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Rio+20: From Outcome to Implementation
The First Universal Session of the
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**Strengthening the human
rights and environment
nexus for sustainable
development**

DATE: Thursday, 21/2/2013

TIME: 13:30-14:30

VENUE: Conference Room 13, UN Complex

Purpose/objective:

To inform and sensitize participants on the importance of the nexus between human rights and the environment for sustainable development, and to promote the mainstreaming of such nexus into environmental policy and international cooperation, taking into consideration the Rio+20 outcome, the recent establishment of an Independent Expert on human rights and environment, and the renewed focus on promoting the rule of law.

Organizers: UNEP/DELC and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Programme:

Welcoming remarks and introduction to the event (5 min.)

Mr. Bakary Kante, Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP

Presentation:

The evolution of the linkages between human rights and the environment and recent developments, including the establishment under the Human Rights Council of the "Independent Expert on the human rights obligations related to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment" (15 min.)

Prof. John Knox, Independent Expert on the human rights obligations related to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy environment and sustainable environment

Moderated discussion on the relevance of the nexus between human rights and the environment in light of the Rio+20 Outcome and respective roles of governments, civil society and international organizations in strengthening the human rights and environment nexus (30 min.)

H.E. Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze, Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources, Georgia (Other Ministers/High-level Representatives tbc)

Ms. Anne Marie Sloth Carlsen, Policy Advisor, Environment and Sustainable Development, UNDP

Mr. Lalanath da Silva, Director, Access Initiative, World Resources Institute

Q&A and general discussion (10 min)

All participants

Expected Outcomes:

Sensitization on the importance and practical significance of the human rights and environment nexus, and promotion of its further mainstreaming of in environmental policy making and international cooperation on environmental matters.

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