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## *Regional Consultation Meeting for Africa in preparation for the 9<sup>th</sup> Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF)*

*Workers' University Hotel, Cairo, Egypt  
21 - 23 October 2007*

### *Programme*

#### **Sunday, 21 October 2007**

- 08:30 - 09:00    Opening session
- Welcome remarks by Eng. Mohamed Abdeel-Halim, Secretary General, Nile Basin Federation
  - Welcome remarks by the Secretary General of the Egyptian workers Federation
  - Welcome remarks by Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Monem, UNEP Regional Office for Africa
  - Opening of the meeting by Dr. Mohamed El-Shahawy, Ministry of Environment of Egypt, Expert, Science of Climate Change
- 09:00 - 09:15    Election of meeting officers and adoption of the meeting agenda <sup>i</sup>
- 09:15 – 09:30    Coffee break
- 09:30 – 11:30    **Session 1: Overview of UNEP's 4<sup>th</sup> Global Environment Outlook Assessment (GEO-4)**  
Presentation by Mr. Charles Sebukeera, Africa Coordinator, the Division for Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA) – UNEP:
- Overview of the GEO-4 process
  - Environment and Human-well being – key conceptual issues underpinning the GEO-4 assessment
  - Status and trends of the global environment – focusing on UNEP priority programmatic areas: climate change, ecosystem management, chemicals and disasters
  - Regional Highlights
  - *Back to our Common Future: Environment for Development* - The successes and failures of Policy processes since the World Commission on Sustainable Development (The Brundtland Commission 1987)
  - Environment-Development Interlinkages and challenges of meeting MDG targets
- Q&A and discussion.

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- 11:30 – 13:00 **Session 2: Enhancing Major Groups Participation in the GEO Assessment Process**  
Facilitated by DEWA:
- Using the GEO-4 findings in the work of civil society
  - Role of Major Groups in the GEO Assessment Process:
    - At the different levels: (i) Regional, (ii) Sub-regional, (iii) National, and (iv) City.
    - Enhancing synergies and supporting the GEO Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA) process.
- Q&A and discussion.
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Session 3: Introduction to the SS.X-GC/GMEF theme: “Globalization and the Environment: Mobilizing Finance to meet the Climate Challenge and its links to poverty alleviation”**  
How, in a just and equitable manner, to:
- a. Carbon finance and CDM, the global carbon market, how it works and how it fits as a tool for climate change mitigation by Sami Kamel, PhD, Senior Economist/Carbon Finance Coordinator, UNEP RISOE Centre (Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development)
    - Access the finance required to adapt to change, especially for countries that are most vulnerable
    - Achieve multiple environmental objectives and avoid unintended environmental consequences, through the transition and through adaptation measures
  - b. Case for a sustainable "low" carbon economy in Africa, including examples of where "low" carbon economy approaches have worked in Africa and what were the sustainable policy and regulatory measures that were necessary for success, by John Kimani, Programme Manager and Energy Policy Coordinator, AFREPEN/FWD (Energy, Environment and Development Network for Africa)
- Q&A and discussion.
- 16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break
- 16:15 – 18:00 **Session 3 (Continued)**
- 18:00 Reception

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### Monday, 22 October 2007

- 08:30 – 10:30     **Session 4: Group discussions on “Globalization and the Environment: Mobilizing Finance to meet the Climate Challenge and its links to poverty alleviation”**
- Working Group 1 on mitigation
  - Working Group 2 on adaptation
- 10:30 – 10:45     Coffee break
- 10:45 – 13:00     **Session 4 (Continued)**
- 13:00 – 14:00     Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:30     **Session 5: Report back from the Group discussions**  
Definition of the key messages and recommendations and/or statements to the 9<sup>th</sup> GCSF and 10<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the GC/GMEF.
- Q&A and discussion.
- 16:30 – 16:45     Coffee break
- 16:45 - 18:00     **Session 6: Review of the discussion paper on “Enhancing Major Groups Participation at UNEP’s Governance Level”**  
Discussions will focus on the way forward to engage major groups in the work of UNEP.
- Q&A and discussion.

### Tuesday, 23 October 2007

- 08:30 – 10:00     **Session 7: Introduction to UNEP Medium Term Strategy and discussion**  
The session will introduce the UNEP Medium Term Strategy for the period 2010-2013 and provide an opportunity to discuss the Strategy in the context of emerging and current challenges in the environment field.
- Conference call with Mr. John Scanlon, SIT Team Leader and Special Advisor on Policy and Operational Matters to the Executive Director of UNEP, from Nairobi.
- Q&A and discussion.
- 10:00 – 10:15     Coffee break

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- 10:15-12:00      **Session 8: Selection of major groups representatives to the GCSF and SS.X-GC/GMEF**  
Delegates will be invited to select four representatives per region to attend the GCSF and the GC/GMEF, including two members of the Global Committee.
- 12:00 – 13:00      **Session 9: Finalization of the key messages and recommendations and/or statements to the 9<sup>th</sup> GCSF and 10<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the GC/GMEF**
- 13:00 – 14:00      **Closing session**
- Closing remarks by the chair of the session
  - Closing remarks by the Director, Regional Office for Africa
- 14:30                Lunch

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### <sup>i</sup> **Evaluation of the meeting**

Evaluation questionnaires will be circulated and collected at the end of the meeting.