

# GLOBE | 2008

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## **GLOBE CONFIRMS MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABILITY**

For Immediate Release:

Vancouver, Canada. – The GLOBE Foundation is pleased to announce the Ministerial Dialogue on Sustainability to take place at GLOBE 2008 in Vancouver (March 12 – 14 at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre) involving ministers representing three of the world's most industrious continents, including both developed and developing world economies. Ministers, in an open forum with delegates, will discuss how they are managing both local and trans-boundary air and water quality issues, ensuring the sustainable development of natural resources.

GLOBE will host Ministers from Canada (representing British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario), Italy, Slovenia, and Costa Rica as they engage in a discussion on global and domestic environmental challenges. This unique discussion adds to a powerful program of speakers including; the Premier of British Columbia Gordon Campbell, HRH Prince Philippe of Belgium, and senior executives of the world's leading corporations including Rio Tinto Alcan, Seimens Canada, BC Hydro, RBC, Suez Energy, Encana, The Dow Chemical Company, and Suncor.

### **Confirmed Panelists for Ministerial Dialogue on Sustainability:**

- Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development, Province of British Columbia, Canada
- Roberto Dobles, Minister of the Environment & Energy of Costa Rica
- Jim Rondeau, Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines, and Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade, Province of Manitoba, Canada
- Gianluca Salvatori, Minister of Science & Technology, Province of Trento, Italy
- Mitja Bricelj, Secretary of State, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment, Government of Ontario

### **About GLOBE**

GLOBE 2008 is produced by the GLOBE Foundation, an international consultancy organization in the business of the environment. GLOBE's expertise lies in project management, event development, and management and consulting in the fields of environment and energy, urban development, and corporate responsibility. The GLOBE Foundation is North America's longest operating producer of environmental events, having produced the GLOBE series since 1993.

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GLOBE events have historically attracted over 10,000 attendees and are expecting participation from over 80 countries from around the world. This year's event will focus on five main themes: Corporate Sustainability, Energy & Climate Change, Finance and Sustainability, Building Better Cities and the Future of the Automotive Industry. **For further information, visit [www.globe2008.ca](http://www.globe2008.ca)**

## Introducing Auto FutureTech @ GLOBE 2008

Auto FutureTech is a new special feature theme that will bring together an elite global gathering of representatives of the automotive and fuel sector's major stakeholders. Key individuals including scientists, university researchers, economists, entrepreneurs, leaders of think tanks, suppliers and representatives from major automotive manufacturers will gather at the conference, which is expected to create the blueprint for the future of the industry.

Together the parties will explore the key issues, challenges and opportunities confronting the global automotive industry over the coming decade. Auto FutureTech will answer the question "what's next?" in terms of human transportation. Companies such as Bosch, General Motors, Advanced Lithium Power and Toyota will show the world what we can expect in the next 10 to 20 years. For further information, visit [www.autofuturetech.com](http://www.autofuturetech.com).

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