

#### **4<sup>th</sup> PEI Annual Meeting and Leadership and Skills Training for PEI Champions**

The UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI) is proud to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Poverty & Environment Initiative (PEI) Annual Meeting and the UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative and LEAD International "Leadership and Skills Training for PEI Champions" in May 2008.

The Annual Meeting will take place from 13 to 14 May, and the training will take place from 15- 17 May, 2008 at the United Nations Headquarters in Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya.

The objective of the annual meeting is to share experiences of implementing PEI country programmes and to explore steps for improving their delivery. Officers from PEI country programmes in Africa and Asia, as well as key government partners have been invited to attend the two-day meeting.

The UNDP-UNEP PEF is also partnering with UK-based LEAD International to offer a training in leadership and skills-building for practitioners working in poverty-environment mainstreaming. LEAD International is one of the world's largest international not-for-profit organisations focused on leadership and sustainable development. The objective of the LEAD International training programme for champions of environmental mainstreaming is to enhance and develop participants' capacity to engage with and influence stakeholders for greater recognition of the role of environment in pro-poor growth and poverty reduction. Practitioners from ministries, civil society, research organizations, and PEI country programmes in 11 countries will attend the training.

We will post summary reports in mid May after the Annual Meeting and the Training.