



Welcome to the expanded version (and millennium edition) of Global Eye – 20 pages instead of 16. By increasing the size of the magazine we hope to include more information, expanding existing features and including new ones. Both main features “Eye on...” and “Focus on...” have two extra pages to develop detailed case studies aimed at GCSE pupils, something many of you requested when returning the recent Global Eye Survey. A new feature, Development Awareness, will concentrate on how schools and other organisations are working to promote development issues and provide links with developing countries. *Olly Phillipson, Editor*

Eye on Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso is one of the eight countries (the UK included) located on the prime meridian. It is also one of the world's poorest and least developed countries, ranked 171 out of the 174 currently listed by the UN. Despite this, it hosts a number of prestigious African film, television, arts and crafts events. The northern half of the country forms part of the Sahel region of Sub-Saharan Africa, and a good example of how both human activity and climatic factors influence land degradation and desertification. The case studies focus on agriculture and desertification.

There are few written resources about the country as a whole, but the following web sites may be useful:

- www.lonelyplanet.com.au/dest/afr/bur.htm
- www.fespaco.bf/burkinan.htm

Focus on Tourism

Tourism featured in Issue 3, but as the world's fastest growing industry we have chosen the topic again, looking first at domestic and international tourism in general before focusing on package holidays in the Gambia. An explanation of the growing concept of ecotourism is given before a case study of a successful community-based ecotourism project in Namibia.

Useful further resources include:

- Looking Beyond the Brochure, a free video from Tourism Concern (details in the review section). Tourism Concern is an educational and campaigning organisation based at: Stapleton House, 277-281 Holloway Road, London N7 8HN tel: 0171-753-3330.
- Developing Namibia: case studies – including tourism, mining, sustainable development, agriculture, fishing and water. A photocopyable pack with 8 sets of 8 A4 full colour photocards, available from Worldaware at £17.95
- Changing Nature of Tourism: Developing an agenda for action. A booklet produced by DFID looking at the management and spread of tourism, including details about useful organisations, websites and further reading. Available from The Environmental Policy Department, DFID, 94 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5JL, tel 0171-917-7000

Development Awareness:

On the line / Global Cafe

This is a new feature in which we hope to look at the work done by government organisations and NGO's to promote awareness about development issues. In particular it will look at development work done by schools in the UK, especially those with links to schools in developing countries – so let us know what your school is doing and we may feature your work in a future issue. This issue takes a look at the On the line millennium project organised by Channel 4, Oxfam and the WWF. It also includes details about how the Global Cafe (part of the RISC in Reading) is taking part in the project and promoting activities and events about Ghana from October onwards.

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