

Message from Jeff Sachs

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Can we really continue to have economic growth, especially in developing countries, and combine that with sustainability of environmental systems that are already under tremendous stress? In this video, Jeffrey D. Sachs, director of The Earth Institute, addresses this and other questions related to the work of the Earth Institute and its recent State of the Planet conference, which asked: "Is Sustainable Development Feasible?"

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Simple interventions like adding nitrogen to depleted soil can dramatically increase crop yields for smallholder farmers such as this woman in Kasungu, Malawi. Photo credit: Lisa Dreier

Special Focus: Sustainable Development

Global pandemics, climate change, natural disasters, poor soil conditions, deforestation — these issues are at

In the News**Climate Change****Studies Hint at Irreversible Rising Seas**

The New York Times, March 25, 2006

New Studies Warn of Effects of Melting Polar Ice

The New York Times, March 24, 2006

CBS News, March 23, 2006

Stronger Hurricanes Tied to Global Warming

Discovery Channel News, March 22, 2006

Rewriting The Science

CBS "60 Minutes," March 20, 2006

Evangelicals Debate Global Warming

Science and Theology News, March 20, 2006

Chilling

The New Yorker, March 13, 2006

NASA: Smog Chemical Tied to Arctic Warming

MSNBC, March 15, 2006

Reuters, March 14, 2006

Heading For a 'Roasted World'

The Boston Globe, March 6, 2006

Nicholas D. Kristof: Warm, Warmer, Warmest

The International Herald Tribune, March 5, 2006

White House Spin Reaches Science Research

The Christian Science Monitor, March 2, 2006

Poverty and Health**African Village Revitalized by Program**

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 3, 2006

USA Today, April 3, 2006

No "Magic Bullets" to End Poverty, Says Jeffrey Sachs

IRIN News, March 20, 2006

Planting New Farming Ideas in Africa

The Philadelphia Inquirer, March 19, 2006

Forecasting Malaria

BBC Science Radio, March 16, 2006

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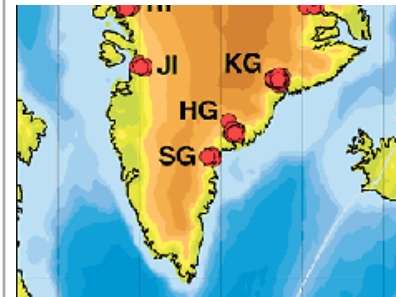
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Reining in Carbon Dioxide Levels Imperative but Possible

Affordable solutions exist to the problem of rising carbon dioxide levels, writes Jeffrey D. Sachs and Klaus Lackner in a new Brookings Institute publication. Without simultaneous progress in the way energy is found, transformed, transported and used, the world is in danger of facing a severe energy crisis sometime within the next century. [more](#)

**Glacial Earthquakes Point to Rising Temperatures in Greenland**

Seismologists at Columbia University and Harvard University have found a new indicator that the Earth is warming: "glacial earthquakes" caused when the rivers of ice lurch unexpectedly and produce tremors. Glacial earthquakes in Greenland, the researchers found, have more than doubled in number since 2002. [more](#)

the heart of sustainable development, and our society hinges on their solutions. [go to section](#)



🔊 **Jeffrey D. Sachs on sustainable development**
(Real Media, 25:24)
(Interview with the New York Academy of Sciences, March 3, 2006)



How much does the U.S. give sub-Saharan Africa for development aid?



📷 **Audio Slideshow: John Mutter on natural disasters and the poor**



Breaking the Bottlenecks to Fighting Malaria in Africa

Despite comprehensive national malaria control plans, a complex process of fund transfers, tenders and approvals and a shortage of key anti-malarial commodities can lead to delays of months or years long. Led by the Earth Institute, "Breaking the Bottlenecks," or BTB, is a groundbreaking component of the Quick Impact Initiative, a plan endorsed by the United Nations 2005 World Summit, to accelerate anti-malarial efforts in 10 African countries. [more](#)

Online Cyberseminar, April 10-24, Features Experts on Population and Environment

The Population-Environment Research Network (PERN), hosted by CIESIN, will hold an online cyberseminar on the subject of "[Rural Household Micro-Demographics, Livelihoods and the Environment](#)" from April 10- 24. Anyone interested in this subject is welcome to sign up. For more information, and to learn how to participate, visit the [PERN cyberseminars](#) page.

Earth Science Meets Social Science: An Interview with John Mutter

The New York Times, March 14, 2006

Simple Interventions are Making Poverty a Thing of the Past For Kenyan Village

The Globe and Mail, March 11, 2006

A Village of Hope

People Magazine, March 7, 2006

The Colbert Report: Jeffrey D. Sachs

Comedy Central, March 2, 2006

Experts in the News

Space Impact Clue in Antarctica

BBC News, March 17, 2006

Diaspora Helps Pay the Bills

The Financial Times, March 10, 2006

Planners to Discuss Preserving Natural Habitats

The Rockland Journal News, March 28, 2006

Pirate Trawlers Face Crackdown to Aid Fish Stocks

Reuters, March 3, 2006

[more recently in the media](#)

Special Events at The Earth Institute

Wed., April 26, 6:30-8pm, Davis Auditorium

Darwin, Design, and the Future of Faith

Sun., April 9, 3-4pm, Monell Auditorium, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory

Climate Change Problem: A Permanent Underground Carbon Storage Solution?

Thurs., April 27, 5-7pm, Davis Auditorium

The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism

Sun., April 30, 3-4pm, Monell Auditorium, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory

The 100th Anniversary of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906

Recent Awards

Kori Newman, a graduate student in Earth and Environmental Sciences, was awarded an Outstanding Student Paper Award by the Ocean Sciences Section of the American Geophysical Union for her presentation at the 2005 AGU Fall Meeting.

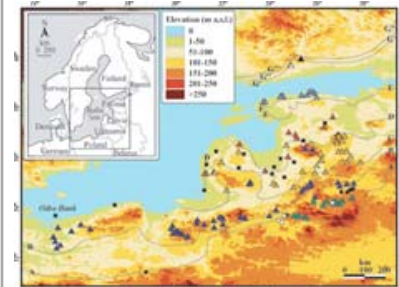
A paper by **Kristina Czuchlewski** and **Jeff Weissel** presented at the 2005 International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS) was selected for the IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society Symposium Prize Paper Award.

Three students from Columbia's MPA program in Environmental Science and Policy (MPA-ESP) — **Matthew Gray**, **Kristin Heinen**, and **Nicole Lukehart** — have been selected for the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program. [more](#)



Earth Institute, Recycling Company Partnership Offers Win-Win Solutions

The Earth Engineering Center (EEC) at the Earth Institute has helped to launch a company that uses an innovative rewards system to increase household recycling. The company, RecycleBank, operates under the belief that recycling rates go up when people are paid to recycle. [more](#)



Study Offers Preview of Ice Sheet Melting, Rapid Climate Changes

The retreat of a massive ice sheet that once covered much of northern Europe has been described for the first time, and researchers believe it may provide a sneak preview of how present-day ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica will act in the face of global warming. [more](#)



Does Access to Public Transportation Increase Property Values?

Ramon Munoz-Raskin, an urban planning graduate student at Columbia University, analyzes whether the implementation of a bus rapid transit system (BRT) has effects on residential property values. [more](#)

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