



UNEP GC/GMEF 12th Special Session Briefing to the Permanent Missions in Geneva

Wednesday, 25 January 2012, 9:45-11:00
International Environment House II

The 12th Special Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) will be held from 20 to 22 February 2012, in Nairobi, Kenya. You are cordially invited to attend the **briefing on the next GC/GMEF special session main topics and challenges**, including the linkage to the preparatory process for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012 **by Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director**, on Wednesday 25 January, from 10.00 to 11.00 am.

The over-arching theme of the ministerial consultations during the Global Ministerial Environment Forum will be **"Environmental agenda in the changing world: From Stockholm (1972) to Rio (2012)"**. The Forum will be opened by consideration of the findings of the Fifth Global Environmental Outlook. The discussion of ministers will then relate to the two main topics of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and the institutional framework for sustainable development. The GMEF could result in the production of an Outcome Document on UNEP's contribution to the UNCSD.

The **draft decisions of the Governing Council** already submitted to the secretariat include: International environmental governance; World environmental situation; UNEP's work on sustainable consumption and production; Consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes; Accountability and financial and administrative arrangements between UNEP and the multilateral environmental agreements for which it provides the secretariat or secretariat functions; Enhanced coordination across the United Nations system, including the Environment Management Group; Enhancing cooperation and coordination within the chemicals and wastes cluster.

This session will be followed by the presentation of the Green Economy Inter-Agency Report, launched last month in New York, taking place from 11.15 to 12:30 in the same venue, and opened to a larger public.

AGENDA

- 9:45 Coffee & Tea
- 10:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Jan Dusik, acting Director and Regional Representative, UNEP
- 10:05 **GC/GMEF 12th Special Session: main topics and challenges**
Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP
Angela Cropper, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNEP
- 10:30 **Question-and-answer session**
- 11:00 End



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You are cordially invited to participate in this briefing.

We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by **23 January 2012** by email (gen.secretary@unep.ch) or registering online from (www.environmenthouse.ch). Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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