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NORTH AMERICAN CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION

In preparation for the 10th UNEP Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) and the
Global Ministerial Environment Forum

November 13-14, 2008

Hosted by World Resources Institute
10 G Street, NE (Suite 800)
Washington, DC

DRAFT AGENDA

(as of September 15, 2008)

Day 1. Thursday, 13 November 2008

13:00 – 13:10 **Registration**

13:10 – 13:40 **Opening Session**

Welcoming Remarks by Representative, World Resources Institute

Introductory Remarks by UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholder's Branch and
by Consultation Co-Chairs

13:40 – 14:15

Presentation by Director, UNEP Regional Office for North America [including
discussion of upcoming UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial
Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) and UNEP Programme of work 2010-2011]

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14:15 – 14:30 Question and Answer/Discussion

14:30-15:00

**Session 1: Introduction to the UNEP Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF)
cycle and the achievements during the last cycle.** Purpose of the GCSF cycle
and expected outcomes

- Description of the GC/GMEF: potential engagement opportunities
- Selection criteria for two regional representatives to the GCSF and GC/GMEF.
- Discuss meeting outcomes, including the possibility of a regional statement or a Co-Chairs Summary highlighting key messages

15:00 – 15: 15 Question and Answer/Discussion

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:15 **Session 2: Introduction to the 25th. GC/GMEF themes: Globalization and the Environment: International Environmental Governance and UN Reform: The Programme of Work (POW) 2010-11.**

- Globalization and the Environment: Global Crises: National Chaos?; International Environmental Governance and UN Reform: IEG: Help or Hindrance?

16:15 – 17:15

- **The Programme of Work (POW) 2010-11:** Discussion of UNEP six priority areas: Climate Change (including Adaptation), Disasters and Conflicts, Environmental Governance, Harmful Substances and Hazardous Wastes (including Mercury), Ecosystem Management, Resource Efficiency-Sustainable Consumption and Production. With an emphasis on opportunities for North American-based Civil Society Organizations to participate in the implementation of POW.

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Question and Answer and Group Discussion

17:15-18:00

- **Mercury and Climate Change, with an emphasis on the implications for UNEP’s work in North America**

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Day 2. Friday, 14 November 2008

9:00 – 10:30 **Session 3: Break-out groups on the POW 2010-11, Mercury, and Climate Change**

Questions:

1. What are your views regarding the priorities of the Programme of Work (POW), taking into consideration the current environmental challenges and UNEP’s comparative advantage?
2. With reference to the on-going work of Stakeholder Forum, that has been presented earlier in the agenda, what would be your suggestions on how to strengthen the engagement of the major groups in the implementation of the POW?

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10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00 **Session 5: Groups Report Backs from the Break-out Sessions**

12:00 – 13:00 Working Lunch, including presentation by Ashbindu Singh, Regional Coordinator, UNEP Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA)

13:00 – 13:30 **Session 6: Selection of the two sponsored regional representatives to the GCSF and the GC/GMEF**

Facilitated by Meeting Co-Chairs

13:30 – 14:30

Session 7: Discussion of Meeting Outcomes

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14:30 – 14:45

Session 8: Meeting Evaluation

(Evaluation Form to be Distributed by UNEP.)

14:45 – 15:00

Session 9: Closing Session

Closing Remarks by Co-Chairs

Closing Remarks by Director, UNEP Regional Office for North America

Facilitator: RONA