



UNEA Briefing to Permanent Missions

Tuesday 13 May 2014, 12:30-13:30
International Environment House II

Environment Ministers and Government representatives from 193 UN Member States and major groups will gather from 23-27 June for the inaugural meeting of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)—the main governing body of UNEP, designed to place environmental issues at the heart of the global agenda.

At its first session, UNEA is expected to provide leadership on global environmental policy, and continue to keep the world environment under review; a mandate first conferred upon UNEP's Governing Council by the 1972 United Nations General Assembly resolution 2997 and subsequently enhanced through the Rio +20 outcome – The Future We Want.

According to the decision adopted at the first session of the Governing Council with universal membership (27th session), UNEA will meet biennially in Nairobi starting in June 2014. UNEA is also mandated to ensure the active participation of all relevant stakeholders in the governance of UNEP and to promote a strong science-policy interface.

One of the main themes of UNEA's first session will be "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including sustainable consumption and production". Deliberations are intended to contribute to the ongoing formulation of a set of targets and indicators on SDGs. Ministers will also discuss the illegal trade in wildlife and timber, an issue that is generating increasing global attention and action. UNEA will additionally provide a forum for examining crucial processes in environmental action such as the science-policy interface and the strengthened engagement of major groups and other key stakeholders.

You are cordially invited to a **briefing on the preparations of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP, taking place at the International Environment House on Tuesday 13 May 2014.**

Provisional Agenda

12:15 *Fair trade coffee & light sandwiches*

12:30 **Welcome and introduction**

Jan DUSIK, Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe

12:35 **Preparations of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP**

Achim STEINER, Executive Director, UNEP

13:00 Question-and-answer session

13:30 End



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You are cordially invited to participate in this event.

We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by **9 May 2014** 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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Set up in 1999, the GEN secretariat, led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and supported by the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, actively promotes increased cooperation and networking between its members.



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