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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

## Draft Agenda

***International Environmental Governance (IEG) Forum and  
Regional Consultation Meeting for Asia and Asia Pacific (RCM-AP)  
in preparation for the 10<sup>th</sup> Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF)  
27-30 November 2008  
Sydney, Australia***

26 November 2008 - Arrival of Participants

### Day 1. 27 November 2008

- 07:30 – 09:00     **Registration**
- 09:00 - 09:30     Opening session
- Professor Alec Tzannes, Dean Faculty of Built Environment, UNSW
  - Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney City
  - Welcome remarks on behalf of the Director, Regional Office for Asia and Asia Pacific
  - Opening remarks by the Division of Regional Cooperation/Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch
- 9:30 – 9:45     Election of meeting officers and adoption of the meeting agenda
- 9:45 -10:30     **Session 1: Priority and Emerging Regional Issues**  
**Key note Speaker: Mr. Mahesh Pradhan**
- UNEP's regional strategy and delivery in the Asia Pacific region, including enhancing civil society engagement
  - Priority and emerging regional environmental issues, such as the Atmospheric Brown Cloud, Urbanization, Environmental Security – energy, water, food, and other strategic issues.
  - Q&A/Discussion
- 10:30 -11:00     *Coffee break*
- 11:00 - 12: 30     **Session 2: Overview of International Environmental Governance.**  
**Key note Speaker: Mr. Felix Dodds**
- 12:30 – 13:00     Q&A/Discussion
- 13:00-14:00     *Lunch*

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- Session 3: Presentation of background paper on IEG**  
*Key note speakers: Prof. Deo Prasad, Drs John Merson, Paul Brown and Stephen Hill.*
- 14:00 – 16:00
- Key issues in IEG – past to current
  - Highlight Global to regional issues
  - Q&A/Discussion
- 16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee break*
- 16:15 – 18:00 **Session 4: Group Work to identify Sub-regional IEG issues**
- The session will break out into groups to discuss current and emerging sub-regional issues and come up with recommendations.

## Day 2. 28 November 2008

- 8:30 - 10:30 **Session 5: Groups Report back to plenary**
- SWOT analysis
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 13:00 **Session 6: Planning Our Future**
- Development of a Regional Civil Society Strategy, including functional sub-regional CSO networks
  - CSO/UNEP One vision, One Roadmap
  - Recommendations for Future
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 - 14:30 **Session 7: Introduction to the UNEP GCSF cycle and the achievements during the last cycle**  
*Key note speaker: Alexandra Karekaho*
- 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.
  - Option of producing regional statements or key messages
- Q&A

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14:30 – 15:15 **Session 8: Introduction to the 25<sup>th</sup>. GC/GMEF themes: Globalization and the Environment: International Environmental Governance and the UN Reform: 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

*Key note Speaker: Mr. Felix Dodds, Stakeholder Forum*

15:00 – 15:45

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

*Key note speaker: John Scanlon (teleconference)*

15:45 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 16:45

- The link between poverty and the six priority areas:

*Key note Speaker: Mr. Sanath Ranawana, PEI Focal Point for Asia Pacific*

16:45 – 17:45 **Q&A/Discussion**  
Facilitator: MGFC

**1900** *Reception Dinner*

### Day 3. 29 November 2008

8:30 – 11:00 **Session 10: Group Work on GC/GMEF Theme POW 2010-11**

Three groups deliberating on each of the three 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.

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### 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: MGFC member

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 11: Continued Group Work**  
Facilitator: MGFC member

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 16:30 **Session 12: Groups Report back to Plenary**  
Facilitator: MGFC member

## Day 4. 30 November 2008

9:00 – 9:30 **Session 13: Recap of previous two days discussions/recommendations**  
Facilitator: MGFC member

9:30 – 10:00 **Session 14: Selection of the two sponsored regional representatives to the GCSF and the GC/GMEF**  
Facilitator: MGFC member

10:00 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 11:00 **Session 15: Evaluation of the meeting**  
Facilitator: MGFC member

11:00 - **Session 16: Closing Session**

- Closing remarks by the chair of the session
- Closing remarks by the Director, Regional Office for Asia and Asia Pacific
- Closing Remarks by UNSW

Facilitator: ROAP/UNSW