

## **New UNEP Report - “The Environmental Food Crisis: The Environment’s Role in Averting Future Food Crises”**

Speaking at the launch of the report “The Environmental Food Crisis: The Environment’s Role in Averting Future Food Crises,” UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director Achim Steiner stated that reversing environmental degradation and investing in ecological infrastructure such as forests, soils and water bodies is part of the Green Economy solution.

Noting that the economic models and management approaches of the 21st century will not support a growing world population, Steiner stressed the need to manage nature-based inputs, in particular the food and agriculture chain, in more efficient and sustainable ways.

At the launch event, which took place on the side of the 17th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) in New York, US, he also pointed to opportunities to diversify livelihoods and incomes via the emerging carbon markets, including renewable energy and income from conserving forest, soil and vegetation cover to sequester carbon.(...)

The report on the environmental food crisis provides an overview of how environmental stresses such as climate change, water stress, invasive pests and land degradation may impact food prices and world food security, and proposes a seven-point plan to reduce the risk of hunger and rising food insecurity in the 21st century. (...)

For information:

<http://climate-l.org/2009/05/15/unep-executive-director-calls-for-investments-in-ecological-infrastructure/>

## **UNEP Press Release:**

<http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=585&ArticleID=6170&lang=en&t=long>

## The new UNEP Report:

<http://www.grida.no/publications/rr/food-crisis/>

L'articolo:

<http://www.vglobale.it/NewsRoom/index.php?News=5674>

