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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Regional Consultation Meeting for Europe In preparation for the 9th Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) and the Global Ministerial Environment Forum

31st October - 2nd November 2007

(International Environment House, 15 Chemin des Anémones, 1219 Chatelaine, Geneva, Conference Room #3)

Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday 31st October 2007

13h00-13h30 Welcoming remarks:

- Christophe Bouvier, Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe
- Olivier Arnoult, Act for nature, Monaco
- Jacqueline Cote, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

13h30-14h00 Participants Introduction, adoption of agenda and election of officers.

14h00-14h15 Overview of Civil Society Engagement in UNEP, Olivier Deleuze, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch and Vlatko Andonovski, UNEP national committee for Republic of Macedonia.

14h15-15h00 **(Session 1): Globalization and the Environment: Mobilizing Finance to meet the Climate Challenge.**

Focus on how to: (a). Finance the transition to a “sustainable” low carbon economy, including through new investment flows and markets; (b). Access the finance required to adapt to change, especially for countries that are most vulnerable; (c). Create both an enabling and sustainable policy and regulatory environment for the transition; (d). Achieve multiple environmental objectives and avoid unintended environmental consequences, through the transition and through adaptation measures; and (e). Identify linkages to wealth generation and poverty eradication through the transition and through implementing adaptation measures.

- Janos Pasztor, Director, EMG, (Facilitator)
- Speakers/presenters:**
- Amir Delju, Senior Scientific Coordinator, World Climate Program World Meteorological Organization (WMO),
 - Prof. Martin Beniston, Chair, Climate Research, University of Geneva,
 - Malena Sell, ICTSD

15h00-16h00 Discussion

16h00-16h15 Coffee break

16h15-17h00 **Continuation of session 1**

Speakers/presenters:

- Glenn Dolcemascolo, UNEP Post Conflict & Disaster Management Branch
- Ms. Chloe Hill (payments for Ecosystem services)
- Mirjam Harteisen (Energy Subsidies), UNEP Economic and Trade Branch

17h15-18h15 Discussion and formulation of key messages to the SS.X-GC/GMEF.

18h15-18h30 Setting up drafting group for key messages.

18h30 End of day one.

Day 2:	Thursday, 1st November 2007 – Chaired by Sascha Gabizon (WECF)
09h00-09h30	Report back from drafting group on discussions
09h30-10h30	(Session 2): Review of discussion paper on “Guidelines for Improving the Global Civil Society Forum Cycle” Facilitated by UNEP Civil Society Global Steering Committee members (JGS)
10h30-10h45	Coffee break
10h45-11h45	(Session 3): Introduction to UNEP Medium Term Strategy and discussion Background on the UNEP Medium Term strategy for the period 2010-2013 and an opportunity to discuss the strategy in the context of emerging and current challenges in the environment field, (Mr. John Scanlon by Video link)
11h45-12h30	Discussion
12h30-14h00	Lunch and visit to Geneva-based UNEP programmes/units.
14h00-15h45	(Session 4): Role of Civil Society organizations in regional processes: Environment for Europe process: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outcome of EfE, Monika Linn, UNECE• NGO perspective, Andjelka Mihajlov, Environmental Ambassadors• Women as the Voice for the Right to a Healthy Environment, (Sascha Gabizon of WECF and Andjelka Mihajlov of Env.Amb.) European Environment and Health process: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sascha Gabizon, Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)• Wondwosen (Wondy) Asnake (UNEP/ROE)
15h45-16h00	Norwegian NGO experiences from the World Environmental Day 2007 and the "road show" about Climate Change (Mr. Jan-Gustav Strandenaes on behalf of Mr. Terje Kronen of the Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development)
16h00-16h15	Coffee break
16h15-16h45	Progress on Mercury: preparations and expectations for the open ended working groups, and progress in strengthening UNEP Global Mercury Partnership <i>(by Sheila Logan)</i>
16h45-18h15	Discussion and exchange of ideas on additional role of Civil Society organizations in regional processes, and role of UNEP national Committees (Facilitated by JC Bouvier and Tomas Ruzicka)
19h00-21h30	Working dinner (venue tbc).

Day 3: Friday, 2nd November 2007 – Chaired by Trevor Rees (LEAD International)

09h00-09h30 **Report back from drafting group.**

09h30-12h30 **(Session 5): Global Environment Outlook 4th Assessment (GEO-4) Issues Workshop:** (by Ronald G. Witt, UNEP/DEWA/Europe)

- Overview of the GEO-4 process,
- Environment and Human-well being – key conceptual issues underpinning the GEO-4 assessment
- Regional Highlights

- Role of UNEP's Major Groups and Stakeholders in the GEO Assessment Process (Regional, Sub-regional, National and City).

Discussion on:

- Using the GEO-4 findings in the work of civil society
- Civil society role in strengthening data and information for environmental assessment
- Civil society's contribution to enhancing synergies among different assessment processes

12h30-12h40 Presentation on GEO-4 Launch in London (by Ms. Hannah Stoddart, Policy Coordinator, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future).

12h40-14h00 Lunch and visit to Geneva-based UNEP programmes/units.

14h00-15h15 Discussion and agreement on key messages to the SS.X-GC/GMEF on (Climate change; Ecosystem management; Environmental Governance; Hazardous substances; Natural disasters and post conflict response; and Resource efficiency – sustainable consumption and production)

15h15-16h00 **(Session 6): Selection of major groups representatives to the Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) and the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF)**

Participants will select four representatives to attend the GCSF and the GC/GMEF, including two members of the Global Major Groups Facilitating Committee (GMGFC).

16h00-16h15 Coffee break

16h15-16h45 **Closing Session**

Closing remarks by UNEP Civil Society Global Steering Committee member

Closing remarks by UNEP

16h45-17h00 Meeting Evaluation (form to be distributed)