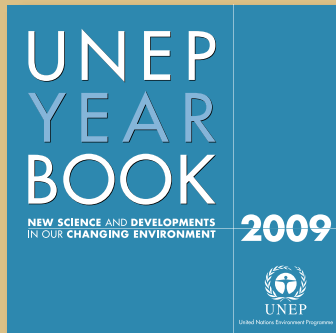


books

The UNEP Year Book 2009

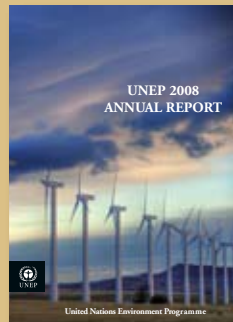


The UNEP Year Book 2009 presents selected new scientific findings and events from 2008 that are likely to shape important environmental issues and trends in the coming year. The content relates to UNEP's six thematic priority areas and contains a cross-cutting thematic discussion of the cumulative effects of pressing environmental issues and problems. Climate change is linked to ecosystem stress, resulting in loss of sequestered carbon, ecosystem degradation and increasing human

vulnerability to more frequent climate-related disasters. Other cumulative effects include intensive agricultural practices and mismanagement of harmful substances leading to ecosystem damage; agricultural resource inefficiencies that combine with changing climate to erode soils and contaminate water resources; and climate change-related ice melt that releases hazardous substances into rivers and ecosystems.

UNEP 2008 Annual Report

Providing an overview of UNEP's activities in 2008, this report looks at a broad range of activities carried out by the organisation as it follows its mandate to provide environmental leadership and promote sustainable development. Highlights of the year include rapid progress on UNEP reform process, the launch of the Green Economy initiative, and renewed impetus under the slogan 'Unite to Combat Climate Change' towards an inclusive, comprehensive and ratifiable deal at the climate conference in Copenhagen in 2009.



Kenya: Atlas of Our Changing Environment

Through the use of satellite data, photographs, graphics and site-specific case studies, this 200-page atlas highlights environmental change in Kenya. It looks at the country's mountains, forests, water bodies and national parks, chronicling the evolution of the country's environment over the last few decades and the ecological challenges and opportunities facing the country.



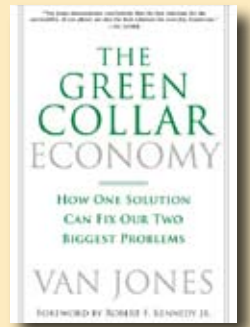
UNEP Final Environmental Assessment of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

This report assesses the environmental legacy of the Beijing Games as part of UNEP's work to advise the Olympic organisers on how to green the Olympics. It looks at the green measures taken by the organising committee and evaluates how much they improved the environment of the Games, as well as helping to green Beijing and its region. The report makes recommendations on how to use the lessons learned from the Games to further improve the environment in Beijing and China. It also makes recommendations to the International Olympic Committee on strengthening the environmental aspects of their work for future Olympic Games.

The Green Collar Economy — How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems

Van Jones (HarperOne, 2008)

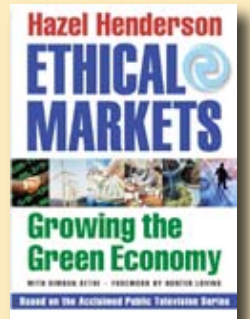
In this book, *Our Planet* author Van Jones says the 'investment' wave of environmentalism can solve the two major challenges the U.S. currently faces – socio-economic inequality and huge ecological problems. He argues that if industry players want to take advantage of growing consumer demand for green solutions, they will have to follow principles of inclusiveness as well as conservation and inventiveness to create "broad opportunity and shared prosperity" for citizens at all levels of society.



Ethical Markets — Growing the Green Economy

Hazel Henderson, Simran Sethi (Chelsea Green Publishing, 2007)

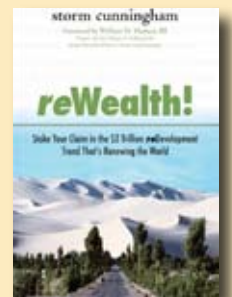
This book takes an inside look at the rapidly booming green economy and argues that the transition to a sustainable future is possible with existing technologies and conceptual models. Using a mix of statistics, analyses and interviews with entrepreneurs, environmentalists, scientists, and professionals, the authors illustrate the highly successful growth of green businesses around the world.



reWealth!

Storm Cunningham (McGraw Hill, 2008)

Storm Cunningham looks at the ways in which entrepreneurs, investors, professionals, and community leaders can revitalise communities and the planet. By renewing what has been developed and repairing the damage that has already been done, we can all restore nature's assets.



Global Warming and Climate Change — Ten Years after Kyoto and Still Counting

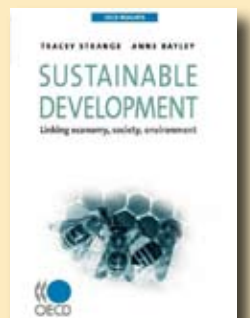
(Science Publishers, 2008)

Through an analysis of the international climate change negotiations, this book argues that in the coming years it is politics – not policies – that will determine the way forward as we try to tackle global warming. The authors provide a wealth of scientific facts on climate change and its impact on human health, along with in-depth analyses of key areas like adaptation.

Sustainable Development – Linking Economy, Society, Environment

(OECD, 2008)

This report by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development provides a succinct examination of the concept of sustainable development: what it means; how it is impacted by globalisation, production and consumption; how it can be measured; and what can be done to promote it. As global inequality and climate change become mainstream concerns, the report asks our generation's key questions in crisp, clear and accessible terms.



w w w . u n e p . o r g / p u b l i c a t i o n s