

## Conference Announcement *and* Call For Abstracts

*for the International Conference on*

# Sustainable Cities and Villages

27-31 August 2007

*with a focus on*

**Urban and Rural Ecological Sanitation  
Organic Waste Management  
Agricultural Reuse**

### Venue

China: Dongsheng District, Erdos Municipality,  
Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

### Official Languages

The official languages of the conference will be Chinese and English with simultaneous translation for the plenary and international sessions.

### Sponsors

The Government of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the China State Ministry for Construction and the China State Environmental Protection Agency.

### Organisers

The Government of Erdos Municipality and Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden.

### Programme facilitators

The Government of Dongsheng District and the All-China Environment Federation.

### Purpose of the Conference

Project implementers, practitioners and researchers within the areas of urban and rural ecological and sustainable sanitation, organic waste management and agricultural reuse are invited to share experiences and best practices at this conference in Erdos, China.

The conference will also showcase the new Erdos ecotown. The Government of Dongsheng District of the Erdos Municipality together with the EcoSanRes Programme of the Stockholm Environ-

ment Institute has managed the development of a new ecotown for 3,000 inhabitants using sustainable sanitation and solid waste management practises. The ecotown, now nearing completion, has been built by Daxing Estates Company. This is the largest urban project of its kind in China and when fully operational, all fractions of waste from the households will be collected and treated onsite using an ecostation and greywater treatment plant. The organic products and water will be reused in agriculture.

### Call for Abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted in a Word Document file or PDF, maximum one A4-page in length. The abstract should contain a full title, the names and addresses of the authors, and contact person details. Topics can include the following: **urban and rural sustainable sanitation, ecological sanitation, greywater management, urine management, organic waste management, composting, agricultural reuse and urban agriculture.**

**Send abstracts by 1 April 2007 via email to: [dongsheng2007@ecosanres.org](mailto:dongsheng2007@ecosanres.org).** Please include full name, address, email address and phone number for the contact person and lead author. The abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee. Authors will be informed of the acceptance of their papers by **15 May 2007**. Authors will be expected to write full papers for publication in the conference proceedings (maximum of eight A4 pages). The papers will be due by **15 July 2007**.

## Conference Sessions

The conference will have three-and-a-half days of sessions, both plenary and parallel, plus a day for technical study excursions. The conference will attempt to accommodate as many oral presentations as possible without having to create too many parallel sessions. Poster sessions will be used in order to accommodate all accepted abstracts. All abstracts and papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

## Conference Attendance

Those interested in attending the conference and **not** presenting a paper or poster should send an email to [dongsheng2007@ecosanres.org](mailto:dongsheng2007@ecosanres.org)

## Sponsorship of participants

At least 25 participants from developing countries will be eligible for sponsorship covering the conference fee, travel, food and hotel expenses. Sponsorship will be divided between Latin America, Asia and Africa for participants that have submitted accepted abstracts. Decisions on sponsorship will be provided by **30 May 2007** and after receiving confirmation of attendance by the participants.

## Second Announcement

Those interested in receiving the second announcement please send an email to [dongsheng2007@ecosanres.org](mailto:dongsheng2007@ecosanres.org)

## Dongsheng

Dongsheng is a fast-growing city of presently about 430,000 inhabitants situated in the semi-arid zone of northern China about 100km south of the Yellow River at Baotou. Dongsheng is the largest district of Erdos Municipality with a population of about 1.4 million inhabitants. The area receives an annual precipitation of about 400mm with an evapotranspiration potential of about 3,000mm. This is a water-stressed region where ground water is the only significant source of water. A 100 km-long pipeline from the Yellow River is under construction

to provide supplemental water supply. Sanitation and solid waste remain major sectors lacking sustainable development. The main industrial activities are coal mining and transportation, and cashmere wool garments manufacturing.

### Climate of Dongsheng

In late August the climate of Dongsheng is comfortable with high temperatures of 20-25 degrees centigrade and lows of 15 degrees centigrade.

## Transportation to Dongsheng/Erdos

Dongsheng/Erdos is located 600km west of Beijing. It will have its own airport by the summer of 2007. At present it is served by the airport in Baotou 100km to the north. The Baotou airport is served by

direct flights from Beijing and Shanghai. The conference will provide ground transportation between Baotou/Erdos airports and Dongsheng.

## Visas

**All participants from outside China will require visas. Visa applications should be made at least one month prior to travelling to China.**

## For further information or any requests

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## Conference Information on the Web

Updated information about the conference can be obtained from [www.ecosanres.org](http://www.ecosanres.org)