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Per our telephone conversation of today, the draft agenda for the Global Health, Environment, and Development Priorities: Agenda-Shaping Conference scheduled for November 20-21, 1996 is attached.

*Jerry Miklo -
Deputy Director of DSRP
Marine Biology Brie*

*- We don't know what causes brain cancer -
never was adequately tested. -
- 60 minutes will air a week from this Sunday.
Mike Friedman. -*

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**WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

***Global Health, Environment, and Development Priorities: Agenda-Shaping Conference
November 20-21, 1996***

Purposes of the Conference:

To introduce WRI and the environmental health research and policy communities to each other

To identify:

- areas in which better dissemination of information about environmental health would contribute to improved policy outcomes
- key topic areas where policy changes would have a big impact and improve environmental health both domestically and internationally
- To identify data sources that need to be integrated into a usable form as information for decision-making

Target audiences:

- Scientists in the environmental health research community, including those in academic institutions and non-governmental organizations
- Key policy -makers
- Potential Collaborators

Wednesday, Nov. 20

- 8:45 Welcome and Introduction to the World Resources Institute
J. Alan Brewster, Senior Vice President, WRI
Self-introductions
- 9:30 Introduction to the Health, Environment and Development Program
Goals of Meeting
Devra L. Davis, Director, Health, Environment and Development
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **Review of Key Problems: The Global Environmental Health Situation**

Session Chair: Gilbert Omenn, Dean, University of Washington, School of Public Health, School of Public Health

Presenter: Roberto Bertolini, Director, WHO Regional Office for Environment and Development, Rome, Italy;
Environmental Health in Developing and Developed Countries

11:15 Case Studies: Selected Regional Problems

Chair: Michael Cohen, the World Bank (Washington)

Presenters: Using Environmental Health Indicators to Set Priorities for Environmental

Health in Mexico Carlos Santos-Burgoa, ISAT, Mexico

Grant Tao, Johns Hopkins University

Patterns of Lung Cancer linked with Air Pollution in China

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Use of Environmental Health Indicators in Decision Making

Chair: Patricia Buffler, Dean, University of California, School of Public Health

Presenters: Ulisses Confalantieri, ENSP/ FIOCRUZ, Brazil;
Use of Sentinel Events as Environmental Health Indicators

Robert Morris, Medical College of Wisconsin

Case Study: Preliminary Patterns of health Near the Great Lakes

with
Medicine Carolyn Stephens (invited), Some lessons from the WHO Experience
Environmental Health Indicators, London School of Hygiene and Tropical

3:30 Break

4:00 Moving from Data to Policy: Air Pollution

Chair: Mariano Cebrian, Mexico

Presenters: Tracey J. Woodruff
Case Study: Preliminary Results of Analysis of Exposures

Kirk Smith, School of Public Health, University of California at Berkeley;
An immodest proposal: The International Particulate Air

Pollution Casualty Commission

Ellen Silbergeld, *Comparative Assessment of Lead and other gasoline additives*

5:30 Adjourn

6:00 Reception

- 7:00 —

Thursday, November 21

Organizing Breakout sessions 9:00-9:30

Devra Davis

Break out groups to discuss how to improve linkages between data and policy formation for the following subject areas:

Linking health and human capital: protecting vulnerable populations

Chair, Richard Morgenstern, Facilitator, Carlos Santos Burgoa

Creating Demand for Air Pollution Reduction, Chair, GII Omenn, Facilitator, Darryl Banks

Linking sustainable development and reproductive health

Chair, Bella Abzug Facilitator, Lizbeth Lopez

Health and ecological impacts of global change

Chair, Joel Bremen, Facilitator, Ellen Silbergeld

Questions for each work group:

What environmental and other sectoral policy changes can we identify that would have a big impact on environmental health now and in the future?

What policy research needs to be conducted in order to promote change in this particular arena? Are policy makers adequately informed about what we know about this area? If not, what information needs to be effectively communicated to policy makers?

What types of indicators should be created to assist policy-makers in promoting environmental health? Are data for this topic area available, or do additional systems need to be developed? If not, what would help?

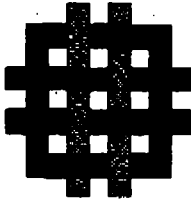
Identify critical barriers to implementing such policies and needed policy research methods to assess the costs of these policies

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- 12:00 Lunch in working groups
- 1:00 Reports to Plenary from small groups *
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Plans for follow-up, publication, posting of electronic hyperforum
- 4:15 Adjourn

We will post drafts of working documents relevant to the conference through internet for further development after the conference.



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November 13, 1996

BY TELEFAX:
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Ms. Elizabeth Drye
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Dear Ms. Drye:

I am pleased to invite you to attend World Resources Institute's conference, *Health and Environment Policy Priorities: Shaping an Agenda*, on November 20-21, 1996 in Washington, D.C. WRI's Program in Health, Environment and Development (HED), directed by Dr. Devra Lee Davis, will convene this conference to develop an agenda for environmental health and policy research for the next century. The conference will bring together 30-40 of the world's leading environmental health scientists, policy-makers and opinion leaders to identify needed areas of scientific research and key opportunities for influencing policy-making. With your insight and expertise we hope to identify critical environmental health issues and to explore those areas where WRI can have an impact.

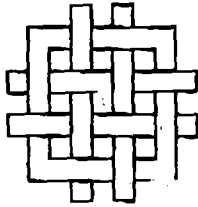
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Additional background material about the conference, and a detailed agenda will be provided within the month. If you have any questions about the meeting, or the program in general, please feel free to contact Michelle Gottlieb, HED's Program Associate, by phone at (202) 662-2562, or by E-mail at michell@wri.org.

I hope you can attend the conference.

Sincerely,

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REGISTRATION FORM

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WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE'S CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY PRIORITIES: SHAPING AN AGENDA

November 20 & 21, 1996
Sheraton City Centre Hotel
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Washington, DC

Please fill out the information below and return to Oretta Tarkhani, WRI's Conference Manager,
no later than Monday, November 11, 1996. Phone: 202/662-2502; Fax: 202/347-2796; E-mail: Oretta@wri.org

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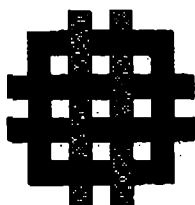
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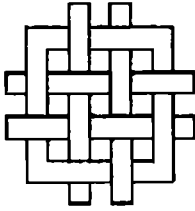
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