



Provisional schedule of

GREENROOM

Events

23-26 February 2010

Bali International Convention Centre

Ground Floor, Exhibition Hall



The Greenroom is a meeting room reserved for the participating Major Groups and Stakeholders of civil society during the 11th Special Session of the UNEP GC/GMEF from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 February 2010. It is available from 8.00 to 20.00 for morning and evening briefings, ad-hoc meetings, press events, special events and bilateral meetings, and is equipped with several PCs with internet connection for use by Major Groups and Stakeholders organizations.

For the latest updates of the Greenroom agenda, please check the announcements at www.unep.org/civil-society, in the Daily Journal or on the notice board outside of the Greenroom. For any other inquiry please contact civil.society@unep.org

DAILY BRIEFINGS AND MEETINGS

- 8.00-9.00** **Major Groups Daily Briefing**
On a daily basis all Major Groups representatives will meet to address the issue of their participation in the GC/GMEF at its 11th Special Session. The meetings will be facilitated by the Members of the Major Groups' Facilitating Committee (MGFC).
- 18.00-19.00** **NGOs Caucus Daily Meeting**
- 19.00-20.00** **Women Caucus Meeting**

Tuesday, 23 February 2010

- 8.00-9.00** **Major Groups Daily Briefing**
- 9.00-9.30** **UNEP and SEE (closed meeting)**
- 10.00-11.00** **African Civil Society Meeting consultation and feedback**
Description: *Consultation and Feedback on the African Regional Consultation among Civil Society*
Keynote speaker: Mr. Robert Bakiika, Executive Director, Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement, Bwaise Facility, Uganda, and Regional representative for Africa to the GMGSF.
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- 11.00-12.00** **Side event and training workshop on the *Guidelines for participation of major groups and stakeholders in policy design at UNEP. How do the Guidelines help focus the work of the Major Groups? Which lobby opportunities are there at UN meetings?***
Description: *The speakers will present the guidelines which were adopted at the UNEP GC/GMEF in 2008 with some 300 representatives from the major groups present and revised in 2009 in consultation with MGFC and all accredited organizations. They will use this opportunity to explain how the guidelines help focus, promote and protect as well as provide opportunities for the major groups at UNEP policy level. Based on the guidelines they will also present examples of lobby strategies and show how the UN provides an array of opportunities to promote issues that are important to the major groups.*
Keynote speakers: Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior Policy Adviser, The Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED)
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- 12.00-13.00** **Annual Planning meeting of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for Environment**
Description: *The meeting will focus on the achievements made since the resolutions made at the High level Global Gender Forum held in Nairobi in February 2009, the upcoming Gender Forum 2011 and plan for activities for 2010. The participants will include Women Ministers/Deputy ministers/ leaders for environment, members of the UNEP Women's Caucus, IUCN and GBIF and UNEP staff.*
Keynote speaker: H.E. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Chairperson and Deputy Minister, Department of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa
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- 13.00-14.30** **International Cooperation and Access to Biodiversity Data in Support of the Millennium Development Goals and Gender Equality** (organized by *Network of Women Ministers and Leaders of the Environment, UNEP, Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), IUCN*)
Description: *A side event with (i) opening presentation, (ii) moderated panel and (iii) questions and answer session exploring the importance of international cooperation on biodiversity informatics and data sharing in support of policy decision-making, the MDGs and gender.*
Keynote speakers: Opening presentation by Dr. Nicholas King, Executive Secretary, GBIF Secretariat. Moderated panel with IUCN, Finland, Network of Women Ministers of the Environment, Japan (tbc)
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- 15.00-16.00** **Society of Entrepreneurs & Ecology (SEE) and Corporate Environmental Responsibility**
Description: *SEE will present the constructive strategic partnership between SEE and UNEP which was established in 2008, as well as SEE's prospects and substantial contributions in China in improving the environmental performance and promote Chinese Entrepreneurs' participation in the field of CSR.*
Keynote speakers: President and General Director of SEE
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8.00-9.00 Major Groups Daily Briefing

9.00-10.00 Agriculture, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development: the Swedish farmers' experience and the global IFAP engagement in the Green Economy

Description: *The event will illustrate the important role of agriculture in sustainable development, present the successful experiences carried out by Swedish farmers demonstrating that rural activities offer unique opportunities for sustainable growth having the potential to significantly contribute to green economy, biodiversity protection, climate change mitigation and efficient use of resources. In a second part IFAP and its engagement in enhancing sustainable development through agriculture will be presented. A 3minute video will be presented addressing the need for a global action plan to increase agricultural output in an environmentally-sustainable, economically-feasible and socially-responsible manner.*

Keynote Speakers: *Ingrid Rydberg (Federation of Swedish Farmers) Valerio Lucchesi (IFAP)*
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11.00-12.00 Scaling Up Renewable Energy Projects in Low Income Countries

Description: *The purpose of this briefing will be to seek counsel and advice from NGOs and others attending the GMEF on projects that could be scaled up in low-income countries if funding were available. The speaker will also seek advice on any type of programs that NGOs would like to see established, perhaps for entrepreneurs, and a description of what the impact would be in terms of quality of life in that country.*

Keynote speaker: Richard Jordan, NGO Developed World Alternate, World Bank, SREP
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12.00-13.00 Briefing on the Green Development Mechanism. A Green Economy Transformation Initiative

Keynote speakers: Julian Metcalfe, Senior Policy Advisor, GDM 2010 Initiative + one representative from a developing country who participated in the 2nd experts meeting on a green development initiative (22-23 Feb, Bali, <http://gdm.earthmind.net/2010-02-bali>).

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13.00-14.00 Supporting coherent international decision-making on the environment, conservation and sustainable development. Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), UNEP WCMC (tbc)

Description: *Originally set up by OECD countries in 2001, GBIF -an independent, government-funded initiative- offers a common platform for biodiversity and ecosystem information to governments, scientists, NGOs and the public to share standardized data about the world's living organisms, from bacteria to plants to animals. GBIF provides the world's premiere portal to biodiversity data, providing access to more than 195 million records held in more than 384 institutions and linking nearly 9,800 datasets scattered around the world.*

Keynote speakers: Dr. Nicholas King, Executive Secretary, GBIF Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC (tbc)
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14.00-16.00 Catalyzing Sustainability Innovation. APFED Perspectives

Description: *The event is intended to present, through panel discussions, a provisional set of the findings and recommendations obtained through the activities carried out under the Asia Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED) that aims to promote innovative policies, technology and community mobilisation toward achieving sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.*

Keynote speakers: Prof. Cielito F. Habito, Director, Ateneo Center for Economic Research & Development; Dr. Parvez Hassan, former Chairman of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN); Dr. Kim Myung-Ja, President, the Green Korea 21 Forum, Visiting Distinguished Professor, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST); Dr. Reza Maknoon, Advisor to the Vice-President and the Head of the Department of the Environment, Deputy Chairman, National Committee on Sustainable Development; Prof. Akio Morishima, Special Research Advisor, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES); Dr. Emil Salim, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Indonesia; Mr. Hideyuki Mori, Vice President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

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17.00-18.00 Asbestos. Still a Major Threat

Description: *The event focuses on awareness raising on the use of asbestos worldwide, and especially in the EECCA region, and its related health risks. Chrysotile asbestos is still banned in many countries and currently recommended by the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention for listing on Annex III of the RC. The speakers will describe the situation in various countries, the scope of the asbestos related diseases and its impact on the lives of affected people. They will formulate policy recommendations. 90,000 people will die each year from asbestos-related diseases due to occupational exposure. All deaths related to asbestos can be prevented. About 125 million people in the world are exposed to this health threat at the workplace and more in their homes. At what cost? In Europe alone, the 400,000 asbestos-related cancer deaths expected over the next few decades would result in at least US\$ 500 billion costs for insurance and compensation.*

Keynote speakers: Sascha Gabizon, WECF, Olga Speranskaya, Eco Accord, Kaisha Atakhanova, EcoCenter
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Thursday, 25 February 2010

- 8.00-9.00 Major Groups Daily Briefing**
- 9.00-10.00 Putting biodiversity back at the centre of development: the Ecosystems approach. The case of the orang-utans**
- Description:* As an introduction, PanEco will broadcast the video documentary "The REDD Ape: Orangutan, A Climate Chance". To reach the goal of biodiversity conservation flagship species such as the orang-utan can be important to raise awareness of the biodiversity crisis at a local, national and international level. Solid biodiversity conservation requires an ecosystem approach where large areas are managed for conservation. Such management will also conserve many ecosystem services that large areas provide. Planning for such management needs careful evaluations of the cost and benefits for all stakeholders involved. The side event will present an opportunity to discuss these factors with respect to the conservation of the Sumatran orang-utans.
- Keynote speakers: Serge Wich, GRASP/Great Apes Survival Programme, Chair Scientific Committee; Sonya Dewi, ICRAF/World AgroForestry Centre, Denis Ruyschaert (PAN ECO), Foundation for Sustainable Development and Intercultural Exchange
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- 13.00-14.00 Side event on Rio+20. What Opportunities are there for major groups at the New Summit on Sustainable Development in 2012? The Summit explained: process, modalities, themes, timetable and road map to the Summit**
- Description:* The speaker will explore in more detail which opportunities exists for the major group community, the road map that will lead up to the summit, the time table which needs to be respected, and opportunities to develop a set of themes for the upcoming summit agenda that the major groups can agree on.
- Keynote speaker: Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior Policy Adviser, ANPED, and member of the MGFC
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- 15.00-16.00 Opportunities for GEF financing for POPs and chemicals**
- Description:* Briefing to Civil Society on the shape of the GEF replenishment for 2010-2014, and opportunities for financing projects in the POPs thematic area. The discussion will also touch upon the potential for financing for other chemicals, including mercury.
- Keynote speakers: Laurent Granier, POPs Program Manager, GEF Secretariat; Mohamed Eisa, UNIDO POPs Manager; Maryam Niamir-Fuller, GEF Executive Coordinator (UNEP)
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- 17.00-18.00 Environmental Health for Women and Children – What can we do against daily life exposure to hazardous chemicals (e.g. endocrine disruptors, nanoparticles) in consumer products like toys?**
- Description:* The event focuses on new developments like chemicals in toys, endocrine disruptors, and nanotechnology in the important area of environmental health for women and children. The speakers will describe the scientific state of the art, the current situation in various countries, the scope of the health problems of women and children that are linked to chemical exposure.
- Keynote speakers: Sascha Gabizon, WECF; IPEN representatives invited; Representatives of government delegations invited
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Friday, 26 February 2010

- 8.00-9.00 Major Groups Daily Briefing**
- 9.00-10.00 Introduction to the UNEP Yearbook (DEWA/ Division of Early Warning and Assessments/ UNEP)**
- Description:* *New Science and Developments in Our Changing Environment*
- Keynote speaker: Tessa Goverse (UNEP/ DEWA)
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