UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) 27th Session & Launch of Food Waste Campaign

Briefing to the Permanent Missions in Geneva

Tuesday 22 January 2013, 10:00 – 12:00
International Environment House II - 7-9 ch. de Balexert

The twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be held in Nairobi from 18 to 22 February 2013. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation between regional groups on 17 February, and the fourteenth Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF-14), from 16 to 17 February.

Eight months after the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012, the twenty seventh session will mark an important milestone in the history of UNEP, in particular with regard to the realization of the strengthening and upgrading of the Programme, as set out in the outcome document of the Conference, entitled “The future we want”. In that regard, the session will hold ministerial-level consultations on the theme “Rio+20: from outcome to implementation”. The Council/Forum will also consider reports submitted by the Executive Director on a number of issues.

You are cordially invited to attend the briefing on the next GC/GMEF main topics and challenges by Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director. At the end of this section you will be introduced to the new Food Waste Campaign to be launched by UNEP in support to FAO Save Food Initiative, which will be followed by a short reception.

Provisional Agenda

10:00 Coffee & Tea

10:15 Welcome and introduction
Jan DUSIK, acting Director and Regional Representative, UNEP

10:20 27th Session of UNEP GC/GMEF: main topics and challenges
Achim STEINER, Executive Director, UNEP

11:00 Question-and-answer session

11:40 Announcement of the Launch of Food Waste Campaign
Achim STEINER, Executive Director, UNEP
Ann TUTWILER, Special Representative of FAO to the UN organizations in Geneva and to the World Economic Forum

12:00 Light lunch for the Food Waste Campaign Launch
In collaboration with Partage (Geneva based association)
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We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by 21 January 2013 to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org). Please note that English is the working language of this event.

Name: _____________________________________________________
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The 4th basement level of the underground parking at the International Environment House will be available.