



**Business Council for
Sustainable Development
United Kingdom**

BCSD-UK UPDATE – August 2007

An update report from The Business Council for Sustainable Development – United Kingdom, the only affiliated branch in the UK of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. This report is circulated to members and contacts.

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1: Scottish Summit - November 6

The BCSD-UK Scottish Sustainable Development Business Summit to be staged at the SECC Glasgow on November 6th will be used to inform the Scottish business community about the BCSD-UK programme of activity and especially to announce consultation plans in Scotland to do with emerging BCSD-UK new projects. Subjects to be covered by the Summit will include: **Build and Construction** including two new projects - one on energy efficiency in buildings and one on helping develop a supply chain on eco build and construction; **Climate Change and Carbon Economy; Distributed Energy** including reports from the Business Task Force on Sustainable Consumption and Production (BTFSCP); **Food Security; Mobility** with another report from the BTFSCP; **Resources**.

2: BCSD-UK General Meeting - September 18

The BCSD-UK General Meeting to be held at Lloyds TSB, London on September 18th will feature John Firth from Acclimatise explaining why carbon neutral is not climate proof.

3: Project activity

As of late August 07 our project activity includes:

- WindSupply – in action
- EEB-UK – under development
- Eco B&C – under development
- Food Security – at concept development stage

Under development are the two projects - EEB-UK and Eco Build and Construction, led by Arup and WSP respectively. Both have been given mandates to go to full business plans by the BCSD-UK Management Committee. Both are in consultative activity. Both will give update reports at the Scottish Summit where it will also be announced that we wish to consult with the Scottish business community. A consultation event has already been held by Arup on the EEB-UK project. The April 08 Summit in Nottingham becomes the target for launches or pre-launch announcements on both of these.

The potential Food Security project responds to an idea first voiced by Richard Heathcote at Scottish & Newcastle and now being explored by a small group of members including myself.

4: WBCSD EEB Project

Our own EEB-UK project relates directly to that of the World Business Council's global project and to the activity of WBCSD branches around the world. The latest report from the WBCSD's project can be seen in the Members Area.

5: Monthly statement from WBCSD President

BCSD-UK members can see the latest monthly message from World Business Council President, Bjorn Stigson on the BCSD-UK web site Members' section. In it he declares why he currently feels both optimistic and doubtful.

6: (IISD) recently released a CSR guide

Received from the World Business Council:

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) recently released a CSR guide which it was commissioned to write by the Canadian Government. The guide is available as a FREE download from the IISD website:

http://www.iisd.org/pdf/2007/csr_guide.pdf

This guide, designed for businesses operating in the international context, provides an overview of the basic steps to, and instruments for, implementing a

CSR strategy adapted specifically to your business or organizational context. The guide also includes a list of CSR organizations, key international CSR instruments and non-governmental CSR-related codes and standards initiatives.

7: BWEA comment on energy from wind in the UK

From British Wind Energy Association Media Statement Aug 13 - full copy available via 0121 693 8336

UK renewable energy industry can meet EU 2020 target with effective Government support

It is simply wrong for civil servants to now suggest that the 20% EU target cannot be met – the UK wind energy industry is confident that it can meet these new renewable objectives if the Government takes the necessary measures to support it.

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