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UNEP and the Green Economy:
Four Decades in Development

UNEP GC/GMEF 12th Special Session DeBriefing

Geneva, Tuesday 6 March 2012

GENEVA
ENVIRONMENT
NETWORK

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Events

- **18-19 February:** Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF -13)
- **20-22 February:** 12th Special Session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF)

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Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF -13)

- The annual meeting brought together over 150 delegates of major groups from civil society
- Series of open dialogues centered around the themes of the Green Economy and international environmental governance

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- Ministerial Consultations overall theme **“The environmental agenda in the changing world: From Stockholm (1972) to Rio (2012).”**
- 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.



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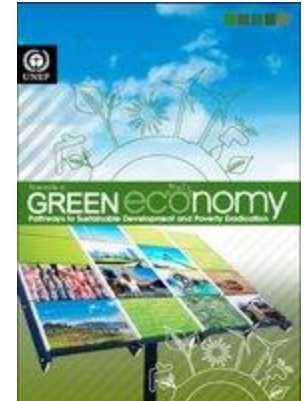
Ministerial consultations

- Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
- Institutional framework for sustainable development
- Global Environment Outlook and emerging issues: setting effective global environmental goals



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GREEN ECONOMY IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ERADICATION

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INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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EMERGING POLICY ISSUES: ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND DECISIONS

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UNEP 40th Anniversary Ministerial Statement

UNEP/GCSS.XII/L.4

- Ministers congratulate UNEP on its successes, including the establishment of MEAs; the development of environmental laws and policy; the findings of key scientific assessments; and stronger environmental awareness at all levels.
- Ministers recall previous commitment to strengthening the role of UNEP as the leading global environmental authority and advocate and recognize the GEO as an important synthesis of scientific information.
- Ministers pledge to: strengthen actions to reverse environmental degradation; promote a holistic approach to sustainable development; and contribute to the conservation of essential natural resources and ecosystems.
- Ministers and representatives from close to 150 countries welcome the UNCSD as a unique opportunity to address the economic, social, and environmental challenges in the context of sustainable development.

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Other Decisions (1)

- **IEG** (UNEP/GCSS.XII/L.2/Add.2)
- **ENHANCED COORDINATION ACROSS THE UN SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP (EMG)** (UNEP/GCSS.XII/CW/L.2)
- **WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION** (UNEP/GCSS.XII/CW/L.3/Add.1)
- **SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION** (UNEP/GCSS.XII/CW/L.3/Add.2)

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Other Decisions (2)

- **CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON FINANCING OPTIONS FOR CHEMICALS AND WASTES (UNEP/GCSS.XII/CW/L.3)**
- **ENHANCING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE CHEMICALS AND WASTES CLUSTER (UNEP/GCSS.XII/CW/L.3)**
- **BUDGET AND PROGRAMME OF WORK INCLUDING FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN UNEP AND MEAS (UNEP/GCSS.XII/CW/L.2)**





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