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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

European Regional Consultation Meeting
in preparation for the 10th Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) and GC-25/GMEF
17-18 November 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
11-13 Chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine-Genève (IEH Conference # 2)

Day 1. Monday 17 November 2008

09:00 - 09:30 Opening session **[Conference #2]**

- Welcoming remarks by a representative of the Major Groups Facilitating Committee (MGFC) – *(represented by Workers and Trade Unions)*
- Welcoming remarks by the Regional Representative and Director for Europe, UNEP

09:30 - 10:00 Election of meeting officers (two Co-Facilitators for day 1&2) and adoption of the meeting agenda

- Brief discussion on option of producing regional statement or key messages

Facilitator: MGFC members *(Workers and Trade Unions)*

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 10:15 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

Key note speaker: *Olivier Deleuze & Facilitator: MGFC members (represented by NGO – JGS/Tomislav)*

10:45 – 11:30 Session 2: 25th GC/GMEF themes: Globalization and the Environment: International Environmental Governance and the UN Reform

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

Key note speaker: *John Scanlon via video conference – ROE Conference room B616*

11:15-12:30 Session 2: The Programme of Work (POW) 2010-11: **[Conference #2]**

- Presentation and discussion on the six priority areas of UNEP: Climate Change, Disasters and Conflicts, Environmental Governance, Harmful Substances and Hazardous Wastes, Ecosystem Management, and Resource Efficiency/Sustainable Consumption and production.
- Discussion on Civil Society implementation of POW

Key note speakers: *Felix Dodds and Hannah Stoddart (UNEP national committee UK)*

12:15 - 12:45 Session 2: The Programme of Work (POW) 2010-11: **[Conference #2]**

- Discussion with an emphasis on the implications for UNEP's work in Europe and the role of Civil Society.

Keynote Speaker: UNEP ROE Office (JCB)

12:45 - 13:00 Question and Answer session on (POW) 2010-11:

Facilitator: *Mr. Ruud Schutof (ICLEI)*

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch and visits to UNEP Offices

Day 1. Monday 17 November 2008 – Afternoon session

14:00 – 14:30 Chemicals Management (Update on UNEP/GCDecision 24/3): Cooperation between UNEP and MEAs, Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, Lead and cadmium, and Mercury.
Keynote speaker: *Mr. Per Bakken/Head Chemicals Branch and Elena Llymberidi/EEB Zero Mercury*

14:30 – 18:30 Session 3: Break-out working groups on the specific topics of the POW 2010-11 [Conference #2 &5]
Three working groups will deliberate on the six topics of the POW and to discuss two topics in the context of regional strategic directions/challenges:
Group 1:- Climate Change / Resource Efficiency (Sustainable Consumption and production);
Group 2:- International Environmental Governance / Disasters and Conflicts;
Group 3:- Ecosystem Management / Harmful Substances and Hazardous Wastes.

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, what would be your suggestions on how to strengthen the engagement of the major groups in the implementation of the POW?

Facilitator: *MGFC members (Business, NGO and Women)*

19:00 – 21:00 *Dinner hosted by UNEP/ROE*

Day 2. Tuesday 18 November 2008

09:00 - 10:30 Session 4: Break-out working groups (cont'd) [Conference #2&5]
Facilitator: *MGFC members (Business, NGO and Women)*

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30 Session 5: Working Groups report back from the Break-out Sessions [Conference #5]
Facilitator: *MGFC members (Business, NGO and Women)*

11:30 – 12:30 Session 6: Discussion of Meeting Outcomes and consolidation of key messages/regional statement [Conference #2]
Facilitator: *MGFC member*

12:30 - 13:00 Session 7: Selection of the two sponsored regional representatives to the GCSF and the GC/GMEF,
Facilitator: *MGFC member and Olivier Deleuze*

13:00 – 13:30 Session 8: Meeting Evaluation [Conference #2]
Facilitator: *MGFC member*

13:30 – 14:00 Session 9: Closing Session [Conference #2]

- Closing Remarks by Co-Facilitators
- Closing Remarks by Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe

Facilitator: *ROE*

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 Meeting of UNEP National Committees on the future of National Committees [Conference #2]
Facilitator: *ROE*