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Environment Forum to be Held this Month

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon government will host the third annual Environment Forum later this month at the Yukon College gym at the Ayamdigut Campus in Whitehorse.

"This year our focus will be on building awareness of how one's day-to-day life and community activities are connected to environmental management," Environment Minister Elaine Taylor said. "We look forward to hearing from participants about their experiences as well as sharing information about government, municipal and community-based programs."

An *Environment After Hours* presentation will be held at 7 p.m. on May 20 in the Beringia Centre. Yukon artist, film-maker and photographer Marten Berkman will be the guest speaker. The North is Berkman's home and his inspiration, where he focuses his eyes and lens on landscapes and their inhabitants. His presentation will explore how studies and photographs affect human relationships with the land as well as how communities are the critical membrane connecting art, science and people with the planet.

About 200 delegates from all levels of government, non-government organizations, business, industry and other sectors are expected to attend the day-long workshop on May 21.

Four moderated panel discussions will be held over the course of the day-long forum. Topic discussions will range from recycling and waste management to climate change in the classroom and how to green your office.

This is the third year in a row that the Government of Yukon's Department of Environment has organized a forum.

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