

# Environment and Emergencies Forum

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# 22 years of partnership

- UN Environment / Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Joint Unit: founded in 1994 at request of UN Member States
- New mechanism to respond to environmental emergencies
- Technological emergencies → sudden-onset disasters → protracted crises



An aerial photograph of a vast, dense cluster of traditional African huts with thick thatched roofs. The huts are packed closely together, stretching across the middle ground. In the lower right foreground, a white horse and its foal are resting on a dirt path. The background features a wide expanse of green fields and distant, low mountains under a clear blue sky.

# 2017 Environment and Emergencies Forum

**26 – 28 September  
Nairobi, Kenya  
[www.eecentre.org/eef](http://www.eecentre.org/eef)**



# Forum background

- A **unique** global event organized every two years, since 1995, by UN Environment and OCHA
- **100-150** experts and policy makers
- **Diverse participants:** Governments, UN, academia and research facilities, the private sector, industry groups, civil society



# Forum objectives

Links environment and humanitarian policy and programming, drawing on actions outlined in the *Agenda for Humanity* and setting the scene for the third *United Nations Environmental Assembly*





*Theme 1:*

# **Readiness for Environmental Emergency Response**

# *Theme 2:*

## Integrating Environment in Humanitarian Response





*Theme 3:*

# **Environment in Conflict Settings**

# Green Star Awards



Green Star Awards ceremony  
held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Forum:  
**Tuesday 26 September**



# Opportunities for engagement in the Forum

- Register now: [www.eecentre.org/eef](http://www.eecentre.org/eef)
- Share your project / initiative / idea at the Ignite Stage
- Facilitate/ support a session
- Identify solutions and find new partners
- Learn more about the Joint Environment Unit and the interface between environment and emergencies

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