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Summit Print Materials to be Donated to South African Library System

Johannesburg, 4 September— All of the print materials remaining at the close of the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be donated to the Johannesburg City Library, which will share the materials with other libraries in South Africa, Summit organizers announced today.

The 21,000 Summit attendees -- including summit delegations, UN agencies, NGO's, and major groups -- brought thousands of kilos of educational and outreach materials, addressing every aspect of sustainable development, to Johannesburg. Many Summit attendees will go home with briefcases and backpacks stuffed with information. But those materials that remain behind will also be put to good use through the donation program.

“In keeping with the principles of sustainable use of resources, we are very pleased that these leftover materials will find a home in Johannesburg’s libraries,” noted Summit Secretary-General Nittin Desai. “Education is a cornerstone of sustainable development and these materials, which represent some of the best scientific, advocacy, and political thinking on the subject, will continue to be used after the Summit ends to educate communities about sustainable development issues.”

Mr. Desai noted that the donation of print materials is one of many efforts made to “green the Summit,” and reduce any negative environmental impact of the Johannesburg meeting.

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