

BACKGROUNDER

Countries meeting at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development from 2 to 13 May 2011 will be adopting a set of policy recommendations covering a range of issues that go to the heart of how we use and abuse the Earth's resources. The Commission's recommendations on sustainable consumption and production, mining, waste, transport and the use of chemicals will serve as an important foundation for the 2012 Rio+20 Conference which provides an historic opportunity for

There are many who question whether the traditional model for economic



