



Global Environment Outlook 4th Assessment (GEO-4) Issues Workshop: Presentation and discussion of the findings

Provisional Agenda

Day 1: Sunday 11 November (Al-Tajj B, Sheraton Hotel)

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

- 09:00 – 10:00
- Overview of the GEO-4 process
 - Environment and Human-well being – key conceptual issues underpinning the GEO-4 assessment
 - Presentation on Our common Future and GEO-4 findings

10:00 - 12:00 **Launching of GEO 4 (Al-Tajj A, Sheraton Hotel)**

- Welcome remarks
- Global GEO-4 Findings
- Focus on West Asia GEO-4 Findings
- Media Questions
- Closing

12:00 - 12:15 Coffee Break

- 12:15 - 13:45
- Environment for Development - The successes and failures of Policy processes since the World Commission on Sustainable Development (Brundtland Commission 1987)
 - Environment-Development Interlinkages and challenges of meeting MDG targets

13:45 - 14:45 Lunch

- 14:45 - 17:00
- Role of UNEP's Major Groups and Stakeholders in the GEO Assessment Process
 - Regional - Sub-regional
 - National - City
 - Using the GEO-4 findings in the work of civil society

Coffee Break

- Civil society role in strengthening data and information for environmental assessment
- Civil society's contribution to enhancing synergies among different assessment processes

17:00 Closing



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Regional Consultation Meeting for West Asia in preparation for the 9th Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF), 11-14th November, Bahrain Medical Society, Manama, Bahrain

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Day 2: Monday 12 November 2007

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:30 Opening session

- Welcome remarks by Mr. Habib El-Habr, Director, UNEP Regional Office for West Asia
- Opening remarks by Fatou Ndoeye, Programme Officer, UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch

9:30 - 10:00 Election of meeting officers and adoption of the meeting agenda

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 13:00 **Session 1: Introduction to the SS.X-GC/GMEF theme: “Globalization and the Environment: Mobilizing Finance to meet the Climate Challenge”**

1. **Mr. Nader Al-Shirawi, EcoSecurities:** Financing the transition to a “sustainable” low carbon economy, including through new investment flows and markets (35 mn)
2. **Mr. Emad Adly:** How to access the finance required to adapt to change, especially for countries that are most vulnerable (20 mn)
3. **Dr. Yousef Meslmani :** How to create both an enabling and sustainable policy and regulatory environment for the transition (20 mn)
4. **Ms. Khawla Muhannadi:** How to achieve multiple environmental objectives and avoid unintended environmental consequences, through the transition and through adaptation measures (20 mins)
5. **Ms. Habiba Al-Marashi:** How to identify linkages to wealth generation and poverty eradication through the transition and through implementing adaptation measures. (20 mn)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 **Session 2: Group discussions by major groups on “Globalization and the Environment: Mobilizing Finance to meet the Climate Challenge”**

The major groups will hold discussions on the themes in each of their caucus groups. They will design key messages to deliver to the SS.X-GC/GMEF.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 **Session 3: Report back form the Group discussions**

The session will provide an opportunity for synergies building (commonalities between major groups views and messages) on “Globalization and the Environment: Mobilizing Finance to meet the Climate Challenge”

Day 3: Tuesday 13 November 2007

9:00 - 10:30 **Session 4: 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.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 **Session 5: 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. By Fatou Ndoeye, Programme Officer, UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 **Session 6: 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 GMGFC.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:00 **Session 7: Evaluation of the meeting**

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

17:00 – 17:30 **Closing session**

- Closing remarks by the chair of the session
- Closing remarks by the Director, Regional Office for West Asia

Day 4: Wednesday 14 November 2007

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