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Celebrate World Environment Day on June 5, 2012

World Environment Day is around the corner. This key event on the calendar of the United Nations Environment Programme was established forty years ago with the aim of personalizing environmental issues. Environmental protection begins with the individual because when individual actions are multiplied they can make a huge difference. At the moment, the demand for many world resources surpasses their supply. Fresh water may soon be on this list. As a result action is necessary to make a change. On World Environment Day activities are organized all over the world to remind people of the importance of caring for the environment at an individual level in particular. This year's theme is "Green Economy: Does it include you?" We can all be a part of a Green Economy without having to take big steps or make great gestures. Remembering to take a carry bag along when we do our shopping or turning the lights off and the heating down or closing the tap while we brush our teeth – all these small actions contribute and they help save money to boot. Furthermore, we can continue to learn about other ways in which we as individuals can have a positive effect on our environment. It is important to note that World Environment Day also celebrates the achievements that have been made towards protecting the environment to date.

For more information about World Environment Day visit [www.unep.org/wed](http://www.unep.org/wed).

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