

Time **to step forward**

FAO needs funding for its communication activities, preparations for global-level activities and coordination. A budget of around US\$2.3 million has been proposed for the period through early 2010.

This money needs to be donated by national governments or industry organizations. FAO has an immediate need for a relatively small amount of money to continue with initial partnership-building, planning and communication activities. Funding requirements will increase through 2008 and especially in 2009.

Contact us to get involved:

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Coming soon...

The **International Year of Natural Fibres** 2009

Cotton, wool, silk, jute, flax, sisal ...

Natural fibre industries employ millions of people
and contribute to a greener planet.

Join a unique initiative to promote their use.



Discover
natural
fibres
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The International Year of **Natural Fibres**



will be celebrated in 2009. The Food and Agriculture Organization, the UN agency designated by the UN General Assembly to lead events, is looking for partners to make the year a success. Come in early and ensure the visibility of your industry, country or organization.

- raise awareness and stimulate demand for natural fibres;
- promote the efficiency and sustainability of the natural fibres industries;
- encourage appropriate policy responses from governments to the problems faced by natural fibre industries;
- foster an effective and enduring international partnership among the various natural fibres industries.

How the year will be organized

The International Year of Natural Fibres will be coordinated by FAO and guided by an International Steering Committee, comprising representatives of the various natural fibre industries. FAO will generate publicity, coordinate worldwide events and hold one or two events such as an international conference on natural fibres.

Most of the activities will be run by various partner organizations.

Within the framework of the year's objectives, you will decide your own objectives, and plan and fund your own events. Conferences, displays, fashion shows, books, TV documentaries, events for schools and textile art competitions are typical activities that might be organized.

Now is the time
to start planning for **2009**

Contact us!

Natural fibres include abaca, alpaca, angora, coir, cotton, curaua, fique, flax, hemp, jute, kenaf, llama, mohair, phormium tenax, ramie, silk, sisal and wool.

