



Next Steps Following Rio+20

Friday 31 August 2012, 10:00-12:00
International Environment House II

On Friday, 27 July, the UN General Assembly adopted, by consensus, resolution 66/288 endorsing the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, commonly known as Rio+20 – The Future We Want – outlining the international community's common vision of an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable future for present and future generations.

The Rio+20 Conference defined a new vision of development for the future, which would be equitable and inclusive and take into account the limits of the planet. The Rio outcome document contains a set of time-bound targets to end poverty and hunger while preserving the environment – the Sustainable Development Goals. Affirming that poverty eradication is the greatest and most urgent challenge facing the world today, the text advocates a transition to a “green economy” and outlines a stronger role for women, non-governmental organizations, small-scale food producers, the private sector and the academic, scientific and technological community.

Among other proposals, it recommends the creation of a high-level standing forum on sustainable development to replace the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, and the strengthening and upgrading of the United Nations Environment Programme.

You are cordially invited to attend a roundtable discussion on next steps following the Rio+20 Conference with high level representatives from inter-governmental, non-governmental and governmental organizations.

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 Coffee & Tea

10:15 **Welcome and Introduction**

Jan Dusik, Acting Director, Regional Office for Europe, UNEP

10:20 **Rio+20 Conference Outcomes and Next Steps Discussion**

Michele Candotti, Chief, Executive Office, UNEP

Vesile Kulaçoğlu, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO

Monika Linn, Principal Adviser to the Executive Secretary, UNECE

Mark Halle, Executive Director, IISD-Europe

11:20 Question-and-answer session

12:00 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 **29 August 2012** to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org). Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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