



Provisional schedule of

GREENROOM

Events

20-22 February 2012

Conference Room 11

UN Compound, Gigiri (roof top)

Nairobi, Kenya



GCSS-XII GMEF
20-22 February, 2012

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The Greenroom (Conference Room 11) is a meeting room reserved primarily for the participating Major Groups and Stakeholders of civil society during the UNEP GC/GMEF Special Session XVII from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd February 2012. It is available from 8am to 7pm for morning and evening briefings, ad-hoc meetings, press events, special events and bilateral meetings, and is equipped with several PCs with internet connection for use by Major Groups and Stakeholders organizations.

For the latest updates of the Greenroom agenda, please check the announcements at www.unep.org/civil-society, in the Daily Journal or on the notice board outside of the Greenroom. For any other inquiry please contact civil.society@unep.org

DAILY BRIEFINGS AND MEETINGS

8.00-9.45

Major Groups Daily Briefing

On a daily basis all Major Groups representatives will meet to address the issue of their participation in the GC/GMEF at its 26th Session. The meetings will be facilitated by the Members of the Major Groups' Facilitating Committee (MGFC).

18.00-19.00

NGOs Caucus Daily Meeting

Monday, 20 February 2012

8.00-9.45

Major Groups Daily Briefing

10.00-11.00

Green Jobs, Green Economy and Sustainable Consumption and Production

Description:

Sustainable consumption and production and the green economy are mutually reinforcing goals. This session connects the green economy and green jobs dialogue with the international discussions and actions being taken on SCP. What job and economic opportunities emerge from transitioning to sustainable consumption and production patterns? What have we learned from the Marrakech Process on SCP in terms of leverage points for action? As nations begin to adopt SCP policies, what types of strategies can governments and civil societies utilize to support the financial growth of related industries, and the development of a qualified workforce?

Organiser:

One Earth Initiative Society

Keynote speakers:

Diallo Shabazz, Radical Ideas; Vanessa Timmer, One Earth Initiative Society; Luis Flores, Consumers International

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12.30-13.30

Peoples Sustainability Treaties for Rio+20

Description:

People's Sustainability Treaties are a series of independent collective agreements produced by people in parallel to the official UNCSD2012. It is planned as the alternative content outcome by people at Rio+20 and will serve as collection of proposals for governments negotiating for official outcomes.

The treaties is considered as a complimentary process to strengthen the People's Summit Rio+20 organised by the Brazilian civil society and all other independent efforts towards creating people's visions and voices. The treaties are essentially a forward looking process and targets a future beyond Rio+20 and will become a living document towards the transition to a sustainable world order. The event will become one of the first dialogues on the Peoples Sustainability Treaty Treaties.

Organizers:

Centre for Environment and Development (CED)

Keynote speakers:

Uchita de Zoysa (Executive Director (CED), Felix Dodds (Stakeholder Forum), Mr. Paul Quintos (IBON International)

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13.45-15.00

Millennium Consumption Goals at Rio+20: Linking MCG to Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) & Sustainable Economies (SE)

Description:

The event will focus on the Millennium Consumption Goals (MCGs) proposal submitted for Rio+20 (and beyond), how the MCGs will help to achieve overall sustainable development goals, how they will complement MDG for the poor, what are the best possible MCG target areas, and what policies might be used for effective implementation. Several keynote speeches and a panel discussion are planned, and active audience participation will be encouraged. The event will be organised by MIND and the Millennium Consumption Goals Initiative (MCGI) - a broad stakeholder coalition, to target Rio+20 and establish an international mandate for the MCGs.

Addressing under-consumption of the poor, the first MCG ensures that basic human needs (food, water, energy, etc.) are met worldwide. Next, addressing over-consumption of the rich in all nations, various resource-related MCGs would target: GHG emissions, energy use, water use, land use, and other areas. We need MCGs urgently, because unsustainable consumption and production have caused multiple problems threatening humanity's future - like poverty, resource scarcities, hunger, conflict and climate change. Global production already uses resources that exceed the environmental carrying capacity of planet earth by 40%. The world's 1.4 billion richest people consume over 80% of this output. Meanwhile,

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Millennium Development Goals seek to raise consumption levels of over 2 billion poor. Clearly, the unsustainable consumption of the rich is "crowding out" the poor. The MCGs will help to avoid a global resource crisis and increasing risk of social conflict, by persuading the affluent to contribute to the solution, instead of being seen as the problem.

Organiser: Millennium Consumption Goals Initiative (MCGI)
Keynote speakers: Uchita de Zoysa (CED) – moderator, Panel: Jan-Gustav Strandenaes (ANPED), Felix Dodds (Stakeholder Forum), Chantal Line Carpentier (UNDESA), Arab Hoballa (UNEP) – tbc
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15.15-15.40

Sustainable Water production

Description:

In the build-up to Rio+20 a move towards Green Economy depends on Water and the link between drinking water and water resources management and sanitation. IDE has deployed approximately 400 plants in more than 40 countries worldwide, and strives to continue broadening its offerings to solve an even wider range of the world's clean water challenges.

Drawing from core competencies in membrane and thermal desalination, industrial evaporators and heat pumps, IDE currently produces advanced green solutions for diverse water and energy applications; including water and effluent purification, mine cooling, snow making, thermal energy storage and district heating. The focus of this presentation will be "PROGREEN" a desalination system that is environmentally-friendly packaged – affordable, easy to transport, fully customizable and can be deployed in remote regions around the world.

Organiser: IDE technology INC.
Keynote speaker: Fred Losch
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15.45-16.25

From the Depletion of Soil Carbon to Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors - Emerging issues highlighted by the UNEP Year Book 2012

Description:

Since the 19th century, an estimated 60 per cent of the carbon stored in soils and vegetation has been lost as a result of land use change. By some estimates, the top one metre of the world's soils store around 2,200 billion tonnes of carbon. This is three times the current level held in the atmosphere. If existing patterns of land management continue, land productivity will decline and increasing amounts of this carbon could be released to the atmosphere, aggravating global warming linked to the burning of fossil fuels. The UNEP Year Book 2012 points to the world's peatlands as an area of special concern. It also highlights another issue of emerging global concern: the challenges of decommissioning the growing numbers of end-of-life nuclear power reactors. The UNEP Year Book says the cost of decommissioning varies greatly, depending on the reactor type and size, its location, the proximity and availability of waste disposal facilities and the condition of both the reactor and the site at the time of decommissioning.

Organiser: UNEP/ Division of Early Warning and Assessments (DEWA)
Keynote speaker: Tessa Goverse, UNEP and Prof. Jon Samseth, SINTEF Materials and Chemistry, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, HIOA, Trondheim, Norway.
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16.30-17.45

Making a green economy happen – global business perspective

Description:

The panel will discuss issues around what is required to encourage and accelerate a transition toward a green economy, including looking at the ten conditions identified by global business under the four aspects of social, environmental, and economic innovation, as well as on cross-cutting mutually reinforcing issues.

Organiser: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and UNEP/ DTIE
Keynote speaker: Martina Bianchini - Vice President EU Government Affairs and Public Policy
Contact: Andrea Bacher, ICC, abh@iccwbo.org

18:00-19:00

NGOs Caucus Daily Meeting

Tuesday, 21 February 2012

8.00-9.45

Major Groups Daily Briefing

10.00-13.30

A Rio+20 update – content, process and lobby

Description:

With an updated analysis and instructive slides, we bring you up to date on what is happening in the Rio process and provide you with entry points to engage and a few lobby points to help you get your own ideas into the outcome document.

Organisers:

UN-DESA and Stakeholder Forum:

Keynote Speakers:

Chantal Line Carpentier, UNDESA; Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Stakeholder Forum; Felix Dodds, Stakeholder Forum

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13.45-15.00

Enhancing Access to Information and Public Participation in IEG and IFSD

Description:

During the event, the panellists will present the latest developments regarding the on-going debate of strengthening the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration as a part of the Rio + 20 preparatory process. A special focus will be given to the outcomes of the Eye on the Earth Summit, that took place in December 2011 in Abu Dhabi and that resulted inter alia in the so called Access 4 All Special initiative that is targeted to strengthen P 10 implementation by concrete actions at all levels. Furthermore, an emphasis of the event will be on the on-going discussion in relation to an international convention on Principle 10 to be adopted at the Rio Summit.

Organisers:

WRI/ The Access Initiative and MGSB/ DRC/UNEP

Keynote speakers:

Bradnee Chambers, UNEP; Lalanath deSilva, World Resources Institute; Jeremy Wates, European Environmental Bureau

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15.15-16.15

TUNZA YOUTH on the road to RIO+20

Description:

Briefing on UNEP's engagement with youth and UNEP Tunza activities leading to Rio which include: Developing a youth sustainability agenda through the GEO5 publication youth version; UNEP regional engagement with children and youth; 2012 Tunza Global Forum for Children & Youth; Green Economy & Painting Competition Exhibition which will showcase green economy practices by youth; Development of a dynamic website to inspire Green Economy practices by young people worldwide.

Organizer:

Tunza Programme, DCPI, UNEP

Keynote speakers:

Theodore Oben, Chief, Outreach Unit, UNEP/DCPI

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16.30-17.30

Road to Rio+20: Promoting Youth Advocacy and Actions for a Successful Rio+20

Description:

Youth advocacy and Actions will play a major contribution in influencing the outcome of the Rio+20 Summit and our transition to a Green Economy. Been both a major human resource for development and key agents for social change, young people will help enrich the debate and policy dialogue leading to better policy and programmatic responses to the challenges facing our societies today. Young people globally are developing and implementing innovative ideas and action projects that are aimed at promoting the Rio+20 themes. For example, the Rio+You project, MyCity+20, Rio+20 Global Youth Music Contest and others. There is need for support from stakeholders to promote and implement these activities for effective participation of young people. Further, the event will deliberate on promoting African youth participation in the Road to Rio+20 and the Rio+20 Summit itself who are very often underrepresented.

Organisers:

Kenya Youth Network for Rio+20 and Beyond/ Organisation of African Youth

Keynote speakers:

TBC

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18:00-19:00

NGOs Caucus Daily Meeting

Wednesday, 22 February 2012

8.00-9.45

Major Groups Daily Briefing

10.00-12.15

International Year of Sustainable Energy for All: Opportunities for Africa

Description:

The event will comprise two back-to-back panel sessions on:

- i) Renewable Energy
- ii) Energy Efficiency

The event will showcase UNEP activities in renewable energy and energy efficiency, whilst highlighting how both can contribute to improving access to modern energy services. The event will provide public and private sectors and civil society perspectives on current initiatives and potential for scaling up and new ones under the momentum provided by the Year.

Organiser:

Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE)/ UNEP

Keynote speakers:

TBC

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12.30-13.30

Engaging with the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

Description:

IPBES will respond to requests for scientific information related to biodiversity and the whole range of ecosystem services from Governments, relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and United Nations bodies, as well as other relevant stakeholders (scientific community and broader civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector) involved in the fields of biodiversity conservation, natural resources management and development, at all levels.

Once IPBES is up and running, it is expected that these stakeholders will both act as contributors and end users of the platform. Stakeholder engagement

at this operationalizing stage of the platform is vital to ensure that it is set up in the best way possible. The event will provide background information on IPBES but

mainly discuss opportunities for stakeholders to engage in the operationalization stage of IPBES and with the platform, once established.

Organiser:

UNEP/IUCN

Keynote speakers:

Neville Ash (UNEP), Cyriaque Sendashonga (IUCN)

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13.45-15.00

Rights for Sustainability and Sustainable Development Governance

Description:

This Greenroom activity aims to promote a rights-based approach to sustainable development governance as a way of ensuring that inter- and intra-generational equity and justice are central considerations in the reform agenda at Rio+20 and beyond. Invited speakers will discuss their views on the Zero Draft of the Outcome document for Rio+20 particularly with respect to the rights of indigenous people, women and other marginalized sectors, social protections, and the right to information and participation in sustainable development governance.

Organizer:

IBON Foundation

Keynote Speakers:

Elenita Dano: Technology Assessment and people's participation

Yahya Msangi of ITUC Africa: Strengthening Workers Rights and Social Protections

Daniel Macgraw of CIEL (tbc): Strengthening the Human Rights and Environment Dimensions of the Rio+20

Conference and themes

Paul L. Quintos of IBON International: Rights for Sustainability

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15.15-15.45

Environmentally friendly technologies from Georgia

Description:

A presentation about environmentally friendly technologies developed by ICFER and its partner research centres which will include a 15 Minute documentary film by ICFER- "Bacteriophages- Historical Review" (The film is about development of environmentally sound microbiological technologies developed by Georgian microbiologists during different periods). The film was developed within the frames of project- CGS 03-70 – and is a demonstration and application of an environmentally friendly and efficient technology regarding the use of treatment-preventive veterinary bio preparation of bacteriophages against antibiotic resistant salmonella infections in poultry". World Bank 2002-2005.

ICFER has received the National Honorary ENERGY GLOBE Overall Winner award in 2006 for its environmentally clean water treatment technology, which was tested within the frames of project- CGS 03-70 and is examining different biotechnological processes that can be utilized in the reduction of pollution in the Black Sea. Department of Biochemistry/Laurentian University, Canada /ICFER/NATO 2005-2007.

Organiser:

International Center for Environmental Research (ICFER)

Keynote speakers:

Grigol (Gia) Abramia

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16.30-17.30

Universities and the Green Economy – key issues, opportunities and challenges.

Description:

GUPES has submitted inputs for the Rio+20 outcome document, focusing on the Green Economy and International Environmental Governance. With more than 16,000 universities across the globe, Universities have a key role in shaping the next generation of thought leaders in moving towards a Green Economy. The event will be in the form of a panel discussion highlighting some of the key issues, opportunities, and challenges that Universities can address in the transition towards a Green Economy.

Organiser:

Global University Partnership for Environmental Sustainability (GUPES)

Keynote speakers:

Prof Jegede, Secretary General, African Association for Universities

Prof LI Fengting, Tongji University, China

Prof Mark Curtis, McGill University, Canada

Prof Heila Lotz-Sisitka, Rhodes University South Africa

Prof Deo Prasad, University of New South Wales, Australia

Prof Rolf Baur, Dresden University, Germany

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18.00-19.00

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