

## SIDE EVENT: Designing Progress towards Sustainability: Local and National Experiences with Targets and Indicators for a Green Economy

**DATE:** 20 February 2012

**TIME:** 1:45 – 2:45 pm

**VENUE:** Conference Room 12

### Purpose/objective:

The event is expected to provide a rich exchange of views on how participants are approaching the task of setting their own benchmarks and targets and how to measure progress towards environmental sustainability. The side-event provides a forum for discussion on experiences at the municipal/local and country level in setting targets and applying indicators for the greening of their economies

**Organizers:** UNEP/DTIE/DEWA/Ministry of Environment, Government of Finland.

### Programme:

Opening remarks	
1:45-2:00	Ms. Amina Mohammed, UNEP Deputy Executive Director (tbc)  H.E. Mr. Ville Niinistö, Minister of Environment, Finland  The opening session will frame the debate by highlighting the importance of setting countries' own targets to measure progress towards environmental sustainability at local, national and international levels, exploring the options to reframe economic performance and sustainability that go "beyond GDP."
Moderated Panel discussion	
2:00-2:30	- Mr. Kari Koski, Mayor, Uusikaupunki, Finland

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Kang Sang-In, General Director, Global Strategy Center in the Korea Environment Institute, Republic of Korea</li> <li>- Mr. Magnus Ebo Duncan, Director, Statistical Service Ghana</li> </ul> <p>The panel discussion will provide a space to share country experiences of setting targets and measuring progress towards environmental sustainability at different levels.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sheng Fulai, Head, Research and Partnerships Unit, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP</p>
Q&A and Open discussion	
2:30-2:40	The open discussion is to engage the audience in a dialogue around lessons learned and ways forward in defining sustainability indices and metrics, which will help UNEP to sharpen its focus on potential green economy indicators.
Wrap-up/Concluding remarks	
2:40-2:45	<p>Ms. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs., South Africa</p> <p>The concluding session will link the key messages and lessons learned from the country experiences to the expected outcome of Rio+20.</p>

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