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NORTH AMERICAN CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION

In preparation for the 9th UNEP Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) and the
Global Ministerial Environment Forum

November 1-2, 2007

Venue: World Wildlife Fund
1250 24th St., NW
Washington, DC

AGENDA

Thursday, November 1, 2007

- 1:00-1:15 Registration
- 1:15-1:30 Welcoming remarks:
Lara Hansen, WWF-International
Elisabeth Guilbaud-Cox, Officer in Charge, UNEP Regional Office for North America
Hilary French, UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholder's Branch
- 1:30-1:45 Participant Introductions
- 1:45-2:00 Civil Society Engagement in UNEP: Introductory Remarks by UNEP Civil Society Global
Steering Committee members

Tom Hammond, IUCN-Canada
Melanie Nakagawa, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- 2:00-2:30 Briefing and question and answer session on GEO-4 Report and on Google Earth partnership,
Ashbindu Singh, UNEP Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA)
- Session 1: Globalization and the Environment:
Mobilizing Finance to meet the Climate Challenge**
- 2:30-3:30 Opening presentations and discussions

Keynote speakers:
Lisa Petrovic, UNEP Finance Initiative
Lily Donge, Calvert Asset Management Company
- 3:30-3:45 Break

- 3:45-5:30 Major Groups Roundtable Discussion, with interventions by:
- Violet Ford, Inuit Circumpolar Congress
 Andrew Deutz, The Nature Conservancy
 Mike Eckhart, American Council on Renewable Energy
 Rebecca Pearl, Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)
 David Foster, Blue-Green Alliance
- 5:30-6:30 Reception

Friday, November 2, 2007

- 9:00-10:00 **Session 2: Introduction to UNEP Medium Term Strategy and discussion**
- Introduced (via teleconference) by John Scanlon, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNEP, the session will provide 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 environmental field.
- 10:00-11:00 **Session 3: Review of discussion paper on "Guidelines for Improving the Global Civil Society Forum Cycle"**
- Facilitated by UNEP Civil Society Global Steering Committee members (Tom Hammond, IUCN-Canada and Melanie Nakagawa, NRDC)
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-12:00 **Session 4: Selection of major groups representatives to the Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) and the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF)**
- Participants will select four representatives to attend the GCSF and the GC/GMEF, including two members of the Global Major Groups Facilitating Committee (GMGFC).
- 12:00-12:45 **Closing Session**
- Discussion of meeting outcomes
- Closing remarks by Co-Facilitators
- Closing remarks by UNEP
- 12:45-1:00 Meeting Evaluation (form to be distributed)