



Agenda

***Regional Consultation Meeting for Africa (ROA)
In preparation for the 10th Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF)
10-11 November 2008
Nairobi, Kenya***

UN Complex, Gigiri, Conference Room 9-10

Arrival of Participants. Sunday, 9 November 2008

Day 1. Monday, 10 November 2008

07:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening session**

- Welcome remarks by the Director, Regional Office for Africa: Mr. Mounkaila Goumandakoye
- Opening remarks by the Division of Regional Cooperation/Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch: Mr. Olivier Deleuze

9:30 - 10:00 Election of meeting officers and adoption of the meeting agenda

- Option of producing regional statement or key messages

Facilitator: Ms. Mildred Mkandla, Member, Major Group Facilitating Committee

10:00 – 10:15 **Coffee break**

10:15 - 10: 45 **Session 1: Introduction to the UNEP 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 to be given

Q&A

Key note speaker: Olivier Deleuze, UNEP, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch

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- 10:45 – 11:30 **Session 2: Introduction to the UNEP Programme of Work (POW) 2010-11**
- The Programme of Work (POW) 2010-11 - Discussion of UNEP six priority areas: Climate Change (Adaptation) Disasters and Conflicts Environmental Governance, Harmful Substances and Hazardous Wastes (Mercury), Ecosystem Management, Resource Efficiency-Sustainable Consumption and production. Civil Society implementation of POW.
 - Partnerships for the implementation of the PoW
- Key note speaker: Mr. Olivier Deleuze, UNEP, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch
- 11:30 – 11:50 • UNEP’s work on Climate Change Adaptation
- Key note speaker: UNEP Division of Environmental Policy Implementation
- 11:50 – 12:00 • UNEP’s work on Mercury and Chemicals Management
- Key note speaker: Mr. David Ombisi, UNEP, Regional Office for Africa
- 12:00 – 12:30 Q&A
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 14:00 **Session 3: Africa Regional issues with relation to poverty and environment**
- Discussion on AMCEN 2008 outcomes and way forward
- Key note speaker: Peter Acquah, UNEP, Regional Office for Africa
- 14:00 – 14:30 • Issues of Climate Change and the regional context
- Key note speakers: Mr. Libasse Ba, ENDA Tiers Monde
- 14:30 – 15:30 **Session 4: The link between poverty and the six priority areas**
- Key note Speaker: Mr. David Smith, UNEP, Team Leader, Poverty and Environment Initiative
- 15:30 – 16:00 Q&A/Discussion

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16:00 – 16:45

Session 5: Introduction to the 25th. GC/GMEF themes:

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

Key note speaker: John Scanlon, UNEP, Principal Policy Advisor, Strategic Implementation Team

Q&A

16:45 – 18:00

Session 6: Group Work on GC/GMEF Theme POW 2010-11

Three groups deliberating on six topics. Questions will be given to each group to discuss two topics in the context of regional strategic directions/challenges:

1. Group one will discuss Climate Change and Resource Efficiency;
2. Group two will discuss International Environmental Governance and Ecosystem Services;
3. Group three will discuss Disasters and Conflict and Chemicals/Harmful Substances and Hazardous Waste.

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?

Facilitator: Mr. David Ombisi, UNEP Regional Office for Africa

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Day 2. Tuesday, 11 November 2008

- 8:30 - 11:15 **Session 7: Group Work on GC/GMEF Themes Continued**
- 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Session 8:Poverty and Environment, REDD Pilots in Africa
Presentation by Dr. Sosten Chiota, LEAD Southern Africa**
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Session 9: Groups Report back to plenary**
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Session 10: Consolidation of key messages from the region**
- 16:00 – 16:15 **Session 11: Selection of the two sponsored regional representatives to the
GCSF and the GC/GMEF**
- Facilitator: Ms. Mildred Mkandla, Member, Major Groups Facilitation
Committee
- 16:15 - 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Session 12: Evaluation of the meeting**
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Session 13: Closing Session**
- Closing remarks by Ms. Mildred Mkandla, and Mr. Mensah Todzro, Members, Major Group Facilitating Committee
 - Closing remarks by Mr. Olivier Deleuze, Chief, Major Groups Stakeholder Branch
 - Closing remarks by Mr. Mounkaila Goumandakoye, Director, Regional Office for Africa
- 18:00 – 19:30 Cocktail