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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the United Nations University Institute on Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), the Department of Human Development of the Organization of American States, and the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY), we are writing to invite you to a forum scheduled to take place on **24th of April, 2008, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Ruben Dario Conference Room, at the OAS General Secretariat building located at 1889 F Street NW, Washington DC, 20006**, entitled: **Energy Security: How to Strike a Balance between Economy and Ecology**.

As industrialization gathers pace around the world and demand for all types of energy increases rapidly, one of the first, though perhaps least obvious, areas to suffer is the air we breathe. While the long-term threat from carbon emissions and global warming is well known, pollutants in the air can also lead to more immediate threats to human health and happiness. If air pollution continues to be blindly overshadowed by concerns about economic growth or energy security, the impact on human life could be disastrous.

The panel will consider some of the key research areas concerning air pollution. Speakers include: **Janos J. Bogardi**, Director, UNU-EHS (United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security); **Fabrice Renaud**, Head, Environmental Assessment and Resource Vulnerability Section, UNU-EHS; and **Johann Goldammer**, Head, Global Fire Monitoring Centre.

Thank you for your consideration; we hope you will be able to join us.

If you are interested in attending this event, please RSVP to Rodolpho Valente (FellowshipInt2@oas.org) by **Wednesday, April 23rd 2008**. Confirmation of your participation would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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