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## UPDATE

### The United Nations Environment Program – Tongji University Asia Pacific Leadership Program on Environment for Sustainable Development

International Help Fund Australia's CEO, Petra Campbell, was selected, along with 26 other participants from 17 countries in the Asia Pacific region, as having the potential for leadership on Environment for Sustainable Development. Also from the South Pacific were Sunny Seusu, Senior Sustainable Development Officer of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Meteorology of the Government of Western Samoa, Marii Marae, Environment Inspector of the Environment and Conservation Division of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development of the Government of Kiribati and Mick McIntyre, Director of IFAW Australia.

The participants were drawn from Government Agencies, community and civil society organisations, the private sector, educational institutes and UN Agencies.

The leadership program was developed by the United Nations Environment Program and the Institute for Sustainable Development at Tongji University in China as a means to provide training to emerging leaders from various backgrounds in the Asia Pacific region.

The Third Leadership program was held in China in September 2006. The participants produced a statement titled the "WUXI Commitment". The WUXI Commitment "calls on all governments, businesses and communities to adopt an integrated approach to future development in order to put into practice the principles of sustainable development".

The participants also committed to "strive to translate the ideals of sustainable development from principles to practice in their respective work environments," a pledge they read out aloud upon reception of their UN – Tongji Certificate of Participation.

For a full reading of the WUXI Commitment please see the PDF version at [www.internationalhelpfund.org](http://www.internationalhelpfund.org) under publications.

Also visit the website of the UNEP/TONGJI Leadership Program at [www.rrcap.unep.org/uneptg06/index.cfm](http://www.rrcap.unep.org/uneptg06/index.cfm)