



Eye on Earth Summit Briefing

Monday, 24 October 2011, 10h00 – 11h30
International Environment House II

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing on the Eye on Earth Summit, facilitated by Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI) and hosted by Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), taking place at the International Environment House, on 24 October.

Under the Patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, the Summit, to be held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), from 12-15 December 2011, will enable global leaders, innovators and decision-makers to focus on how to ensure effective access to the world's expanding pool of environmental and societal data by all of those who need it.

The expected outcome of the Summit will be a clear statement on ways and means to strengthen existing environmental information networking initiatives and fill gaps towards informed policy making in support of sustainable development. The Summit outcome will make an important contribution to the Rio+20 process, by focusing political attention on the knowledge framework required to support decision-making and underpin the future institutional framework for sustainable development, including issues related to the right to environmental information.

The Summit will be preceded by an Eye on Earth Civil Society Forum which will take place on Sunday 11 December 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Yas Island, Abu Dhabi. A Civil Society Advisory Group has been established by UNEP to assist with the preparations of the Forum.

10h00 Coffee & Tea

10h15 **Welcome and introduction**

Ron Witt, Regional Coordinator for Europe, Division of Early Warning and Assessment, UNEP

10h20 **Eye on Earth Summit: Presentation, Status of Preparatory Process, Expected Summit Outcome and Linkage with UNCSD**

Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, Secretary General, Environment Agency of Abu Dhabi

Gerard Cunningham, Head of Partnerships, Division of Early Warning and Assessment, UNEP

Representative from the UAE Mission to the UN Office in Geneva (tbc)

11h00 Question-and-answer session

11h30 End



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