

Media Advisory
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Ecosystems & Human Well-Being: Health Synthesis

WHAT: Bangkok - Many of the benefits of ecosystems (such as fresh water, clean air and a relatively stable climate) are being degraded or used unsustainably. Harmful consequences of this degradation to human health are already being felt and could grow significantly worse over the next 50 years. The World Health Organization is releasing a landmark report, *Ecosystem and Human Well-Being: Health Synthesis*. WHO has spearheaded this report as part of the *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment* project. More than 1300 scientists from around the world contributed to this exhaustive report, which took four years to produce.

EVENT: You are cordially invited to a **press briefing at 10:30 am Friday 9th December** where **Dr Maria Neira**, WHO's Director for the Department for the Protection of the Human Environment, **Professor Tony McMichael**, Director at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australia National University, and a co-author of the report, and **Dr Carlos, Corvalan**, WHO's lead expert and co-author of the report will talk about the main findings in the report, and describe comprehensively the complex links between the preservation of healthy and biodiverse natural ecosystems and human health.

VENUE: The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand (FCCT)
Penthouse, Maneeya Center Building
518/5 Ploenchit Road, Patumwan, Bangkok 10330
Thailand

MEDIA: All accredited journalists are invited to the press briefing. Please bring your badge.

About the Scientific Conference

Presentations by key note speakers will also take place during the *Scientific Conference on Asia Pacific Environmental Health -- Significant, Emerging and Current Challenges, Research and Capacity Building Opportunities, Collaborative Response Needs*. Journalists are invited to listen to the session on *Ecosystem Change and Human Health, Friday 9 December, 13:30-16:30H* upon registration only.

If you'd like to participate at the afternoon seminar please fill in the "response form" below.

More information can be found on:

Ecosystems and Human Well-Being: Health Synthesis can be found on:

<http://www.who.int/globalchange>

Other Millennium Ecosystem Assessment reports can be found on: <http://www.maweb.org>

REPOSE FORM
Afternoon Seminar only
Ecosystem Change and Human Health

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2005 13:30- 16:30H
Chulabhorn Research Institute (CRI)
Convention Centre
Vipavadee Rangsit Highway
Lak Si, Donmoung, Bangkok 10210
Please bring your press accreditation badge as ID

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I will participate in afternoon seminar Yes
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Please reply to this only if you can attend
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