



## ***Regional Consultation Meeting for Europe In preparation for the 9<sup>th</sup> Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) and the Global Ministerial Environment Forum***

31<sup>st</sup> October - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007

(International Environment House, 15 Chemin des Anémones, 1219 Chatelaine, Geneva, Conference Room #3)

### ***Draft Agenda***

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<b>Day 1:</b>	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007</b>
13h00-13h30	Welcoming remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christophe Bouvier, Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe</li><li>• Olivier Arnoult, Act for nature, Monaco</li><li>• Jacqueline Cote, World Business Council for Sustainable Development</li></ul>
13h30-14h00	Participants Introduction, adoption of agenda and election of officers.
14h00-14h15	Overview of Civil Society Engagement in UNEP, Olivier Deleuze, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch and Vlatko Andonovski, UNEP national committee for Republic of Macedonia.
14h15-15h00	<b>(Session 1): Globalization and the Environment: Mobilizing Finance to meet the Climate Challenge.</b> <p>Focus on how to: (a). Finance the transition to a "sustainable" low carbon economy, including through new investment flows and markets; (b). Access the finance required to adapt to change, especially for countries that are most vulnerable; (c). Create both an enabling and sustainable policy and regulatory environment for the transition; (d). Achieve multiple environmental objectives and avoid unintended environmental consequences, through the transition and through adaptation measures; and (e). Identify linkages to wealth generation and poverty eradication through the transition and through implementing adaptation measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Janos Pasztor, Director, EMG, (Facilitator)</li></ul> <b>Speakers/presenters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Amir Delju, Senior Scientific Coordinator, World Climate Program World Meteorological Organization (WMO),</li><li>▪ Prof. Martin Beniston, Chair, Climate Research, University of Geneva,</li><li>▪ Dr. Moustapha Kamal Gueye, Senior Programme Manager, ICTSD</li></ul>
15h00-16h00	Discussion
16h00-16h15	Coffee break
16h15-17h00	<b>Continuation of session 1</b> <b>Speakers/presenters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Gordon Shepherd, Director, International Policy, WWF International</li><li>▪ Romain Benicchio, Oxfam International</li><li>▪ Armin Sandhoevel, CEO, Allianz Climate Solutions [tbc]</li></ul>
17h15-18h15	Discussion and formulation of key messages to the SS.X-GC/GMEF.
18h15-18h30	Setting up drafting group for key messages.
18h30	End of day one.

<b>Day 2:</b>	<b>Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007</b> – Chaired by Sascha Gabizon (WECF)
09h00-09h30	<b>Report back from drafting group on discussions</b>
09h30-10h30	<b>(Session 2): Review of discussion paper on “Guidelines for Improving the Global Civil Society Forum Cycle”</b>  Facilitated by UNEP Civil Society Global Steering Committee members (JGS)
10h30-10h45	Coffee break
10h45-11h45	<b>(Session 3): Introduction to UNEP Medium Term Strategy and discussion</b>  Background on the UNEP Medium Term strategy for the period 2010-2013 and an opportunity to discuss the strategy in the context of emerging and current challenges in the environment field, (Mr. John Scanlon by Video link)
11h45-12h30	Discussion
12h30-14h00	Lunch and visit to Geneva-based UNEP programmes/units.
14h00-15h45	<b>(Session 4): Role of Civil Society organizations in regional processes:</b>  Environment for Europe process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outcome of EfE, Monika Linn, UNECE</li><li>• NGO perspective, Andjelka Mihajlov, Environmental Ambassadors</li><li>• Women as the Voice for the Right to a Healthy Environment, Irene Dankelman, WEDO</li></ul> Environment and Health process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sascha Gabizon, WECF</li></ul>
15h45-16h00	Norwegian NGO experiences from the World Environmental Day 2007 and the "road show" about Climate Change (Terje Kronen)
16h00-16h15	Coffee break
16h15-16h45	Progress on Mercury: preparations and expectations for the open ended working groups, and progress in strengthening UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.
16h45-18h15	Discussion and exchange of ideas on additional role of Civil Society organizations in regional processes, and role of UNEP national Committees (Facilitated by JC Bouvier and Tomas Ruzicka)
19h00-21h30	Working dinner (venue tbc).

<b>Day 3:</b>	<b>Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007</b> – Chaired by Trevor Rees (LEAD International)
09h00-09h30	<b>Report back from drafting group.</b>
09h30-12h30	<b>(Session 5): Global Environment Outlook 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment (GEO-4) Issues Workshop: by UNEP/DEWA/Europe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the GEO-4 process,</li><li>• Environment and Human-well being – key conceptual issues underpinning the GEO-4 assessment</li><li>• Regional Highlights</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Role of UNEP’s Major Groups and Stakeholders in the GEO Assessment Process (Regional, Sub-regional, National and City).</li></ul> <p>Discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using the GEO-4 findings in the work of civil society</li><li>• Civil society role in strengthening data and information for environmental assessment</li><li>• Civil society’s contribution to enhancing synergies among different assessment processes</li></ul>
12h30-14h00	Lunch and visit to Geneva-based UNEP programmes/units.
14h00-15h15	Discussion and agreement on key messages to the SS.X-GC/GMEF.
15h15-16h00	<b>(Session 6): Selection of major groups representatives to the Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) and the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF)</b> <p>Participants will select four representatives to attend the GCSF and the GC/GMEF, including two members of the Global Major Groups Facilitating Committee (GMGFC).</p>
16h00-16h15	Coffee break
16h15-16h45	<b>Closing Session</b> <p>Closing remarks by UNEP Civil Society Global Steering Committee member</p> <p>Closing remarks by UNEP</p>
16h45-17h00	Meeting Evaluation (form to be distributed)