


**EYE ON EARTH
SUMMIT**

Abu Dhabi 2011

Pursuing a Vision

Dynamic system
to keep the world
environmental
situation under
review

Following a
Path through
Partnerships



SUMMIT – General Setting

- UN and UAE officials to announce the Global Eye On Earth Initiative and open the Summit, and call for multilateral cooperation among the relevant stakeholders
- Co-organised by UNEP, EAD, EEA and other key organizations
- Funded by Government of Abu Dhabi emirate
- 600+ high level attendees
- 4 Days with specific outputs and outcomes

TWO COMPONENTS

EYE ON EARTH SUMMIT


Worldwide event to launch the global environmental information network (EIN) strengthening initiative and to address major policy and technical issues to be addressed.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITION

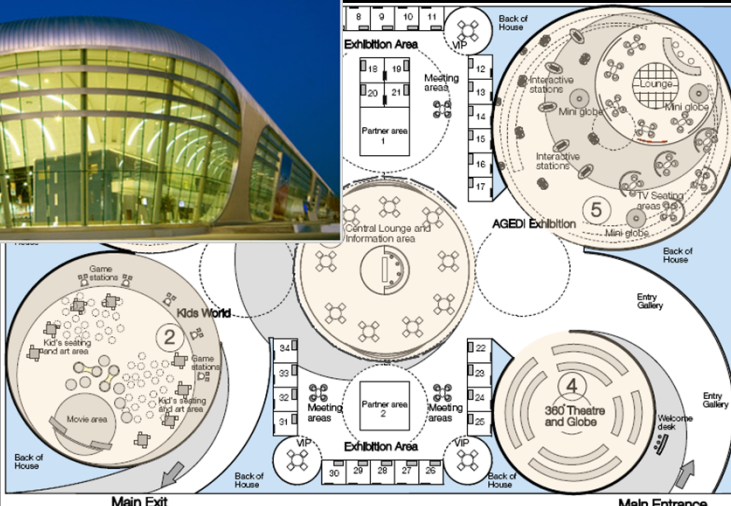
Public Exhibition to provide space for partner entities to feature their EIN related activities, network with others, and raise public awareness about environmental issues and how these are being addressed with information technologies and networks.




THE VENUE/ DATES/ OVERALL CONCEPT



Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre
12-15 December, 2011





SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

- Convene and connect the best minds in the world to frame the next generation of the global EIN movement, to be substantiated in a Summit Outcome statement and brought forward to Rio+20 (UNCSD)
- Convene and connect the organizations that are already involved and/or that will most influence the ongoing development of EIN internationally, and set a common framework and direction for action



EYE ON EARTH SUMMIT – *Abu Dhabi 2011*


Opening Plenary

- Welcoming remarks by Abu Dhabi leadership
- Keynote address by UN Secretary-General (proposed)
- Statement by UNEP Executive Director

Summit Sessions


- Geographic and Thematic Networks
- Network Governance and Reporting Structures
- Assessment, Reporting and Indicators Landscape
- Governance, Policy, Legal and Regulatory
- Planning and Performance Management
- Content
- Technical infrastructure
- Technology Support and Capacity Building
- Financing arrangements

Closing Plenary – A Call to Common Action




EXHIBITION OBJECTIVES

- Provide a venue for communication and networking among key stakeholders
- Catalyze improved synergy, networking and partnership amongst stakeholders and partners
- Convene environmental experts, government authorities, private sector, major groups, civil society and institutional stakeholders and the public
- Increase public awareness and visibility
- Inform, entertain and educate
- Assist in capacity building of youth and education of students
- Provide a venue for exchange of ideas and a platform for launching future plans



EXHIBITION MAJOR COMPONENTS


- Stakeholder Showcase**
 - Entity booths, organized geographically
- One UN Pavilion**
 - United Nations showcase pavilion
- Eye On Earth Theatre**
 - EOE Summit Video and other relevant media
- AGEDI Showcase and Partner Forum**
 - Showcase AGEDI accomplishments and Phase III partnership initiatives
- Technology Showcase**
 - Feature latest and emerging EIN technologies
- Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum**
 - engagement with UNEP's nine major groups on access to environmental information (Principle 10)
- Kid's Eye on Earth**
 - Primary school student engagement



Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum – proposed focus

Information pillar of Principle 10


- Renewed focus on networking and access to information
- Build on and strengthen aligned initiatives - International Environmental Governance (IEG) and Rio+20 process
- Contribute to the Summit Outcome Statement
- Promote and build citizen science initiatives (see pages 14-15 of UNEP 2011 Year Book)
- Implementation of UNEP's Principle 10 Guidelines
- ...



EYE ON EARTH SUMMIT – Outputs and Outcomes

Launch Global Environmental Information Network initiative

- Official launch of the Global EIN initiative that was framed in Abu Dhabi in April, 2009
- Convene the cornerstone initiatives and organizations that will be involved
- Build consensus on framework and way forward
- Utilize framework conclusions to refine EIN approaches
- Publish consensus on way forward as part of Summit Outcome statement
- Summit Outcome statement to be an input to Rio+20 (UNCSD)



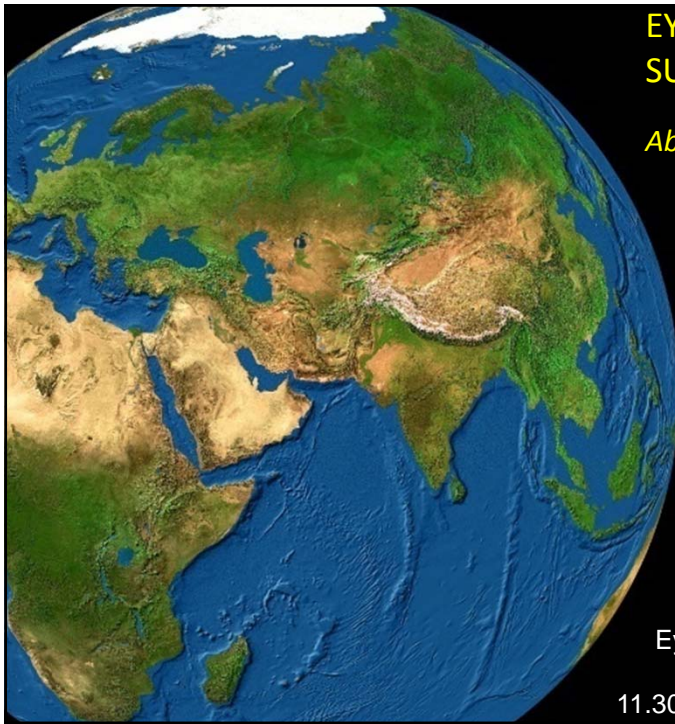
SUMMIT – Preparatory process

Summit Advisory Board (high level)

Summit Steering Committee

5 Working Groups:

- Networking and governance
- Content
- Technical infrastructure
- Capacity-building, education & awareness-raising
- Applications showcase
(e.g. Eye on Earth portal
www.eyeonearth.eu)



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Eye on Earth briefing
Green Room
11.30am, Wed 23 Feb 2011