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14th Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF-14)

16-17 February 2013, Nairobi, Kenya - Conference room 1, UN Complex,
Gigiri

"Promoting Transparency and Effective Engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders: Developing new models of participation in UNEP"

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Background:

The Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF.14), an associated meeting to the UNEP Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) will be held from 16 to 17 February 2013. In preparation for the Forum, Regional Consultation Meetings (RCMs) were held between September and December 2012 in all UNEP regions.

The RCMs resulted in key messages and recommendations to the UNEP GC. These have been compiled and will be presented to the GC as an information document (UNEP.GC. 27/INF.5) and will be discussed during the GC under agenda item 4 (e): Coordination and cooperation with Major Groups.

Objectives of the GMGSF:

1. To facilitate preparations of Major Groups and Stakeholders towards the First Universal Session of the GC/GMEF, namely to discuss the new UNEP institutional arrangements and rules of procedures, strengthening the science-policy interface in UNEP, an update on green economy, the *Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP)*, and other anticipated GC decisions;
2. To provide an opportunity for a multi-stakeholder dialogue on new models and mechanisms to promote transparency and effective engagement of civil society in the work of UNEP; the role and opportunities for involvement of civil society in the post-Rio+20 processes, i.e. the Sustainable Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Recommendations to the GC/GMEF, in the form of statements, key messages, etc. to be delivered during the Committee of the Whole (COW) sessions, the Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GMEF) and the Ministerial Roundtables;
2. An inter-active multi-stakeholder dialogue among major groups and stakeholders, but also with governments, multilateral organisations, donor community, etc.;
3. Major Groups and Stakeholder (MGS) proposals on new models and mechanisms to promote transparency and effective engagement of civil society in the work of UNEP (in response to Paragraph 88h of the Rio + 20 outcome document).



Saturday, February 16, 2013

9:00 – 9:30

Session 1. Opening

The introductory session will be facilitated by Tomoko Nishimoto, Director, Division of Regional Cooperation (DRC), UNEP. The purpose of the session will be to recall the objectives of the Forum, and its expected outcomes. The Deputy Executive Director will draw the linkages of the Forum to the GC/GMEF and set the political context against which this year's Governing Council takes place.

- Welcome addresses, Lucy Mulenkei, Indigenous Information Network, and Marcos Orellanos, Centre for International Environmental Law
- Opening remarks, Amina Mohamed, Deputy Executive Director, UNEP

Co-chairs will be designated.

9:30 – 11:00

Session 2. Post Rio+20: Moving forward on Rio outcomes and post-2015 development agenda

This session will be facilitated by Anabella Rosemberg, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). The objective of the session will be to introduce the latest developments with regard to a number of processes that were initiated in Rio in June 2012, and on several elements of the Rio+20 Outcomes. Presentations will focus on :

1. UNEP's New institutional arrangements: follow-up on paragraph 88 of the Rio+20 Outcome document, by Jurgen Friedrich, Division for Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP
2. Financing sustainable development and Technology transfer and assessment, by Neth Dano, ETC Group
3. Global and Universal Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by Sascha Gabizon, Women for our Common Future international (WECF)
4. The post-2015 development agenda, Amina J. Mohamed, Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning, ex-officio member of the High Level Panel on Post 2015

Questions and discussion

Health Break: coffee will be available outside of the meeting room.

11:00 – 12:00

Session 3. Introduction to the UNEP Governing Council: structure and decisions

This session will be facilitated by Marcos Orellanos, Centre for International Environmental Law. The objective of the session will be to present the GC/GMEF structure, as well as the draft decisions to be examined, the anticipated outcomes of the GC/GMEF, opportunities for MGS to engage. The presentation will be made by Fatou Ndoye, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch (MGSB), UNEP.

Questions and discussion

12:00 – 13:00

Breakout groups per MGS

The objective of the breakout groups is to allow each MGS to address the Post Rio+20 themes and processes, and the GC/GMEF themes and decisions to be adopted. The MGS are expected to come up with positions and perspectives from each group to be presented at the GC/GMEF. Report back from this session will be done on Day 2, during session 8. The MGFC members will facilitate this session. Interpretation will not be available during the breakout sessions.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch



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14:00 – 16:00

Session 4. Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Models of participation and engagement in an upgraded UNEP

This session will be facilitated by Lalanath deSilva, The Access Initiative / World Resources Institute (WRI). It will focus on the role of MGS in an upgraded UNEP, in the implementation of the Rio+20 outcomes, and in the SDGs and post-2015 processes. The session will feature a set of introductory presentations and a panel discussion with selected countries and MGS on best models of participation and engagement with civil society in the context of the universal membership.

1. Presentation of the outcomes of the consultative process on models of engagement held between November 2012 and January 2013 (Survey results and Expert Group meeting outcomes), by Jan Gustav Strandenaes
2. Overview of different ways of engagement in other universal membership organisations, by Jeremy Wates, Executive Secretary, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
3. Panel discussion – Discussants:
 - Thomas Ball, Norway
 - Antonio Ricarte, Brazil
 - John Matuszak, U.S.A
 - Dominick o'Brien, EU
 - Bettina Lorz, EU
 - Sebastian Duyck, Rio+Twenties

Questions and discussion

Health break: coffee will be available outside of the meeting room

16:00 – 18:00

Session 5. Dialogue with Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

The traditional dialogue with the Executive Director will be facilitated by Kehkashan Basu, TakingITGlobal. The session will focus on the Post Rio+20, including enhancing stakeholders / major groups' involvement in UNEP, and in the multilateral organisations in general; and possible future arrangements for an effective engagement in UNEP in the context of universal membership.



Sunday, February 17, 2013

9:00 – 10:00

Session 6. Human rights and environment

This session will be facilitated by Paul Quintos, IBON International. The session will be an introductory session on the human rights approach and will feature a case study:

1. General overview and introduction to the UN independent expert on human rights and environment, by Dan Magraw, Member of the Board of Advisers, Centre for Environmental Law (CIEL)
2. Recent developments in environmental jurisprudence, by Prof. Dr. L. Lavrysen, Judge, Belgian Constitutional Court and President, EU Forum Judges for the Environment
3. Environmental pollution of the Niger delta, by Caroline Usikpedo-Omoniye, Niger Delta Movement

Question and Discussion

Health break: coffee will be available outside of the meeting room

10:00 – 12:00

Session 7. The Green Economy and the Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP): enabling decoupling and new indicators of wellbeing

This session will be facilitated by Tom Jacob, Internal Council of Chemicals Associations (ICCA). Its purpose is to provide an update on the developments on green economy, progress in implementing the 10 year framework of programme on SCP, and on developing new indicators of wellbeing. The session will feature several presentations:

1. Green Economy and Poverty Reduction: creating social equity and measuring the realities of the poor (beyond GDP), by Asad Naqvi, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP and Oliver Greenfield, Green Economy Coalition (GEC)
2. New indicators on well-being- beyond GDP, by Hans R. Herren, President, Millennium Institute
3. The Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP):
 - Responding to Rio+20 and accelerating the shift towards SCP, by Luis Flores, Consumers International
 - A Global Framework of Action for inclusive multi-stakeholder mechanism for sustainable consumption and production, by Charles Arden-Clarke, Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch, UNEP

Question and Discussion

12:00 – 13:00

Breakout groups - Regional caucus groups

The objective of the breakout groups is to allow each region to address the Post Rio+20 themes and processes, and the GC/GMEF themes and decisions to be adopted. The MGS are expected to come up with positions and perspectives from each group to be presented at the GC/GMEF. Report back from this session will be done on Day 2, during session 8. Interpretation will not be available during the breakout sessions.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch



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14:00 – 15:00

Session 8. Towards the achievement of internationally agreed sustainable development goals

This session will be facilitated by Mohamed Raouf, Gulf Research Center (GRC). The session will address the questions: What progress has been made in achieving internationally agreed goals? What are the gaps? How can these gaps be filled? Presentations include:

1. The GEO 5 analysis of progress and gaps towards achieving internationally agreed goals and what needs to be done to ensure their realization, by Fatoumata Keita-Ouane, Head, Scientific Assessment Branch, Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA), UNEP
2. GEO 5 for Local Government: Highlights of successful policies and why they have worked; specific country examples from the GEO-5 for Local Government report, by Yunus Arikan, ICLEI

Question and Discussion

15:00 – 16:30

Session 9. Major Group Positions regarding UNEP GC draft decisions

The session will be facilitated by Calvin James, Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development. The session will serve as a platform for MGS and regions to present their different messages to the GC/GMEF. It will include a Report back from the break-out groups – 9 MGS and 6 Regional Groups.

Question and Discussion

Health break: coffee will be available outside the meeting room

16:30 – 17:00

Session 10. Closing

Facilitated by a representative of the Indigenous Peoples' major group. The Evaluation of the GMGSF will be done (written format) and closing statements will be delivered by:

- One MGS delegate
- Tomoko Nishimoto, Director, Division of Regional Cooperation (DRC), UNEP

The meeting will close at 17:00.

A reception will be hosted by the UNEP-China Desk on the occasion of the Opening of the Green Shanghai Photo Exhibition, on Sunday, 17 February, 2013, at 17:00 at the Main Lobby .

Note:

English is the working language of the meeting. Interpretation will be available in French and Spanish.