

to participate." In the Shinyaga region the situation has become "so serious that women are burning cow dung and crop residue in place of fuelwood," she said. Dr. Misana emphasized the value of training women as professional foresters and extension workers to encourage their participation in tree planting programs. "As it is now, these people tend to reach men more than women," she explained; "and women are not receiving the information they require to make sound resource-use decisions."

"Women's initiation into the forestry sector should begin when they are young," Dr. Misana added, noting the small percentage of women students in the Geography Department. "The numbers (of women) vary from year to year, but never exceed those for men," she stated. If you wish to contact Dr S.B.Misana, write to:

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Future Events

Women and Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean

March 19-22, 1991
Quito, Ecuador

Organized by **Fundacion Natura** and **CEPLAES** (Ecuadorian Center for Planning and Social Studies) and sponsored by the **United Nations Environment Program**, this meeting will examine the participation of Latin American and Caribbean women in the following areas:

- Current population policies in the region and their relation to women and the environment;
- The role of women in natural resource management (water, firewood, food, soils);
- Sanitation systems and waste disposal and their relation to the quality of life for women in rural sectors and poor urban areas;
- Appropriate technologies and their impact on women's lives (energy production, agricultural production, sanitation systems and recycling);
- Organizations and other social movements to develop and strengthen the links between women and the environment.

The first regional conference of its kind, this meeting aims to develop proposals

and strategies from women in Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for the **United Nations Conference on Environment and Development** in Brazil, 1992.

For more information, contact CEPLAES, Casilla 6127, CCI, Quito, Ecuador. Fax: 434-449

Thirteenth IOCU World Congress

July 8-12, 1991
Hong Kong

Consumers around the world are starting to look at their buying habits as part of overall lifestyle changes which are necessary for sustainable development. Green consumerism, or consumption with an environmental conscience, has come of age and is now a global concern and area of action for citizens groups.

"The Age of the Green Consumer" is one of three major themes to be discussed at the 13th **International Organization of Consumer Unions (IOCU) World Congress**, scheduled for July, 1991 in Hong Kong.

Consumer groups are invited to help organizers identify activities, speakers and publications that deal specifically with this topic.

For more information, contact: **IOCU-ROAP**, P.O. Box 1045, 10830 Penang, Malaysia.

**“Partners in Life”
Global Assembly of
Women and the
Environment**

November 4-8, 1991
Miami, Florida (USA)

Convened by the Senior Women’s Advisory Group on Sustainable Development of the United Nations Environment Program in cooperation with U.N. agencies, the **Global Assembly of Women and the Environment**, is a forum for women to present their activities and success stories in the areas of water; wastes; environmentally friendly systems; products and technologies; and energy as it relates to climate change.

The Assembly will provide an important opportunity for women to demonstrate their environmental solutions to those interested in achieving sustainable development throughout the world, and the contribution women are making. A highlight of the Assembly will be the presentation of Success Stories in which women’s leadership and/or their participation has been the primary factor. These experiences must be “repeatable, affordable, sustainable and visible” and should demonstrate that environment degradation was avoided or repaired.

For more information, see article preceding on Global Assembly, and write to: **World Women and Environment**, 1331 “H” Street, N.W., Suite 903, Washington, D.C. 20005, USA.

World Women’s Congress

November 8-12, 1991
Miami, Florida (USA)

In preparation for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil, 1992, the **Women’s International Policy Action Committee on Environment and Development** is inviting women from around the world to plan a global campaign with the following objectives:

- Increase women’s influence on the decisions taken at national and international levels in the areas of environment and economic development;
- Achieve equal participation by women in the design of policies related to this topic;

- Advocate freedom of choice in family planning matters and reproductive rights;
- Protect nature to guarantee the health of the planet;
- Redefine the concept of development and stop the exploitation of women in poor nations.

For more information, contact:

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