

A "Sector Day" focusing on the role of women in sustainable development would attract considerable interest and would complement other UN initiatives in this area, e.g. International Women's Week.

8. Science and Academia. The importance of the role of science and education in sustainable development (development of knowledge and solutions and enhancement of endogenous capacity) could be highlighted. The ASCEND Conference, organized by the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) will take place in Vienna, November 1991 and will explore the role of science in sustainable development.

9. Youth. Youth, including children has a clearly vested interest in the Conference as they will assume increased responsibility for implementing sustainable in the near term. As a result of the initiative of Canadian youth representatives at the Bergen Conference in March, 1990, the Canadian Youth Working Group on Environment and Development has been given the lead role in organizing world youth to create a global position on sustainable development.

The inclusion of children in this sector would underscore the futuristic dimension of the UNCED process and reinforce the fact that UNCED is a beginning, not an end.

A "Sector Day" devoted to Youth and children would not only focus attention on their contribution to sustainable development, but could serve to remind all people that it is ultimately future generations that will be the recipients of what world leaders accomplish at UNCED.