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Monitoring Science and Technology Symposium:
Unifying Knowledge for Sustainability in the Western Hemisphere
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In recent decades, we have witnessed the growth of world-wide efforts to realize the goal of human societies living in harmony with the natural world. At the beginning of the 21st century, the world is poised on the threshold of a new era in which the unification of information, knowledge, and applications is emerging as the basis for understanding the complex and dynamic interactions between nature and society. In response to this opportunity, a Monitoring Science and Technology Symposium, whose theme is Unifying Knowledge for Sustainability in the Western Hemisphere, will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado on September 20-24, 2004. This Symposium, sponsored by a consortium of government and non-government institutions across the Americas, will bring together a diverse group of individuals and institutions, committed to the mutual sustainability of ecosystem resources and human institutions, to share their experiences and create a unified foundation for monitoring science in the geospatial information age.

A large number of high-profile speakers, including world leaders, are expected to share their perspectives on the simultaneous sustainability of environmental and socio-economic systems. Over 3,000 participants are expected to have the opportunity to share experiences and gain insights from a diverse group of international people of a wide spectrum of cultural and scientific backgrounds. People who will attend are those interested in achieving both a healthy and vibrant environment for this and future generations and creating thriving and sustainable economies and other social institutions upon which society relies.

The symposium is designed to promote the integration and exchange of information and knowledge about environmental and human sustainability gathered at different geographic scales. Numerous benefits are expected from this symposium. Specifically, the symposium will contribute to achieving the development and application of defensible monitoring and assessment methods for the sustainable management of ecosystem resources and human institutions. The interactions of concerned people representing different disciplines - and cultural and geographic backgrounds - will foster perspectives on sustainability strategies and solutions. In addition, exposure to the latest scientific and technological innovations - as well as the state-of-the-art in commercially-available products and services for environmental monitoring - will be displayed in a variety of technical presentations, poster sessions, and technology exhibits.

We look forward to welcoming people from throughout the world to Denver in September 2004.

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