



**World Environment Day
June 5, 2009**

“Your Planet Needs You-UNite to Combat Climate Change”

The United Nations System in Tunisia is strongly engaged in supporting the installation of 5 million Low Consumption Bulbs (LCB) in Tunisia.

First event: June 5, 2009

- The UN system in Tunisia, in collaboration with national partners (Government organizations, NGOs and private sector) will celebrate the World Environment Day (June 5th, 2009) under the theme: “Your Planet Needs You-UNite to Combat Climate Change”
- On this occasion an ambitious project will be launched by UN System, the National Agency for Energy Conservation (Agence Nationale pour la Maîtrise de l’Energie – ANME), Global Environment Fund, Small Grant Programme (GEF/SGP) and NGOs dealing with the environment.
- ANME-UNDP project, (2009-2011) plans the replacement of 5 million incandescent bulbs by Low Consumption Bulbs (LCB), that will generate a potential saving of 290 GWh¹/year, that is approximately 73,000 toe²/ year
- This program will allow the government to save about 14 million dinars/year (approximately US \$ 10 millions). The implementation of a CDM Clean Development Mechanism project with this target, could avoid the emission reductions of more than 794,000 tCO₂e³ all over the bulbs’ life expectancy.
- The campaign benefits from the support of the GEF/SGP as well as from the technical support of NGOs in the targeted regions. More than thirty NGOs will participate in the event to distribute at least 20,000 LCBs. They will indeed replace bulbs, raise the awareness of households and pick up used bulbs to be recycled in a next step.
- Far from being an isolated action, this project will be supported all throughout the year. More than 5 million LCBs will be distributed by the Tunisian Company for Electricity and Gas (STEG) starting the second half of 2009: 1 million LCBs will be given free of charge to the neediest families and 4 million will be subsidized by Clean Development Mechanisms (CDM) project.

¹ GWh : Giga Watt-hour

² Toe: Ton Oil Equivalent (amount of energy released by burning one ton of crude oil)

³ tCO₂ : Ton of CO₂ equivalent

- At the same time, the government established a progressive tax on the sale of the incandescent bulbs (from 10 % in 2007, 30% in 2008 to 50 % in 2011) to feed the National Fund for Energy Conservation. At the end of LCBs distribution, the sale of the incandescent bulbs will be forbidden in agreement with local manufacturers.

Second event: June 10, 2009

- World Environment Day will be an opportunity for the UN system in Tunisia to underline the UN agencies' commitment to environment. On 10th of June, a half-day briefing to raise awareness of all UN staff on climate change will be organized in collaboration with national partners.
- On this occasion, films on climate change and open discussion forum will be undertaken by UN agencies, the National Agency for Energy Conservation www.anme.nat.tn and Tunisian Association for Climate change and Sustainable development.
- On this occasion, besides the adoption of a green code in its premises in Tunisia, the UN System will highlight the effects of climate change on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at the national level through different UN agencies' presentations.

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