AGENDA

12.15  Trade coffee & Light sandwiches

12:30  Welcome and introduction
       Jan DUSIK, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP

12:35  Preparations of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP
       Achim STEINER, UNEP Executive Director
       Jiri HLAVACEK, Secretary of UNEP Governing Bodies

13:10  Question-and-answer session

13:30  End

13 May 2014  Briefing to Permanent Missions
The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) is the main governing body of UNEP with the following functions:

a. Setting the global environmental agenda
b. Providing overarching policy guidance and defining policy responses to address emerging environmental challenges;
c. Undertaking policy review, dialogue and exchange of experiences
d. Setting the strategic guidance on the future direction of UNEP
e. Organizing a multi-stakeholder dialogue
UNEA in 2014

• First UNEA session (23-27 June 2014) to set the tone for subsequent sessions
• Issuing a powerful message to the world on behalf of all Ministers of Environment
• Inform the discussions in UN Headquarters in New York on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and SDGs – integration of environmental dimension and integrated approach
• Highlight the environmental costs of illegal trade in wildlife an issue that is witnessing increasing global attention and action
• Discuss issues of critical environmental significance (i.e. green economy and rule of law) with diverse actors
## UNEA Events

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**Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum**

- **Regional group consultations**
  - SE I
  - SE II
  - SE III
  - SE IV
  - SE V

**UNEA Bureau Meetings**

- UNEA Opening
- COW
- Symposium on Environmental Rule of Law
- COW
- Symposium on Financing a Green Economy
- COW

**UNEA High-level Segment Opening**
- Briefing by the Executive Director on the State of the Environment

**Ministerial Plenary on SDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda, including Sustainable Consumption and Production**
- Lunch hosted by G77 and China for its 50th anniversary

**UNEP Briefing on the two themes of the high-level segment**
- Ministerial Plenary on SDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda, including Sustainable Consumption and Production
- UNEA Plenary - Adoption of decisions and outcome - Closing

**UNEP/SIDPS Partnership – Ministerial Consultation**
- Africa-China Ministerial Meeting

**Symposium on Financing a Green Economy**

**Symposium on Environmental Rule of Law**

**Multistakeholder Dialogue on Sustainable Development**

**Climate dinner hosted by France and Peru (tbc)**

**BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting (tbc)**

**Ministerial Dialogue on Illegal Trade in Wildlife**

**Reception hosted by Kenyan Government**

**Climate dinner hosted by France and Peru (tbc)**

**Ministerial Dialogue on Illegal Trade in Wildlife**

**UNEP Plenary**
Symposia & Special Events

• Symposia
  24 June: Environmental rule of law
  25 June: Financing green economy

• Special Events
  23-24 June: Gender Forum
  24 June: Multistakeholder Dialogue on actions for Sustainable Development
  24 June: Eco Consultative Ministerial Meeting on Environment
  25 June: Climate Change Dialogue
  27 June: Lunch hosted by the G77 and China to commemorate its 50th anniversary
Side Events

- 23 June:
  Side Event I on Air Quality
  Side Event II on Sustainable Consumption and Production

- 24 June:
  Side Event III on Illegal Trade in Wildlife
  Side Event IV on Chemicals/Minamata Convention

- 25 June:
  Side Event V on Green Jobs
  Side Event VI on Small Island Developing States: SIDS Ministerial Consultation
UNEA-1 Expected outcomes

Decisions:

• Amendments of the rules of procedure
• Revised biennial programme of work and budget for 2014-2015
• Proposed biennial programme of work and budget for 2016–2017
• Enhancing coordinating role of the UNEP in the UN system on environmental matters: A process to prepare a UN system-wide strategy on the environment, including EMG
• Omnibus decisions on science-policy interface, and on chemicals and wastes
• Promoting air quality
• Ecosystem-based adaptation
• Stakeholders engagement

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High Level Segment @ UNEA

- High-level segment to be held from 26-27 June.

  Thursday 26 June morning:
  **Opening of the high-level segment**
  with participation of UN SG, President of UNGA, President of Kenya, HSH Prince of Monaco

  Thursday 26 June afternoon:
  **Ministerial discussion I** with focus on Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Agenda, including sustainable production and consumption
  with participation of the co-Chairs of OWG on SDGs and Special Advisor of UN SG on Post-2015 development

  Thursday 26 June evening:
  **Ministerial dialogue** with focus on illegal trade in wildlife
  with participation of representative of FAO, UNODC, UN Women and MEAs
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Friday 27 June morning:
Ministerial discussion II
with participation of the co-Chairs of OWG on SDGs and Special Advisor of UN SG on Post-2015 development

Friday 27 June afternoon:
Closing session and adoption of outcomes
reflecting High-level political messages on main environment concerns and visions for future reflecting discussions on post-2015 development agenda/SDGs, and on illegal trade in wildlife
with the participation of the President of ECOSOC
• Regional groups are still consulting on candidatures to the 10 member UNEA Bureau that should be in future chaired by the President from the Asia and Pacific region.

• Taking into account the lessons learned with rather frequent changes in the governments at Ministerial level as well as in the state administration that result in vacancies in the posts in the Bureau, the draft of amended rules of procedure is proposing that in future the members in case of inability to perform their functions will be replaced by the nominee from their own country.
REGISTRATION

• Personalized *invitations* along with UNEA notification by the Executive Director have been sent all Ministers of Environment, heads of international organizations and UN system organizations and representatives of major groups and stakeholders accredited to UNEP.

• Registration deadline is **16 May 2014**.

• *Funding support* will be provided to one delegate from each developing country and two delegates from each least developed country.
More information

- All documents, calendar of the meetings and programme of UNEA available on the dedicated CPR Portal.
  
  http://www.unep.org/about/sgb/cpr_portal

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- Background information and documents also available on the UNEA portal:
  
  http://www.unep.org/unea/

- All documents and presentation provided today available on the Geneva Environment Network Website www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org
### Accreditation to UNEP

- Number of Member/ Non-member States with Accreditation to UNEP: **106**
- Number of Embassies/ High Commissions/ Consuls in Nairobi: **91**

#### European countries with Accreditation to UNEP (Nairobi)

- Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom

**Representation:** Holy See

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