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The Henry L. Stimson Center is organizing a short series of environmental security briefings for staff on Capitol Hill, sponsored by Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) and Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE). The first is...

THE MILLENNIUM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT, U.S. INTERESTS, AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Dr. Walter Reid, Director of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and former Vice President of the World Resources Institute, will be joining us for a discussion of this major new scientific effort by 1300 scientists from around the world and what it means for Americans, our economy, and our security. The Assessment (<http://www.millenniumassessment.org/>) arose out of requests from several international conventions for information that would not only synthesize extensive data on the health of ecosystems globally, but also analyze the quality of services that ecosystems provide human societies including commodities like timber and oil, climate regulation, and water and air purification. We are working in collaboration with the Earth Legacy Campaign (<http://www.earthlegacy.org/>) to bring you this briefing on environmental security, an emerging area of study emphasizing some of the root causes of instability across the globe.

Jacob Scherr, Director of International Programs at the Natural Resources Defense Council (and a co-chair of the Campaign), will join in facilitating the discussion.

For more information, contact Yna Moore at (202) 223-5956.

Where: Russell Senate Office Building, Room 328a

When: Wednesday, April 20, 2005, 12:00 noon - 1:00 PM

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