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DATE: Wednesday 23rd February 2011
TIME: 13.30 – 14.30
VENUE: Conference Room 10

SIDE EVENT

GREENING THE BLUE

Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN

– The UN System's Footprint and Efforts to Reduce it

UNEP is hosting the Environmental Management Group (EMG), mandated to support UN inter-agency cooperation on environmental issues. EMG identifies issues on the environment agenda that warrant joint efforts, and finds ways of engaging the UN systems' collective capacity to respond to those issues. Currently this includes cooperation on biodiversity, land use, green economy, and sustainability in UN.

This side event will present one of the flagship projects of EMG: the joint effort of all UN organizations, funds and programmes to support the UN system to move towards climate neutrality and sustainable management in their own operations. At this side event, the joint report ***Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN – The UN System's Footprint and Efforts to Reduce it – 2010 edition***, will be presented for the first time. The report tells the story of how 52 UN organizations have come together to measure their climate footprint, find ways to reduce it, and to improve overall sustainability and efficiency in operations. It reflects on the diverse aspects of how sustainability impacts UN's travel, facilities management, ICT infrastructure, communications, staff training and many other functions of UN's work. It shows how UNEP, through the Sustainable UN facility (SUN) is playing a key role, in enabling this cooperation, and how organizations outside UN can benefit from this effort by UN to "Walk the Talk".

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction to the agenda, Chair
- Introduction to EMG, SUN and IMG by Hossein Fadaei, Acting Director, EMG Secretariat
- Preparation of the climate neutral work in EMG by Mr. Janos Pastor, Executive Secretary at UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP)
- Presentation of the report *Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN – The UN System's Footprint and Efforts to Reduce it*. by Arab Hoballah, Chief UNEP SCP branch/SUN
- UN's effort from the donor perspective, by H.E. Per Ludvig Magnus, Ambassador of Norway
- Working together on climate neutrality, by Mr. Antoine King, Director, Programme Support Division, UN-HABITAT
- Q&A/discussion
- Concluding remarks, Chair