

WASHINGTON, DC-Thursday, to prepare for the upcoming United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg and evaluate the U.S. role in urban foreign aid, the House Livable Communities Task Force is sponsoring a special session featuring Dr. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. Members of the press are invited to attend.

As we near the opening session of the World Summit, also called the "Rio+10" summit, we should bear in mind that future economic and population growth will concentrate in urban centers. This ongoing demographic shift from rural to urban life has been a double-edged sword--facilitating the creation of industry and educational opportunities for millions while producing pollution, shantytowns, and mega-cities larger than many countries.

What: Livable Communities Task Force meeting, "The Challenge of Global Urban Development in the 21st Century: The United Nations Millennium Development Goals for Livable Communities."

Who: Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Dr. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director, U.N. Human Settlements Programme
Panel will also include:

John W. Flora, Director of Transport and Urban Development at the World Bank;

David L. Painter, Director of the Office of Environment and Urban Programs at the U.S. Agency for International Development;

Dr. Marc A. Weiss, Chairman of the Prague Institute for Global Urban Development.

Where: 210 Cannon House Office Building

When: 1-2:30 PM, Thursday April 18, 2002

***Congressman Blumenauer founded the Livable Communities Task Force in the 105th Congress to educate Members of Congress and their staff on the federal role in enhancing community livability. A livable community is a place where people feel safe, have opportunities for economic advancement, have access to a range of transportation options, have a say in the future plans for their community, can breathe the air and drink the water and can afford to live. The Livable Communities Task Force meets regularly and has held briefings on issues such as "Housing America's Working Families," "The Opportunities for Rail in a Livable Community" and "Smart Growth at the Ballot Box."

LCTF Members Meet With UN Counsel

Monday, 15 April 2002 19:00
