

Message from Jeff Sachs



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This year marks the Earth Institute's 10th anniversary. In this newsletter video, Director Jeffrey D. Sachs explains how this bold and unique institute is working to address the greatest challenges of sustainable development at a global scale, with the full support of Columbia University and President Lee Bollinger.

Sachs also reminds colleagues and friends of the Earth Institute that the [State of the Planet Conference](#) is coming up on March 28 and 29, and all are invited.

BBC Interview with Jeffrey D. Sachs on Fighting Malaria



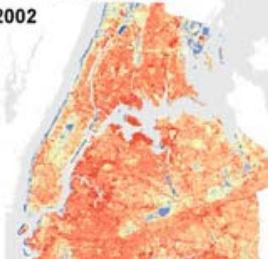
"My hope is that by 2008 we have comprehensive malaria control in place across rural Africa." *Interview broadcast on BBC's "Focus on Africa," January 29, 2006*

Landsat Surface Temperature

August 14 2002
10:30am

Mean 110.5 F

- 32 - 89.0
- 89.1 - 95.4
- 95.5 - 101.8
- 101.9 - 108.3
- 108.4 - 114.7
- 114.8 - 121.1
- 121.2 - 158



Keeping New York City "Cool" is the Job of NASA's "Heat Seekers"

The "heat is on" in New York City, whether it's summer

In the News

Using the Past to Model the Future

Seed Magazine, February 23, 2006

Poor Suffer Most When Natural Disaster Strikes

Forbes, February 20, 2006

Hurricane Katrina Hit the Old of All Races

The Guardian (U.K.), February 18, 2006

How Can Scientists Help Address Poverty?

NPR, "Science Friday," February 17, 2006

Advancing Science in St. Louis: Pioneers Gather to Share Results

Environmental News Service, February 17, 2006

Interview with Pedro Sanchez

Earth & Sky, February 17, 2006

Kisumu Struggles to Overcome Major Hitches to Global Glory

The Nation (Nairobi), February 16, 2006

Zambia Expands Effort to Control its Biggest Killer

Chicago Tribune, February 14, 2006

Finding New Dumping Grounds: New Yorkers Struggling to Cope

Columbia Spectator, February 6, 2006

India Needs to Invest in Key Areas

The Telegraph (India), February 5, 2006

Cold and Deep: Antarctica's Lake Vostok Has Two Big Neighbors

Science News, February 4, 2006

Early Warning System Predicts Malaria Epidemics

The Economist, February 2, 2006
CNN, February 1, 2006

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Special Events at the Earth Institute

Thursday, March 2, 1:30-4:45pm, Low
[Law, Ethics and Environmental Justice](#)

Tuesday, March 7, 1:30-4:45pm, Low

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Meeting in Sweden Kick-starts Plan to Fight Malaria in 10 African Countries

In a crucial step towards winning the fight against malaria and neglected tropical diseases, a high-level meeting was held in Stockholm on January 30-31. The meeting brought together more than 100 decision makers and leaders from the private and public sectors who are committed to greatly reducing the burden of suffering inflicted by these diseases on the world's poorest people. [more](#)



or winter. This is due to a phenomenon called the urban heat island effect that causes air temperatures in New York City and other major cities to be warmer than in neighboring suburbs and rural areas. And, in a big city, warmer air temperatures can impact air quality, public health and the demand for energy. [more](#)



Cynthia Rosenzweig, left, and Daniel Hillel, right, with Hillel's new book, "The Natural History of the Bible."

Awards and New Books

New Book: "The Natural History of the Bible: An Environmental Exploration of the Hebrew Scriptures," by Daniel Hillel

Earth Institute Researcher Wins National Geographic 2006 Emerging Explorer Award

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Reversing the Tide — The End of Tuberculosis

Thursday, March 9, 4-6pm, Lerner Hall, Satow Room

Urban Design, Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice in NYC

Sunday, March 26, 3-4pm, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Monell

Is the Earth's Core Leaking?

March 28-29, 2006, 9am-5pm, Lerner Hall

State of the Planet 2006 Conference: Is Sustainable Development Feasible?



Scientists deploy an instrument specially designed to measure conductivity, temperature, depth and dissolved oxygen beneath the Arctic ice. Photo by Dale Chayes, LDEO

Gifts to Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Establish Fund for Engineering Innovation in Geoscience Research

The Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory announced the formation of the Jerome M. Paros-Palisades Geophysical Institute Fund for Engineering Innovation in Geoscience Research. [more](#)

Without Food, AIDS Drugs Can Hasten Death

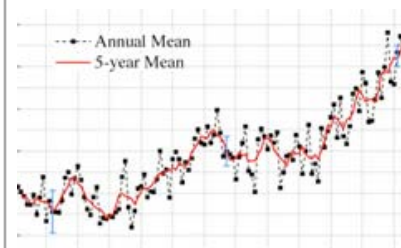
Earth Institute health expert Josh Ruxin talks with Mr. Juma, a Kenyan whose antiretroviral drugs were making him sicker.

[Watch audio slideshow](#)



State of the Planet 2006, March 28-29

The world's top scholars and opinion leaders gather to analyze global trends, assess risks, and identify new opportunities across the diverse fields of sustainable development during the Earth Institute's flagship conference. Open to the public. [more details](#)



Climate Change Science Difficult to Explain to Non-scientists, Students Discover

Last semester Eric Holthaus went home for Thanksgiving with a challenging assignment from his professors: to discuss climate change science with an average non-scientist. Holthaus, a student in Columbia's Climate and Society Master's Program, deployed his assignment at the dinner table, and soon polite conversation gave way to fierce debate. [more](#)