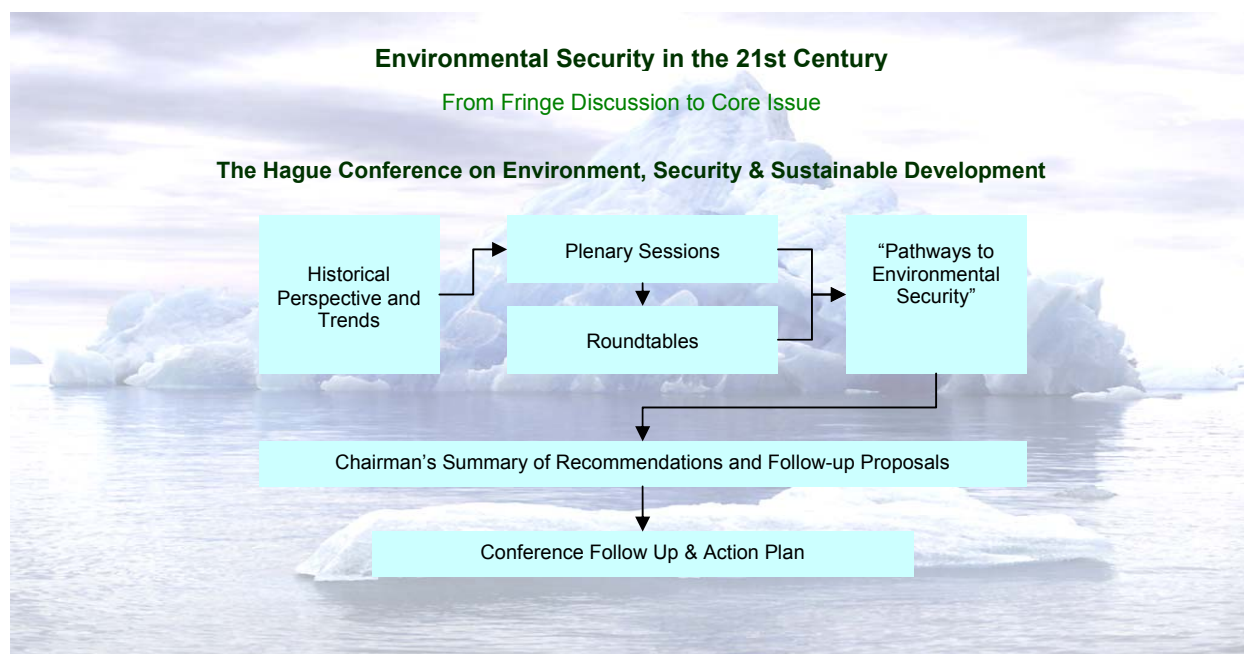
It is also foreseen that the conference should establish continuing working groups related to science, diplomacy, law, finance and education and that there could be smaller annual symposia organised to follow-up on specific themes developed at the conference.

## WORKING PAPERS

In the lead up to the conference, a group of distinguished specialists will be asked to prepare short working papers on specific aspects and presenting policy options.

Each paper will analyse a particular issue or set of issues, describe the current state of debate or negotiations involved, outline the players involved, analyse obstacles and opportunities present and put forward action recommendations for consideration by the conference. Participants will be expected to have read the papers in advance minimising the time needed for introducing them and maximising the amount of time for discussion and debate.

In addition to the main conference working papers, participants are invited to submit other background documents for advance publication on the conference website. The conference secretariat may be contacted for details.



## PLENARY EVENTS

Sunday, 9 May	Opening	Environmental Security in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Institute for Environmental Security & European Centre for Public Affairs
Monday, 10 May	Session 1	The Environment and Security Challenge Institute for Environmental Security
	Session 2	Resources and Sources of Conflict United Nations Environment Programme
	Session 3	International Law and Global Governance Yale Center for Environmental Law & Permanent Court of Arbitration
Tuesday, 11 May	Session 4	Investing in a Secure and Sustainable Future Institute for Environmental Security & TransGlobal Ventures, Inc.
	Session 5	Environmental Opportunities for Peace Building Adelphi Research, Woodrow Wilson Int. Center for Scholars, Green Globe Network
	Session 6	Building Environmental Knowledge Capital for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century EuroCampus Institute & University for Peace
Wednesday, 12 May	Session 7	Science-based Approaches to Environmental Security Institute for Environmental Security & SarVision
	Session 8	Impact of Military / Conflict on the Environment IUCN & The Netherlands Working Group on Ecology and Development
	Session 9	Pathways to Environmental Security Institute for Environmental Security
	Closing	The Way Forward – From Policy to Practice Brookings Institution & Institute for Environmental Security

## KEY NOTE ADDRESSES

Monday, 10 May	Dinner	Speaker to be announced
Tuesday, 11 May	Dinner	Speaker to be announced

## PARALLEL ROUNDTABLES

10 May, 16:00 – 17:30

Round One	Diplomacy	Resources and Conflict: Policy Responses IISD & the IUCN – World Conservation Union
	Law	Implications for Global Governance Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy
	Finance	Building Blocks for a Sustainable Future Institute for Environmental Security & TransGlobal Ventures
	Education	Preparing Civil Society EuroCampus & University for Peace

11 May, 16:00 – 17:30

Round Two	Diplomacy	US and EU Policies on Security and Environment: The Next Four Years Brookings Institution & European Centre for Public Affairs
	Law	Judicial Tools for Prevention and Resolution of Environmental Conflict Permanent Court of Arbitration
	Finance	Financial Solutions for a Secure and Sustainable Future Institute for Environmental Security & TransGlobal Ventures, Inc.
	Education	Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders EuroCampus & University for Peace

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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**DATES AND VENUE:** 9-12 May 2004. The conference will be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague with the opening session beginning at 17:00 on 9 May at the Hotel Carlton Ambassador and the closing session at the Peace Palace ending at 18:00 on 12 May. (See the final programme for details).

**WORKING LANGUAGE:** English

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** As the number of places at the conference will be limited to 200, it may be necessary to make a selection from among interested parties. You should complete a Pre-Registration Form indicating your reasons for wishing to participate, by **30 April 2004**. The form is available on the conference website: [www.envirosecurity.org](http://www.envirosecurity.org) or you may obtain a copy by e-mail or telefax from the conference secretariat.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Until 30 April, a fee of € 300 payable in advance of the conference covers the costs of receptions, dinners, lunches, coffee/tea/water during the sessions and the conference documents. Once your registration is accepted, you will be sent an invoice by e-mail with instructions to pay by cheque or bank transfer. For participants who register after 30 April, the registration fee is € 350.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:** Participants are expected to make their own arrangements for travel to and from the conference including visas, health and travel insurance. The organisers cannot accept any responsibility in these matters. On request, we can issue specific invitations required for visa applications.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** The organisers have negotiated special rates, valid until 30 April, at a number of hotels nearby the Peace Palace. Details are available on the conference website.

**SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:** The organizers welcome inquiries from interested governments, the private sector and others to sponsor the conference. Sponsors will be duly recognized on the conference documentation and website.

## ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

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The Institute for Environmental Security was founded in 2002 to advance global environmental security through Horizon 21, a multidisciplinary work programme integrating the fields of science, diplomacy, international law, finance and education. The conference forms part of the Institute's work programme.

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