

Your Meeting

- ◆ The UN Office in Nairobi has an integrated waste management system that includes recycling of paper, glass, plastic, organic materials and metal. Please use the bins available to **sort your waste**.
- ◆ **Sharing copies** of large documents within your team or delegation is a good way to save paper.
- ◆ **Limit handout documents** – instead of handing out written sources, provide materials only upon request or on reusable flash disk.
- ◆ If printing items, the UN print shop in Gigiri use **recycled paper** and soy-based inks.
- ◆ Presenting or moderating? Ask presenters to **turn off** overhead and slide projectors when not in use.
- ◆ If you are the last person to leave a meeting room, make sure to **switch off** the lights.

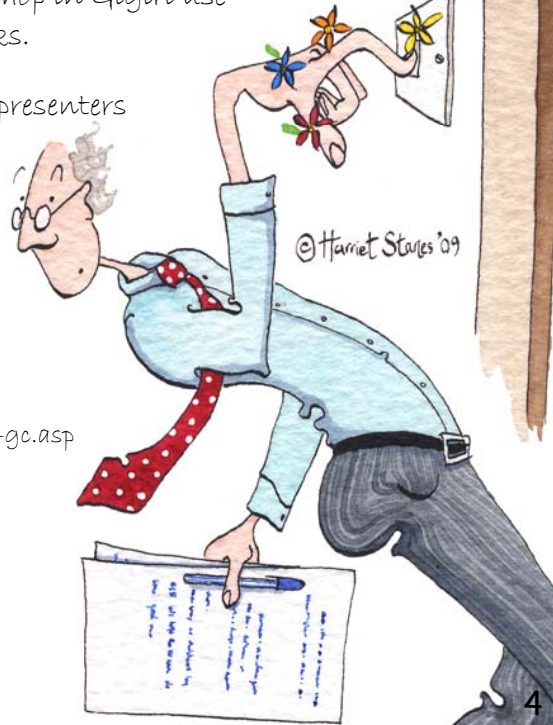
For more information please visit
<http://www.unep.org/GC/GC25/greening-gc.asp>

Buy Five Climate Smart Meals and get one FREE Climate Smart beverage!



*Old cafe- Smoothie/ Main cafe - Fresh Juice

** Please see Climate Smart meal board for details.



The Earth's climate is changing.

But it is still in our power!
As individuals, businesses, cities and governments – to influence the course of action.

"... We need to work on our operations, by using energy more efficiently and eliminating wasteful practices. That is why, today, I am asking the heads of all UN agencies, funds and programmes to join me in this effort. And I am asking all staff members throughout the UN family to make common cause with me."

-UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, 5 June '07-

UNEP is kicking the carbon habit and greening our act!

The 25th Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum will aim to have minimal environmental and climate footprints. As we meet to discuss and decide on the greatest environmental challenges of our time, join us in making this meeting a benchmark for more climate conscious International gatherings.

STEP by STEP



Welcome to Nairobi and to the 25th GC/GMEF!

We can make this meeting greener by travelling and living 'climate light' during your stay. While this is not an exhaustive list of the many large and small things that you can do as a participant, acting on some or all of these recommendations will help to make our global and local footprint smaller.

Your Travel

- ◆ **To fly or not to fly?** There are numerous online carbon calculators to measure the CO₂ emissions from your trip. An example of a calculator is available for your reference from www.climateneutral.unep.org. If you do decide to travel to Nairobi, consider offsetting your CO₂ emissions – but make sure that your offset investments contribute to verifiable emission reductions.
- ◆ **Planning to drive to and from the airport?** Remember that you can use hotel shuttles, carpool or use public transport.
- ◆ While travelling in Nairobi, check with your hotel to see if a shuttle service is available to the UN campus in Gigiri. It's likely that there are other GC/GMEF participants staying in your hotel – **sharing transport** is much more efficient and cost-effective.
- ◆ **Shipping materials to Nairobi?** Look into using international courier services that have made green commitments, or can provide offsets for your shipments.



Your Stay in Nairobi

- ◆ Some **hotels** are more active than others in reducing water and energy use. Exercise the option of foregoing second-day sheet and towel changes and request non-replacement of complementary toiletries minimizing energy and water use, waste and chemicals.
- ◆ **Consume local produce** that is **organic**, when possible. Food that is locally produced has travelled less, consumed less energy and created fewer emissions to get to your plate. A number of certified organic products and produce – including coffees and teas – are now available in Kenya.
- ◆ **Think before you steak!** Livestock cultivation and meat production is extremely energy intensive. The ingredients that go into meat, egg and dairy production add up to about 18 percent of total greenhouse gas emissions.
- ◆ Use china and glassware where possible, avoid plastic and paper, and plan to **carry refillable water bottles** rather than reaching for bottled water.
- ◆ Protect forests, watersheds, and livelihoods. **Purchase responsibly** and avoid purchasing rare, banned, and conflict wood products e.g. Ebony, teak and mahogany. Better alternatives are neem, coconut, jacaranda, mango, and. Kenya 'good woods' info is available from the Kenya Gatsby Trust (www.kenyagatsby.org).
- ◆ Creative and colourful **items from recycled** fabric, plastic and metals are also on display at the many craft markets in Nairobi. Try the Undugu Society's Fair Trade shop in the Westlands Mall shopping centre. Kenya's Kitengela Glass is well-known for its use of recycled glass to manufacture unique glassware.

