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Items 2 (a) and (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organization of work: election of officers

Organization of work: adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the session

1. The twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 21 February 2011, by the President of the Council/Forum or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council/Forum at its twenty-fifth session.

Item 2: Organization of work

Item 2 (a): Election of officers

2. The Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum elects its officers at the beginning of each regular session, in accordance with rule 18 of its rules of procedure. An explanation of the geographical composition of the Bureau from 1991 to 2011 was distributed to all Governments, accredited international non-governmental organizations and relevant intergovernmental organizations and United Nations agencies together with the notification of the twenty-sixth session dated 17 November 2010.

Item 2 (b): Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. In keeping with section II of Governing Council decision 25/17 and the subsequent decision taken by the Bureau of the Council/Forum at its meeting in September 2010, the twenty-sixth session will be held over four days, from 21 to 24 February 2011. Informal consultations in regional groups will be held on Sunday, 20 February 2011, the day before the opening of the session.

4. The Council/Forum will adopt its agenda. The provisional agenda for the session (UNEP/GC.26/1), as approved by the Council/Forum at its twenty-fifth session, was distributed together with the notification of the session. The tentative programme of meetings of the Council/Forum may be found in the annex to the present document. The list of documents may be found in document UNEP/GC.26/INF/1. Additional information on the Council/Forum is available on the dedicated website for the session (www.unep.org/gc/gc26). Updated information on all meetings and events may be found in journals that will be issued daily for the duration of the session and also displayed on video screens around the conference premises.

* UNEP/GC.26/1.

(b) Organization of work

5. The Executive Director recommends that the Council/Forum, at its plenary meeting on the morning of Monday, 21 February, elect its officers and adopt the agenda and organization of work for the session under provisional agenda items 2 (a) and (b), respectively. The Executive Director also recommends that the Council/Forum establish sessional committees, including a committee of the whole.

6. During this meeting, the Executive Director will present his policy statement, which will be made available upon delivery as document UNEP/GC.26/2, including through the above-mentioned dedicated website.

7. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/242 of 28 July 1999, the Governing Council constitutes an annual ministerial-level global environmental forum to review important and emerging policy issues in the field of the environment. In view of this mandate, the Executive Director recommends that the Council/Forum meet in the form of ministerial-level consultations, beginning on the afternoon of Monday, 21 February, with meetings continuing through the afternoon of Wednesday, 23 February 2011. The Executive Director also recommends that, at the plenary meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, 24 February, the Council/Forum consider the report of the President on the outcome of the ministerial-level consultations, the report of the Committee of the Whole and the relevant draft decisions.

8. In this regard, the attention of the Council/Forum is drawn to the draft decisions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP, as set out in document UNEP/GC.26/L.1. These draft decisions are submitted in keeping with the Committee's mandate as set out in decision 19/32 of 4 April 1997.

9. In addition, the Executive Director recommends that items 3 (Credentials of representatives); 8 (Other matters); 9 (Adoption of the report); and 10 (Closure of the session) be considered during the plenary meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, 24 February 2011.

10. The proceedings of the Council/Forum, including the plenary meetings, the plenary meetings of the ministerial-level consultations, and the meetings of the Committee of the Whole, will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations.

(c) Greening the Governing Council

11. In an effort to make the current session as climate-neutral and environmentally friendly as possible, various measures have been put in place, including the introduction of a paperless meeting system and greenhouse-gas offsetting for the travel to and stay in Nairobi of participants sponsored by UNEP.

12. The paperless meeting system will give participants online access to all pre-session and in-session documentation. To that end, participants are encouraged to bring their personal laptops to the meeting. Those who are unable to do so may request laptops at the registration desk for use during the session and for return at the close of the session. Additional information about the paperless system may be found in the information note for participants and on the dedicated website for the session. A helpdesk will be situated at the conference venue to provide technical support to participants. One paper copy of each pre-session document will be transmitted to each Government. Representatives are invited to visit the above-mentioned website to download any additional copies required.

13. It is recommended that all participants consider offsetting the greenhouse-gas emissions created as a result of their travel to and stay in Nairobi.

(d) Ministerial consultations

14. The ministerial consultations will be held over three days, from the afternoon of Monday, 21 February, to the afternoon of Wednesday, 23 February.

15. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 64/236 of 3 December 2009, and as subsequently reconfirmed by the Nusa Dua Declaration adopted in Governing Council decision SS.XI/9 of 26 February 2010, UNEP is encouraged to participate actively and effectively in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (also known as "Rio +20") to be held in Brazil in 2012. It is suggested, therefore, that the ministerial consultations focus, under agenda item 4 (b) on emerging policy issues, on the overarching theme of the ministerial consultations: the optimal means for UNEP to participate in the preparatory process for the Conference.

16. Under that overarching theme the following two topics will be considered:
- (a) Green economy: benefits, challenges and risks associated with a transition to a green economy;
 - (b) International environmental governance.
17. Under the first topic, the Forum's discussions will focus on a broad range of ideas related to the green economy, assessing possible benefits, challenges and risks associated with a transition to a green economy, including:
- (a) Issues of major concern to Governments, particularly those of developing countries, including those related to concepts, definitions, measurements, sustainable development and poverty eradication, implications for trade and development assistance;
 - (b) Review of the forthcoming UNEP green economy report;
 - (c) Exchange of relevant country experiences.
18. Under the second topic, the Forum's discussions will centre on the required institutional reforms of the United Nations system, including:
- (a) Ways in which strengthened international environmental governance could be integrated into a reformed institutional framework for sustainable development, including economic and social pillars;
 - (b) Coordination of financing for sustainable development and for environment;
 - (c) Review of the outcome of the work of the Consultative Group of Ministers or High-Level Representatives on International Environmental Governance.
19. The ministerial consultations will begin with a scene-setting meeting, during the afternoon of Monday, 21 February, at which ministers will be given a comprehensive update on the status of the international community's preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and activities being undertaken by UNEP in that regard, with particular reference to the two topics for the ministerial consultations. It is recommended that the format for subsequent meetings of the ministerial consultations involve a mix of panels, round-table discussions and moderated plenary meetings on the first topic on Tuesday, 22 February, and on the second topic on Wednesday, 23 February, to provide an opportunity for ministers to engage in substantive debates and direct interaction. It is envisaged that ministers will be joined by a small number of high-level guests, such as representatives of United Nations agencies, ministers from other sectors and business and civil society leaders.
20. Discussion papers prepared by the Executive Director will be before the Council/Forum to provide background information and stimulate the discussions (UNEP/GC.26/17, Add.1 and Add.2). The outcome of the ministerial consultations will be presented at the plenary meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, 24 February.
21. A special ministerial-level lunch meeting on the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held on Tuesday, 22 February, to provide a forum for the discussion of the following thematic issues: transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production. A background information paper will inform the discussions (UNEP/GC.26/INF/18).

(e) Committee of the Whole

22. The Committee of the Whole is expected to begin its work during the afternoon of Monday, 21 February. The Committee will elect its own officers in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure, with the exception of its Chair. In the past, the Council/Forum has designated one of its vice-presidents as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole.
23. The Executive Director recommends that the Committee of the Whole take up all other items of the provisional agenda which are not taken up in plenary meeting. Substantive topics to be considered under each of those agenda items are described in the paragraphs below.
24. It is envisaged that the Committee of the Whole will conclude its work at its afternoon meeting on Wednesday, 23 February 2010, with the adoption of its report. That report will be submitted for adoption at the plenary meeting during the afternoon of Thursday, 24 February 2011.

(f) Pre-session events

25. The Council/Forum will be preceded by the twelfth Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum, on 19 and 20 February 2011. Some Forum representatives will also participate in the intergovernmental deliberations at the Council/Forum.

(g) Special events and exhibitions

26. Two special events will be held during the lunch break each day on matters of relevance to the Council/Forum's deliberations. Details of these events, along with those of social events and relevant parallel events, may be found in the daily journal. Representatives are encouraged to participate in these events.

27. Several environment-focused exhibitions will be held during the session.

Item 3: Credentials of representatives

28. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the twenty-sixth session of the Council will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon to the Council/Forum. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by alternate representatives and advisers.

Item 4: Policy issues**Item 4 (a): State of the environment**

29. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Documentation		
Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/4 State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to meeting substantive environmental challenges: Report of the Executive Director	The report sets out policy-relevant findings of the scientific assessments carried out since the twenty-fifth session of the Council/Forum under each subprogramme of the UNEP programme of work. Pursuant to section II of decision 25/2, it also provides a report on improvements to the international assessment landscape. It suggests that the Council adopt a decision responding to the assessment findings contained therein and provide the Executive Director with guidance on the areas for future assessments of environmental change, the international assessment landscape and the UNEP-Live enabling framework. Documents UNEP/GC.26/INF/13 and INF/20 provide additional information.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/4/Add.1 Addendum: UNEP-Live enabling framework for a migration to targeted assessments on thematic priority areas: Report of the Executive Director	Pursuant to section III of decision 25/2, the report provides information on the development of requirements for a migration to targeted assessments on thematic priority areas supported by the UNEP-Live enabling framework.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/2 UNEP Yearbook: Note by the Executive Director	The UNEP Yearbook series is published annually to provide information on emerging environmental issues. The 2011 edition summarizes findings associated with plastic debris in the ocean, phosphorus use and food production and pressures on forest biodiversity.

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4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/13 Inventory of scientific environmental assessments led and supported by the United Nations Environment Programme (2009–2011): Note by the Executive Director	This note supplements the information in document UNEP/GC.26/4.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/20 Summary for decision makers of the integrated assessment of black carbon and tropospheric ozone: Note by the Executive Director	This document provides a summary for decision makers of the policy-relevant findings of the report on the integrated assessment of black carbon and tropospheric ozone and its precursors, in particular as they relate to proposed mitigation actions for black carbon, ground-level ozone and methane.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1 Chemicals management, including mercury: Report of the Executive Director	Pursuant to section II of decision 25/5, this document provides information on lead and cadmium with a view to informing discussions on the need for global action in relation to those metals. Pursuant to section III of the same decision, it provides relevant information in support of the Council's consideration of further decisions to supplement the mandate of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury. It provides a progress report of the implementation of the decision. Documents UNEP/GC.26/INF/11, Add.1–5 and INF/12 provide additional information.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1/Add.1 Addendum: Summary of the outcome of the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury: Report of the Executive Director	This document will provide additional and updated information about the outcome of the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee, to be held in Chiba, Japan, from 24 to 28 January 2011.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/11 Informing discussions on the need for global action in relation to lead and cadmium: Note by the Executive Director	This document supplements the information in document UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1 and Add.1.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/11/Add.1 Addendum: Final review of scientific information on lead, along with an overview of existing and future national actions, including legislation, relevant to lead: Note by the Executive Director	This document supplements the information in document UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1 and Add.1.

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Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/11/Add.2 Addendum: Final review of scientific information on cadmium, along with an overview of existing and future national actions, including legislation, relevant to cadmium: Note by the Executive Director	This document supplements the information in document UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1 and Add.1.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/11/Add.3 Addendum: Study on the health and environmental effects of the movement of products containing lead, cadmium and mercury in Latin America and the Caribbean: Note by the Executive Director	This document supplements the information in document UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1 and Add.1.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/11/Add.4 Addendum: Study on the health and environmental effects of the movement of products containing lead, cadmium and mercury in Asia and the Pacific: Note by the Executive Director	This document supplements the information in document UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1 and Add.1.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/11/Add.5 Addendum: Other activities by the United Nations Environment Programme related to lead and cadmium: Note by the Executive Director	This document supplements the information in document UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1 and Add.1.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/12 Overall progress of the United Nations Environment Programme Global Mercury Partnership from January 2009 to June 2010: Note by the Executive Director	This document supplements the information in documents UNEP/GC.26/5/Rev.1 and Add.1.
4 (a), 4 (f)	UNEP/GC.26/6 Intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services: Report of the Executive Director	This report describes the outcome of and follow-up to the third ad-hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services. It suggests that the Council adopt a decision on a way forward to follow up on the said meeting.
4 (a), 5	UNEP/GC.26/7 Sustainable consumption and production: Report of the Executive Director	This report gives an account of good practices to promote sustainable consumption and production, describes the development of a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production and examines how the programmes could support current relevant initiatives.

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		<p>It suggests that the Council adopt a decision recommending the endorsement of a 10-year framework of programmes by the Commission on Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Document UNEP/GC.26/INF/16 provides relevant information.</p>
4 (a), 5	<p>UNEP/GC.26/7/Add.1</p> <p>Addendum: Outcome of the high-level intersessional meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development on a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, held in Panama on 13 and 14 January 2011: Report of the Executive Director</p>	<p>This report provides additional information following an intersessional meeting on sustainable consumption and production held on 13 and 14 January 2011 in Panama.</p>
4 (a), 5	<p>UNEP/GC.26/INF/16</p> <p>Report of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management: Note by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document provides information on the work of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management.</p>
4 (a)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/8</p> <p>Progress report on the implementation of decision 25/8 on waste management: Report by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document provides a progress report on the implementation of decision 25/8. It also provides an overview of the work undertaken by various waste management stakeholders.</p> <p>It suggests that the Council adopt a decision providing further guidance on actions to be taken in this area.</p>
4 (a)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/9</p> <p>South-South cooperation in achieving sustainable development: Report of the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document reports on progress in the implementation of decision 25/9, suggesting that the Council take note of the report.</p> <p>Document UNEP/GC.26/INF/14 provides additional information.</p>
4 (a)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/INF/14</p> <p>Regional and national activities by the United Nations Environment Programme to promote South-South cooperation: Note by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document supplements the information contained in document UNEP/GC.26/9.</p>
4 (a)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/10</p> <p>Progress report on the implementation of decision SS.XI/7 on oceans: Report by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document provides a progress report on the implementation of decision SS.XI/7.</p> <p>It suggests that the Council take note of the progress report and request the Executive Director to organize the third session of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities.</p>

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4 (a), 4 (f)	UNEP/GC.26/11 Progress report on the implementation of Governing Council decision SS.XI/8 on the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes: Report of the Executive Director	This document provides a progress report on the implementation of decision SS.XI/8. It suggests that the Council adopt a decision on a further way forward in this area.
4 (a), 4 (f)	UNEP/GC.26/11/Add.1 Addendum: Outcome of the third meeting in the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes: Report of the Executive Director	This document provides additional information following the third meeting in the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes, which was held in Pretoria on 10 and 11 January 2011.
4 (a), 4 (f)	UNEP/GC.26/16 Enhancing cooperation and coordination within the chemicals and wastes cluster: Report of the Executive Director	This document provides an analysis of how further to enhance cooperation and coordination within the chemicals and wastes cluster. It suggests that the Council adopt a decision on possible ways forward with a view to 2050.
4 (a)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/8 Changes in the status of ratification of and accession to conventions and protocols in the field of the environment: Note by the Executive Director	This document provides information on the status of new and existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment, covering the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 January 2011.
4 (a), 4 (d)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/10 Joint progress report of the executive directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Note by the Executive Director	This document provides a report on cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues

30. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (b)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/17</p> <p>Background paper for the ministerial-level consultations: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director: Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development:</p>	<p>This paper is intended to stimulate discussion and highlight issues of concern to Governments to be tackled by ministers and heads of delegation during their ministerial-level consultations on the theme of the contribution of UNEP to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. It presents questions for ministers' consideration and discussion.</p>
4 (b)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/17/Add.1</p> <p>Addendum: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director: Green economy</p>	<p>This paper provides background information for the ministerial-level consultations on the topic of the green economy.</p> <p>It presents questions for ministers' consideration and discussion.</p> <p>Document UNEP/GC.26/INF/17 provides relevant information.</p>
4 (b)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/INF/17</p> <p>Green economy: Note by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document supplements the information in document UNEP/GC.26/17/Add.1.</p>
4 (b)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/17/Add.2</p> <p>Addendum: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director: International environmental governance</p>	<p>This paper provides background information for the ministerial-level consultations on the topic of international environmental governance.</p> <p>It presents questions for ministers' consideration and discussion.</p>
4 (b)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/INF/18</p> <p>Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its nineteenth session: Discussion paper presented by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This paper provides a succinct briefing for ministers on the contribution of UNEP to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its nineteenth session, at which the Commission will consider thematic issues of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and sustainable consumption and production. It aims to stimulate discussions at a special ministerial event on this subject to be held during the current session of the Council/Forum.</p>

Item 4 (c): International environmental governance

31. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (c)	UNEP/GC.26/3 International environmental governance: Report of the Executive Director	Pursuant to decision SS.XI/1, this document provides the report of the Executive Director on incremental changes in the set of options for improving international environmental governance resulting from the Belgrade Process and in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives. .
4 (c)	UNEP/GC.26/18 Outcome of the work of the Consultative Group of Ministers or High-Level Representatives on International Environmental Governance: Note by the Executive Director	Pursuant to decision SS.XI/1, this document sets out the Nairobi/Helsinki Outcome of the Consultative Group of Ministers or High-Level Representatives on International Environmental Governance.
4 (c), 4 (e)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/19 Inputs from major groups and stakeholders on international environmental governance: Note by the Executive Director	This document provides inputs from the major groups and stakeholders on international environmental governance, prepared following a meeting with the co-chairs of the Consultative Group of Ministers or High-Level Representatives on International Environmental Governance prior to the Group's second meeting.
4 (c)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/23 Environment in the United Nations system: Note by the Executive Director	This document provides a broad outline of how the various entities in the United Nations system are engaged in performing the key objectives and functions being considered in the environmental governance reform process, against the baseline of the UNEP mandate.

Item 4 (d): Coordination and cooperation within the United Nations system on environmental matters

32. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (d), 5	<p>UNEP/GC.26/12</p> <p>Amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility: Report of the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document sets out relevant information on amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility.</p> <p>It suggests that the Council adopt the amendments and request the Executive Director to take the relevant action.</p> <p>Document UNEP/GC.26/INF/15 provides relevant information.</p>
4 (d), 5	<p>UNEP/GC.26/INF/15</p> <p>Amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility: Note by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document supplements the information contained in document UNEP/GC.26/12.</p>
4 (d)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/15</p> <p>Enhanced coordination across the United Nations system, including the Environment Management Group: Report by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document provides relevant information on enhanced coordination across the United Nations system, including the Environment Management Group, as referred to in decision SS.XI/3, and provides an account of the Group's work.</p> <p>It suggests that the Council adopt a decision to provide further guidance to the Group and the Executive Director.</p>
4 (d)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/INF/9</p> <p>Corporate memorandums of understanding concerning cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and other bodies of the United Nations system: Note by the Executive Director</p>	<p>The document is being submitted in accordance with Governing Council decision 17/8 of 21 May 1993, and provides information on memorandums of understanding concluded between UNEP and other organizations in the United Nations system since the Executive Director's previous report to the Governing Council on the subject, submitted to the Council at its twenty-fifth session.</p>
4 (d)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/INF/9/Add.1</p> <p>Addendum: Annual report on the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme: Note by the Executive Director</p>	<p>This document provides the annual report on the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between UNEP and the United Nations Development Programme required by decision SS.XI/2.</p>
4 (a), 4 (d)	<p>UNEP/GC.26/INF/10</p> <p>Joint progress report of the executive directors of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Note by the Executive Director</p>	<p>As described above.</p>

Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (d)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/22 Joint Inspection Unit report on the environmental profile of United Nations system organizations and their in-house environmental management policies and practices: Note by the Executive Director	This document contains the Joint Inspection Unit report on the environmental profile of United Nations system organizations and their in-house environmental management policies and practices (A/65/346) and comments thereon by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (A/65/346/Add.1).

Item 4 (e): Coordination and cooperation with major groups

33. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (e)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/5 Statements and recommendations from major groups and stakeholders to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-sixth session: Note by the Executive Director	This document sets out civil society statements prepared during civil society regional consultation and preparatory meetings.
4 (c), 4 (e)	UNEP/GC.26/INF/19 Inputs from major groups and stakeholders on international environmental governance: Note by the Executive Director	As described above.

Item 4 (f): Environment and development

34. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (a), 4 (f)	UNEP/GC.26/6 Intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services: Report of the Executive Director	As described above.
4 (a), 4 (f)	UNEP/GC.26/11 Progress report on the implementation of decision SS.XI/8 on the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes: Report of the Executive Director	As described above.
4 (a), 4 (f)	UNEP/GC.26/11/Add.1 Progress report on the implementation of decision SS.XI/8 on the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes: Report of the Executive Director	As described above.
4 (a), 4 (f)	UNEP/GC.26/16 Enhancing cooperation and coordination within the chemicals and wastes cluster: Report of the Executive Director	As described above.

Item 5: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of United Nations summits and major intergovernmental meetings, including the decisions of the Governing Council

35. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
4 (a), 5	UNEP/GC.26/7 Sustainable consumption and production: Report of the Executive Director	As described above.
4 (a), 5	UNEP/GC.26/7/Add.1 Addendum: Outcome of the intersessional meeting on sustainable consumption and production, held in Panama on 13 and 14 January 2011: Report of the Executive Director	As described above.
4 (a), 5	UNEP/GC.26/INF/16 Report of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management: Note by the Executive Director	As described above
4 (d), 5	UNEP/GC.26/12 Amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility: Report of the Executive Director	As described above.
4 (d), 5	UNEP/GC.26/INF/15 Amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility: Note by the Executive Director	As described above.
5	UNEP/GC.26/INF/3 Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session of relevance to the United Nations Environment Programme and measures taken and envisaged for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208: Note by the Executive Director	The document is being presented pursuant to a standing reporting requirement of the Governing Council, a subsidiary body of the General Assembly. It provides information on issues arising from the resolutions adopted at the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly which specifically call for action by, or are of relevance to, UNEP. The document also sets out in an appendix the UNEP report on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/208 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2010/22.
5	UNEP/GC.26/INF/4 Report of the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director	The document is being submitted pursuant to paragraph (k) of decision 19/32 of 4 April 1997 on the governance of UNEP, and contains a report on the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP since the conclusion of the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

Item 6: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2012–2013 and the Environment Fund and other budgetary matters

36. Under this agenda item the Council/Forum will have before it the following documentation:

Agenda item	Symbol and title	Annotations
6	UNEP/GC.26/13 Proposed biennial programme of work and budget for the biennium 2012–2013: Report of the Executive Director	This document sets out the proposed biennial programme of work and budget for 2012–2013. The Council is requested to approve appropriations for the Environment Fund in the amount of \$190 million, structured in line with the six thematic cross-cutting priorities of the medium-term strategy for the period 2010–2013. Documents UNEP/GC.26/INF/6 and Add.1 provide relevant information.
6	UNEP/GC.26/13/Add.1 Addendum: Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	This document sets out the findings of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions following its consideration of the proposed biennial programme and support budget of UNEP for 2012–2013.
6	UNEP/GC.26/14/Rev.2 Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions: Report by the Executive Director	This document provides information on UNEP trust funds and earmarked contributions. It suggests that the Council adopt a decision giving further guidance on the management of these funds.
6	UNEP/GC.26/INF/6 Status of the Environment Fund and other sources of funding of the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director	Pursuant to decision 25/13, this document provides information on the status of the Environment Fund and other sources of funding for UNEP and gives an overview of the availability of resources and their use over the biennium 2010–2011.
6	UNEP/GC.26/INF/6/Add.1 Addendum: Report on the implementation of the programme of work and budgets, including information on support provided to Africa: Note by the Executive Director	Pursuant to decision 25/13, this document provides a report on the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work and budgets for 2010–2011. A report on the implementation of decision 25/16 is also presented.
6	UNEP/GC.26/INF/7 Report of the Board of Auditors on the audit of the accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 2009: Note by the Executive Director	This document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of Governing Council decision 18/46 of May 1995 and contains the report of the Board of Auditors on its audit of the accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 2009.
6	UNEP/GC.26/INF/21/Rev.1 Evolution of the relationship between the United Nations Environment Programme and the multilateral environmental agreements that it administers: Note by the Executive Director	This document explains the distribution and evolution of managerial and administrative authority in respect of the UNEP-administered multilateral environmental agreements, and makes recommendations.

Item 7: Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: (a) Twelfth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum; and (b) Twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

37. In keeping with paragraph 1 (g) of Governing Council decision 20/17 on the establishment of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum and paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 53/242 on environment and human settlements, the Executive Director recommends, in accordance with rules 5 and 9 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, a provisional agenda, date and venue for the twelfth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum. The Council/Forum may wish to consider and decide on these matters.

Item 8: Other matters

38. The Council/Forum will consider any other matters raised by its members and observers.

Item 9: Adoption of the report

39. The Council/Forum will consider and adopt its report.

Item 10: Closure of session

40. The Council/Forum is expected to conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 24 February 2011.

Annex

Tentative programme

19 Feb	9 a.m.–12 p.m. Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum		2–5.30 p.m. Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum	
20 Feb	9.30 a.m.–1.30 p.m. Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum		2.30–5.30 p.m. Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum	4–5 p.m. Informal consultations
21 Feb	10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary <i>Opening plenary</i> Item 1: Opening of the session Item 2: Organization of work (a) Election of officers (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>Policy statement by the Executive Director</i>	1–2 p.m. Two special events Press event	3–6 p.m. Ministerial consultations <i>Scene-setting plenary discussion on contribution of UNEP to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development</i> 3–6 p.m. Committee of the Whole <i>Organization of work</i> <i>Election of the Rapporteur</i> Items 4 (a), 4 (c) and 6	7–9 p.m. Reception hosted by the Government of Kenya
22 Feb	10 a.m.–1 p.m. Ministerial consultations <i>Topic I: Plenary discussion on the green economy</i> 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Committee of the Whole Items 4 (a), 4 (c) and 6	1–3 p.m. Special ministerial lunch event on the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development 1–2 p.m. Two special events Press event	3–6 p.m. Ministerial consultations <i>Topic I: Ministerial round-table discussion on the green economy</i> 3–6 p.m. Committee of the Whole Items 4 (a), 4 (c)–4 (f) and 5	
23 Feb	10 a.m.–1 p.m. Ministerial consultations <i>Topic II: Plenary discussion on international environmental governance</i> 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Committee of the Whole Items 4 (d)–4 (f) and 5	1–2 p.m. Two special events Press event	3–6 p.m. Ministerial consultations <i>Topic II: Ministerial round-table discussion on international environmental governance</i> 3–6 p.m. Committee of the Whole Items 7 and 8 <i>Approval of decisions</i> <i>Conclusion of the Committee's work</i>	7–9 p.m. Sasakawa Awards ceremony, reception and dinner
24 Feb		1–2 p.m. Two special events Press event	3–6 p.m. Plenary <i>Summary discussion</i> Contribution of UNEP to the preparatory process to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development <i>President's summary</i> <i>Adoption of decisions</i> Item 3: Credentials of representatives Item 9: Adoption of the report Item 10: Closure of the session	