



Discussion with newly appointed UNEP Deputy Executive Director

**Thursday 10 October 2013, 13:00-14:00
International Environment House II**

You are cordially invited to a **discussion on the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA) with the newly appointed Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Ibrahim Thiaw, taking place at the International Environment House on Thursday 10 October 2013.**

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Ibrahim Thiaw as UNEP Deputy Executive Director in August 2013. Ibrahim joined UNEP's Senior Management Team in 2007 as Director of the Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, spearheading UNEP's ecosystem management sub-programme, which promotes an approach to natural resource management focusing on sustaining terrestrial, aquatic and marine ecosystems to meet both ecological and human needs. He also held the lead responsibility for UNEP's Post Conflict and Disasters Management Subprogramme. Ibrahim led UNEP's contribution to intergovernmental processes such as the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD) and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

Ibrahim began his career in the Ministry of Rural Development in Mauritania where he worked from 1983-1992 and played a key role in the development of Mauritania's national environment institutions and policies. In 1992 he joined IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) where he held a series of positions including in the Sahel Programme with subsequent appointment as Africa Coordinator, Regional Director - West Africa and prior to joining UNEP- as Acting Director-General of IUCN.

Provisional Agenda

- 12:45 Coffee & Tea, Light Sandwiches
- 13:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Jan DUSIK, acting Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe
- 13:05 **UNEP United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA)**
Ibrahim THIAW, UNEP Deputy Executive Director and UN Assistant Secretary-General
- 13:30 Question-and-answer session
- 14:00 End



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We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by **8 October 2013** to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org) or register online. Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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