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GC/GMEF 11th Special Session Briefing

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Bali Schedule

21-22 February	Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum Meetings of Regional Groups (GMGSF)
22-24 February	Simultaneous Extraordinary Meetings of Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam Conv. COPs
24-26 February	GC/GMEF
23 February	Sasakawa Awards Ceremony
25 February	Ministerial Breakfast
26 February	Informal High-Level Discussion on C. Change
27 February	Possible Field Excursion
Throughout	Six lunch-time special events Media events Social events

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Nusa Dua Declaration

- The **Nusa Dua Declaration**, the first by world environment ministers since they met in Malmö, Sweden in 2000, will be transmitted to the UN General Assembly later this year.
- An important document for Rio+20 preparatory process.
- Underlines the vital importance of biodiversity, the urgent need to combat climate change and work towards a good outcome in Mexico later in the year and the key opportunities from accelerating a transition to a low-carbon resource-efficient Green Economy.
- The statement highlights the need to improve the overall management of the global environment, accepting that that 'governance architecture' has become too complex and fragmented.
- The Declaration called for another meeting in June to decide if a new international panel of scientists for biodiversity should be created.

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- Convened Sunday 21 February and Monday 22 February.
- 111 participants.
- First day included the traditional dialogue with Achim Steiner.
- Addressed issues relating to the ExCOPs.
- Under the theme "Environment in the multilateral system," considered International Environmental Governance and sustainable development, the "Green Economy," and biodiversity and ecosystems.
- The Forum discussed the Rio+20 Summit planned for 2012.
- Key messages were prepared and distributed to the delegations in Bali on the themes discussed during the GC days. A common/ global message from all the major groups and all regions was prepared and shared with delegations.
- Specific statements and interventions were made by civil society in the Plenary, the COW as well as the Ministerial Roundtables.

Sasakawa Prize

- The UNEP Sasakawa Prize, worth \$200,000, is given out each year to sustainable and replicable grassroots projects around the planet.
- Winners received their Prize at an Award Ceremony in Bali attended by dozens of Environment Ministers.
- Two projects bringing green stoves and clean lighting to remote communities in Latin America, East Africa and India are the laureates for 2009-10.
- This year's winners are Nuru Design, a company bringing rechargeable lights to villages in Rwanda, Kenya and India; and Trees, Water and People (TWP), an organization that collaborates with local NGOs to distribute fuel-efficient cook stoves to communities in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Haiti.



Ministerial Breakfast on UNEP contribution to CSD

- A Ministerial Breakfast Roundtable on UNEP and the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18) was also convened, further contributing to the overall ministerial deliberations.
- It deliberated on the links between the environmental and other elements of the sustainable development agenda, in particular in the context of the Rio 2012 Conference
- Discussed concrete examples in the context of the green economy.

Informal High level discussion on Climate Change

- Meeting chaired by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. Denmark and Mexico, Achim Steiner, and Janos Pasztor, Director of UNSG Climate Change Support Team, delivered their views on the way forward to Mexico Conference.
- Ministers and Heads of Delegation shared the views that Copenhagen Conference made a step forward in climate negotiations. They expressed the willingness of their countries to continue and actively engaged in the process of moving forward.
 - a. The process of negotiation towards Mexico must be open, transparent, inclusive and equity.
 - b. The need to identify some elements that can be foreseen in Mexico.
 - c. negotiations must be carried out under the two ad-hoc working groups (AWG–KP and AWG–LCA), based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.
 - d. increasing number of countries associating themselves to the Copenhagen Accord reflects that the Accord is a stepping stone in the process to achieve an agreed outcome in Mexico.
 - e. The importance of centrality of UNFCCC in the climate change negotiations.

IPCC Ministerial Briefing

- Ministers re-affirmed the central importance of the IPCC and the importance of sound science upon which to base a response to climate change.



- Governments strongly supported Mr. Pachauri's initiative to call for an independent review of the IPCC.