



12th Special Session of UNEP Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) Debriefing

Tuesday 6 March 2012, 10:00 – 12:00
International Environment House II

The 12th Special Session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was held from 20 to 22 February 2012 at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya. Over 950 participants, representing more than 100 governments, as well as intergovernmental organizations, members of the civil society, the private sector and scientific bodies, attended the meeting.

The ministerial consultations during the special session focused on emerging policy issues under the overall theme of "The environmental agenda in the changing world: from Stockholm (1972) to Rio (2012)". In a statement ministers and representative from close to 150 countries described the conference, known as Rio+20 as "a unique opportunity to address the economic, social and environmental challenges in the context of sustainable development". The statement also underlines the concern of the world's environment ministers 'over the continued environmental degradation' being witnessed across the globe.

The GCSS-12/GMEF concluded its work by adopting various decisions on specific issues ranging from how best to bridge the environmental data gaps in the world and chemicals financing to a Ten Year Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

You are cordially invited to attend this event providing an overview of the outcomes and the decisions taken at UNEP GC/GMEF, delivered by high-level representatives of UNEP and MEAs.

Provisional Agenda

- 9:45 Coffee & Tea
- 10:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Jan Dusik, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP
- 10:10 **UNEP 12th Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF)**
Jan Dusik, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP
Steven Stone, Chief, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP
Jiri Hlavacek, Deputy-Director, Division of Regional Cooperation, UNEP
Ron Witt, Regional Coordinator, Division of Early Warning and Assessment, UNEP
and other UNEP and MEAs high-level representatives
- 11:20 Question-and-answer session
- 12:00 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 **2 March 2012** to the address below by fax, post or email (gen.secretary@unep.org). Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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