HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON GENDER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS AND LEADERS FOR ENVIRONMENT AND UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

VENUE: New Office facility block 2 ground Floor, UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE CENTER GIGIRI NAIROBI, KENYA
DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 2013  TIME: 11h00 – 18h00

Forum registration 08h30 – 10h55  New Office facility, Block 2 ground Floor
Tea and Coffee 10h00- 10h55

OPENING SESSION: 11h00 - 12h00
Chairperson: Ms Amina Mohamed - UN Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UNEP

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Panelists
Ms Betty Maina, Member
UN Secretary General’s High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post 2015 Development Agenda

This panel will set the scene by presenting the challenges and opportunities related to mainstreaming a gender perspective in environmental sustainability against the backdrop of the Rio+20 outcomes advancing women’s rights and their role and contribution to sustainable development; and the ongoing environmental sustainability consultations.
Discussions

Lunch 13h20 - 14h20
Hosted by UNEP and served in the garden outside the NOF

PANEL SESSION: 14h20 – 15h25
Climate Change, Gender and Health
Facilitator: Dr. Mariyam Shafee
Minister of Environment and Energy - MALDIVES

The second session will focus on emerging issues with regard to climate change and in particular address how, in the face of the current challenges, gender-responsive policies, can be advanced to ensure that climate change policies and strategies are gender responsive.

Panelists:
Ms Jane Akumu, UNEP DTIE
Emerging gender issues in managing short lived climate pollutants

Ms Nathalie Eddy, Global Coordinator, Global Gender and Climate Alliance
The implication of the COP 18 Decision on Gender and different entry points for implementation

Ms Jeannette Gurdy, Executive Director WOCAN
Women and climate change mitigation

Discussions

PANEL SESSION: 15h25 – 16h30
Impact of Chemicals and harmful substances on Health
Facilitator: Ms Cyriaque Sendashonga
Global Director - Policy, Programme and Capacity Development Group (IUCN)

The third session will discuss gender differentiated impacts of chemicals and other harmful substances with a particular focus on the impact on health of women and children.

Panelists:
Ms Sylvie Lemmet –Director, DTIE, UNEP
Women's health and new emerging issues in global agreements on Chemicals management with a focus on Mercury

Ms Sascha Gebizon, WECF International
Women's and children's health at risk from Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals EDCs and other chemicals of very high concern – examples from Food, Toys, Cosmetics, Cleaning Products and policy developments (SAICM, REACH, Aarhus Convention)

Ms Caroline Usipedo-Omimiye, Niger Delta Movement, Nigeria,
Extractive Industries and health: impact of oil sector on women in Niger Delta

Discussions

CLOSING OF FORUM AND ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS 16h30—17h00

Ms Amina Mohamed
Deputy Executive Director, UNEP

H.E. Ms Lena Ek
Minister for the Environment, Sweden Co-Chairperson of Global Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment

H.E. Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi
Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa, and Co-Chairperson of Global Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment

Tea and Coffee

CLOSED SESSION 17h15 – 18h00
(Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Government representatives, key partners of NWMLE)

COCKTAIL RECEPTION - Lawn of NOF building – 18H00
Hosted by Swedish Minister for the Environment and the Swedish Ambassador to Kenya