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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

*8th Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF)
3 – 4 February 2007
Nairobi, Kenya*

Conference Room 1

Draft Programme

In keeping with decision SS.VII/5 (Enhancing civil society engagement in the work of the United Nations Environment Programme) of 15 February 2002 and the current practices, the eighth Global Civil Society Forum will be held in Nairobi on 3-4 February 2007, prior to the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

The Global Civil Society Forum will address selected themes of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

Note:

Interpretation in English, Spanish and French will be available for sessions marked (*).

Coffee breaks are not included in the detailed programme of work of the 8th GCSF. However, please note that coffee will be available outside the conference facilities throughout the sessions.

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Saturday 3 February 2007

07:30 – 08:30 Registration

09:00 - 09:30 Opening session *

- Welcome remarks by the Local Secretariat, host to the 8th GCSF, the African Council for Communication Education (ACCE)
- Opening remarks by Pr. M. Koech, Chair of the Global Steering Committee
- Opening address by C. Boelcke, Director, Division of Regional Cooperation (DRC)

9:30 - 9:45 Election of meeting officers and adoption of the meeting agenda *

9:45 - 11: 00 Session 1: Review of selected GC/GMEF topics and draft decisions: statements and key messages *

The Global Steering Committee will present the Global Civil Society Statement and UNEP will present the draft decisions of the GC/GMEF. Resource persons from UNEP and major groups will elaborate further on the issues at stake during the GC/GMEF and highlight how perspectives from major groups can be brought in, with a view to complement the Global Civil Society Statement and provide input into the discussions on the draft decisions. The session will be instrumental in defining key messages to deliver during the GC/GMEF.

- Global Civil Society Statement, Global Steering Committee
- Globalization, ecosystem services and human well-being, K. Ramakrishna, Policy Advisor, Executive Office
- UNEP water policy and strategy, T. Kasten, Chief, Natural Resources Branch
- Gender and the environment, K. Ramakrishna, Policy Advisor, Executive Office
- Chemicals management, M. Gubb, Coordinator, SAICM Secretariat, Chemicals Branch

11:00-12:00 Session 2: Presentation of the work programme of the Global Steering Committee *

Members of the Steering Committee will present their work. This presentation will be followed by discussions with the participants on the GCSF cycle for 2007-2008.

12:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:30 Session 3: Engaging at the 24th GC/GMEF *

The MGSB and the Global Steering Committee will present the structure and patterns of the GC/GMEF and give a few “tips” about opportunities major groups should not miss during the coming week, and how to better use those opportunities. This session will address the following: What is the structure of the CG/GMEF? What are the specific expected outcomes? Why? How? When?

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- 15:30 – 16:30 **Session 4: Finalizing the messages and the strategy for GC24/GMEF ***
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Dialogue with A. Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP ***
- 18:00 **Cocktail**

Sunday 4 February 2007

- 10:00 - 13:00 **Session 5: Way forward to engage major groups in the work of UNEP ***
The MGSB will present a background paper featuring new modalities to improve the engagement of major groups in the work of UNEP, in the long term. Items to be discussed include: improved and continuous engagement at governance level, new forms of consultations including issue-based consultations, communication and feedback to the constituencies, linking engagement at governance, programmatic and regional levels, etc. A consultative group of experts from various major groups will be invited to this particular session to support the Global Steering Committee and UNEP in developing new modalities for engaging major groups in the work of UNEP.
- O. Deleuze, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch
 - E. Neuhaus, Global Steering Committee
 - T. Hammond, Global Steering Committee
 - K. Otto-Zimmermann, Secretary-General, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Local Governments for Sustainability
 - J. Gerber, Chief Operating Officer, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
 - J. Mati, Research Associate, CIVICUS World Alliance For Citizen Participation
 - L. Royer, Occupational Health Safety Environment and Sustainable Development Director, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
 - J. Rockström, Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute
- 13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch**
- 15:00 - 17:00 **Session 6: Dialogue session on globalization, ecosystem services and human well-being with business and industry, local authorities, indigenous people and their communities and governments' representatives ***
This dialogue session will provide a space for presenting views of specific groups and open up a discussion with government representatives, environmental NGOs and other major groups present during the Forum. This session will provide different views on addressing key challenges related to globalization, ecosystem services and human well-being.
- Government of Germany
 - Government of South Africa
 - D. Abdel Motaal, Economic Affairs Officer, World Trade Organisation
 - E. Camac, Director, Asociación Ixacavaa de Desarrollo e Información Indígena
 - K. Otto-Zimmermann, Secretary-General, International Council for Local

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Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Local Governments for Sustainability

- Government
- J. Gerber, Chief Operating Officer, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
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17:00 - 18:00

Session 7: Meeting with the Bureau of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum *

Members from the Bureau, together with the Executive Director of UNEP, are expected to exchange views and answer questions from the participants, related to substantive issues, processes, etc. It also aims at sensitizing the Bureau about major group participation in UNEP Governance.

18:00 - 18:30

Closing session

- Remarks by O. Deleuze, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch (MGSB)
- Remarks by the Local Secretariat, host to the 8th GCSF, the African Council for Communication Education (ACCE)
- Closing remarks by Pr. M. Koech, Chair of the Global Steering Committee