



## UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement    Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente  
Программа Организации Объединенных Наций по окружающей среде    برنامج الأمم المتحدة للبيئة

联合国环境规划署



Our reference: SGBS/JH/TO

12 February 2014

Excellency,

The meeting of the UNEA Bureau held in Warsaw on 21 November 2013, in which I had the honor to participate via Skype, requested the CPR to finalize its discussion, as early as possible, on the selection of themes of the high-level segment and format of the first session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP, to be held in Nairobi from 23 to 27 June 2014. In response to this request, I am pleased to submit, for your consideration and further action, the outcome of the CPR's discussion on this subject.

Supported by the background notes prepared by the secretariat, the CPR reviewed the following suggested themes for the high-level segment:

- (a) Sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda;
- (b) Strengthening the science-policy interface;
- (c) Illegal trade of wildlife and timber;
- (d) Sustainable consumption and production in the context of the green economy.

The CPR has engaged in discussions on the programme and themes of the UNEA high-level segment, including through the meetings held on 12 November, 3 and 10 December 2013, 23 January and 11 February 2014. Informal consultations were also held. Given the agreement both by the UNEA Bureau and CPR that there should be at maximum two themes for the high-level segment, and that theme (a) above should be the first theme, the CPR meetings took significant time to identify the second theme for the high-level segment. At the meeting held on 11 February 2014, the CPR concluded its consideration on this matter with agreement as follows:

.../2

H.E. Mr. Hassan Abdelgadr Hilal  
Minister of Environment  
Physical Development and Forestry  
C/o Permanent Mission of Republic of Sudan  
Kabarnet Road, Off Ngong Rd.  
P.O. 48784, Nairobi  
Email: [embassy@sudanembassyrb.org](mailto:embassy@sudanembassyrb.org)

---

### Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP

C/O Secretariat of Governing Bodies and Stakeholders P.O. Box 30552, 00100 Nairobi, Kenya  
Tel: (+254) 20 762-3431 • Email: [unep.sgb@unep.org](mailto:unep.sgb@unep.org) • <http://www.unep.org/about/sgb>  
Tel: (+254) 20 762-4557 • Email: [civil.society@unep.org](mailto:civil.society@unep.org) • <http://www.unep.org/civil-society>

1. It is to be recalled that there are effectively only two sessions for substantive thematic discussions during the high-level segment.
  - Thursday, 26 June morning: Opening of the high-level segment
  - Thursday, 26 June afternoon: Ministerial discussion I
  - Friday, 27 June morning: Ministerial discussions II
  - Friday, 27 June afternoon: Closing of the session
2. During the opening of the high-level segment, which will have statements/remarks by high-level invitees, the Executive Director will provide a briefing for one hour on **Strengthening the science-policy interface**. The briefing is expected to highlight the latest science and emerging environmental issues to set the ground for ministerial discussions that will follow.
3. It has been agreed by the CPR and the UNEA Bureau that the first theme of the ministerial discussion will be **Sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda**. The discussion on this topic should include **Sustainable consumption and production**, which is fundamental to effectively protecting the environment and realizing sustainable development.
4. **Illegal trade of wildlife and timber** would be addressed in a ministerial dialogue, to be organized in the evening of Thursday, 26 June 2014, in the presence of ministers and dignitaries. Addressing this theme through a dialogue would help raise the profile of this urgent issue and contribute to mobilizing global action to combat illegal trade. The ministerial dialogue could feature high-level speakers and may issue a statement which can be reported to the high-level segment. There were divergent views on an exact title of the dialogue, which is to be discussed and determined before or at the open-ended meeting of the CPR (OECPR).
5. Two symposia, one on financing a green economy and the other on the environmental rule of law, would be organized as parallel events before the high-level segment, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 24 and 25 June, respectively. The symposium on the environmental rule of law is to continue to the dialogue initiated at the World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability during Rio+20 Conference to promote the development and implementation of environmental law.
6. The proposed timetable of the week is attached. Exact format and possible outcome of UNEA would be further discussed before or at the OECPR.

With the above conclusion of the work of the CPR in the selection of the themes of the high-level segment, we can now advance the preparation for the UNEA and the OECPR. It is my suggestion, for your consideration and approval, that a meeting of joint Bureaux of the UNEA and the CPR be held on the margin of the OECPR, taking advantage of presence in Nairobi of some members of the UNEA Bureau, to discuss further detailed programme and concrete format of the UNEA session.

While I am concluding my tour of duty as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UNEP, the existing members of the CPR Bureau will continue until my successor will be elected at the OECPR.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CW Kim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chan-Woo Kim  
Ambassador and Permanent Representatives to UNEP  
Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP

**CC: Members of the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly  
The Committee of Permanent Representatives**

## Structure

	<u>Morning 10 am-1 pm</u>	<u>Afternoon 3-6 pm</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<b>Monday 23 June</b>	<b>PLENARY: Opening of the session</b> <b>Items 1, 2, 3:</b> Opening of the session; Organization of work <b>Item 4:</b> Amendments to the rules of procedure	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b> <b>Item 5:</b> Policy issues	Working groups, as may be established, can continue its work until Wednesday afternoon
<b>Tuesday 24 June</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM*</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM*</b>	
	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b> <b>Item 5:</b> Policy issues	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b> <b>Item 5:</b> Policy issues	
<b>Wednesday 25 June</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM*</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM*</b>	
	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b> <b>Item 6:</b> Follow-up of the outcome of UN summits and major intergovernmental meetings <b>Item 7:</b> Budget and administrative matters	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b> <b>Item 7:</b> Budget and administrative matters <b>Item 8:</b> Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions	
<b>Thursday 26 June</b>	<b>PLENARY- Opening of the High-level segment, including a briefing on science-policy interface</b>	<b>PLENARY- Ministerial discussion on SDGs and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including SCP</b>	<b>MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE **</b>
<b>Friday 27 June</b>	<b>PLENARY- Ministerial discussion on SDGs and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including SCP</b>	<b>PLENARY-High level segment</b> <b>Item 3:</b> Credentials of representatives <b>Item 9:</b> Other matters <b>Item 10:</b> Adoption of the report <b>Item 11:</b> Closure of the session	

\* The symposia, which will be held in parallel with the United Nations Environment Assembly, could be either one- or half-day long; with the topics of "Financing a Green Economy" and "Environmental rule of law".

\*\* The exact title of the ministerial dialogue will be decided from among the following:

- Illegal trade in wildlife
- Illegal trade in wildlife and timber
- Trafficking in wildlife
- Trafficking in wildlife and timber

\*\*\* The Global Major Group and Stakeholders Forum will be held immediately before UNEA, on 21-22 June 2014