

Earth Summit 2012 EEA events

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'Rio 2.0 — A New World' Film premiere

The EEA event on 17 June will culminate with the premiere of the new feature film 'Rio 2.0 — A New World', produced by the EEA in partnership with UNEP. The film focuses on sustainable consumption and issues connected to mining and rare earths, as well as the growing problems caused by e-waste — alerting us to the environmental implications of buying our next electronic gadget. The film highlights positive examples of innovative ways to improve resource efficiency, such as the Wonderbag. The screening will be followed by an informal debate on the subject of living sustainably.



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20 June (tbc) in Rio de Janeiro

EEA side event: 'Sharing environmental information — SEIS and Eye on Earth'

This side event will form a part of the official summit programme and aims to identify how to build on European progress already made in facilitating the global sharing of environmental information. It will provide a concise explanation of Europe's Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) and its principles and foundations.

Speakers will examine the progress made in implementing SEIS in the EU and pan-European regions. This section will include a recap of the significant momentum from recent international events such as the Seventh UNECE Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Astana, Kazakhstan, and the Eye on Earth Summit in Abu Dhabi. Both events were pivotal in securing support and commitments for EEA's Eye on Earth global public environmental information service.

The EEA will also participate in and contribute to other Rio+20-related events. Some examples:

- The EEA will collaborate with the European Commission in the EU pavilion in Rio during the summit, where key EEA reports and other documentation will be made available.
- Side event in Rio, 19 June, with The Access Initiative, UNEP and other partners on 'Transparency, public participation and accountability to improve national, regional and global governance for sustainable development'.
- Side event, press conference and sharing of the EU pavilion at the World Water Forum 11–17 March in Marseille.
- Workshop in Copenhagen 2–3 May organised with the Danish Environment Ministry and the World Business Council on Sustainable Development that will address perspectives and opportunities for business models to foster and support sustainable consumption patterns. The results of this will be discussed at an EEA/WBCSD side event in Rio.

For more details about the events above and other EEA activities related to Rio+20: www.eea.europa.eu/rio2012

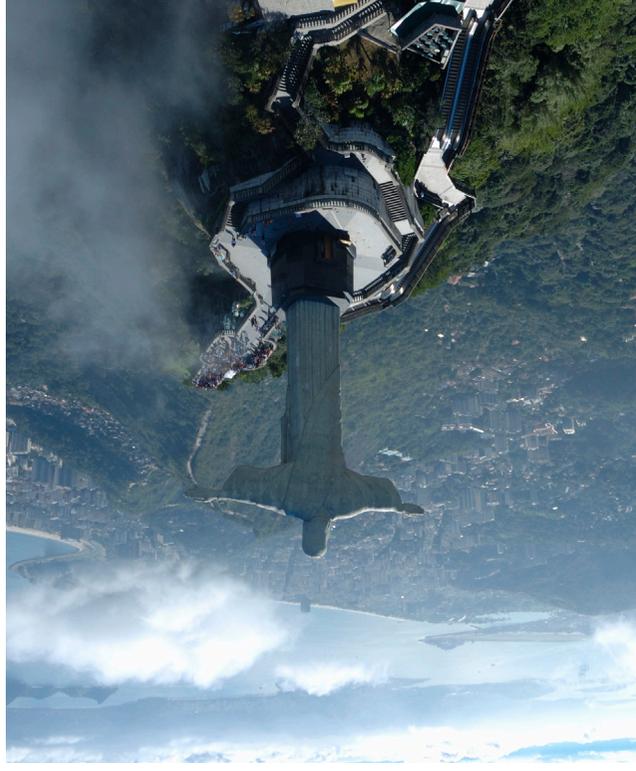
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The UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) — Rio 2012 Earth Summit or Rio+20 — aims to secure renewed political commitment to sustainable development, to see how much progress has been made towards agreed goals and look at the new and emerging challenges. The summit will be focusing on two specific themes: poverty eradication and sustainable development in the context of a green economy and an institutional framework for sustainable development.

The EEA will participate in the summit in several ways: supporting the EU delegation and the Danish presidency; hosting EEA events; and co-organising events with other international organisations and the host country of Brazil.

Save these dates for the following EEA events:

5 June in Copenhagen

Awards ceremony for the video competition 'Generation 92'

The video competition 'Generation 92' offers the opportunity for young Europeans to present their vision of a sustainable future on video. A total of EUR 6 000 in cash prizes will be awarded during the ceremony taking place on 5 June, coinciding with World Environment Day.

The EEA is looking for contributions from young people with a fresh vision of how to solve the most pressing environmental problems. Eligible contestants are those born in 1991, 1992 or 1993. Contestants must be a citizen of an EEA member or cooperating country, or Greenland, and have a passion for the environment. Videos must be between 30 seconds and two minutes in length, and show the contestant's vision of what sustainable living might look like in 20 years' time. There will also be an opportunity for the public to vote for their favourite video via social media.

16–17 June in Rio de Janeiro

Sustainable living event: Field excursion: 'Returning to our roots'

On 16 June a restricted event with 20–30 participants will bring together some of the world's leading chefs and various thought-leaders to explore ways of protecting biodiversity, while preserving and developing flavours and culinary methods for a new type of cuisine.

Sustainable living event: Symposium on 'Sustaining ourselves in the future'

On 17 June, the EEA will organise a full-day event starting with a symposium for around 150 participants in Leblon, Rio de Janeiro with an agenda spanning biodiversity, agriculture, sustainable production and consumption, resource efficiency, resilience and socio-economic issues related to youth. The symposium will include contributions

'Eye on Earth: Top 20 stories' competition

A key item on the agenda during the 17 June event will be the official launch of the 2012 edition of the EEA Signals report, the EEA product aimed most directly at a wider non-expert audience.

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from renowned chefs, scientists, policymakers, youth organisations and other NGOs. The programme will move between conversations amongst leading thinkers, research presentations and cooking demonstrations. Food will be served through the day using local ingredients produced using ecologically sound principles.

The Eye on Earth Top 20 stories competition will be launched at the summit to offer an opportunity for students to submit their stories or come forward with proposals for research to further develop the global citizen observatory using Eye on Earth. Further details will be made available on the Eye on Earth site (www.eyeonearth.org).