

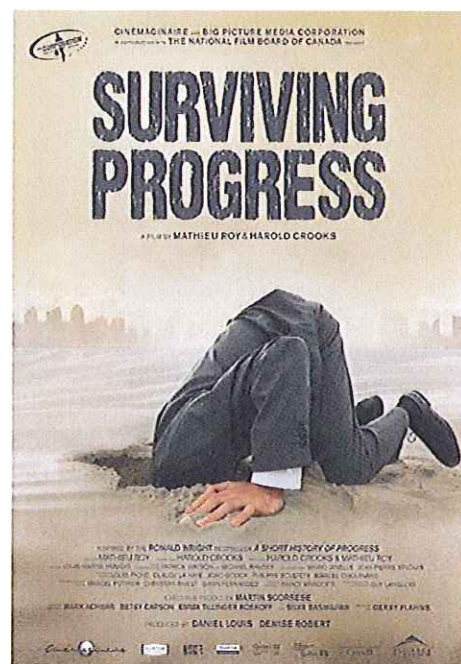
Ciné-ONU and the Green Up Film Festival invite you to:

## "Surviving Progress"

on Wednesday 10 October 2012 at 7.00 pm

The documentary *Surviving Progress* presents the story of human advancement as awe-inspiring and double-edged. It reveals the grave risk of running the 21st century's software – our know-how – on the ancient hardware of our primate brain which hasn't been upgraded in 50,000 years.

Ronald Wright, whose best-seller, "A Short History of Progress" inspired this film, reveals how civilizations are repeatedly destroyed by "progress traps" – alluring technologies serve immediate needs, but ransom the future. With intersecting stories from a Chinese car-driving club, a Wall Street insider who exposes an out-of-control, environmentally rapacious financial elite, and eco-cops defending a scorched Amazon, the film lays stark evidence before us. In the past, we could use up a region's resources and move on. But if today's global civilization collapses from over-consumption, that's it. We have no back-up planet.



NB: The film is in English.  
Run time: 80 min.

The film will be followed by a Q&A session with:

- Isabelle Durant: European deputee, Vice-president of the European Parliament
- Chris Vanden Bilcke: Head of UNEP's Liaison Office to the EU in Brussels
- Laurent Ledoux: Head of the ASBL Philosophy & Management
- Jeremy Wates: Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau



The event will take place at:  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
Auditorium QA (Building Q)  
Pleinlaan 2/ Boulevard de la Plaine 2



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There is no entrance fee, but as places are limited, it is important to register by sending an email to: [cine-onu@unric.org](mailto:cine-onu@unric.org), with the subject field "Surviving Progress" and your full name and full name of guest (if applicable). Maximum tickets per person: 2. If you do not receive a confirmation of your registration via e-mail, please contact us again



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