From August 26 to September 4, Terry Crawford-Browne of ECAAR South Africa and Lucy Webster of ECAAR-US were two of the 8046 civil society representatives at WSSD. They chaired and spoke at meetings organized by a range of NGOs and by the WSSD Peace Caucus, and met with representatives of governments and major groups.

They also organized an ECAAR Press Conference on "Human Security, Military Globalization and Sustainable Development." This was addressed by Sir Richard Jolly who was active in the water resources work of WSSD, by Richard Haines from the University of Port Elizabeth, and by Peter Batchelor, project director of the Small Arms Survey.

The presentation by Terry Crawford-Browne about the South African arms offsets deal attracted the greatest interest from the journalists and others present. Participants also asked about positive approaches to international security, and discussed WSSD in relation to issues concerning armaments, conflict and sustainable development.